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FEB Pre-Master Programmes



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1. What is a Pre-Master Programme?

Pre-Master programmes are designed for **students who need to meet the requirements for entry** into one of our Master of Science programmes.

Pre-Master programmes are NOT degree programmes, so you do not get a degree or a diploma.

Upon successful completion, you can enrol in the corresponding Master's programme.





HBO = University of Applied Sciences

WO = Research University



2. Our Pre-Master Programmes

**For HBO
 students**

14
 programmes

Specific HBO-A&C

2 programmes

**For WO
 students and
 international
 degrees**

14
 programmes
 plus
 EORAS

HBO 30/45 EC

- **Marketing (selection!)**
- **Business Administration**
 - Change Management
 - Health
 - Management Accounting & Control
 - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
 - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management / Technology & Operations Management**

45 EC

- **Economic Development & Globalization**
- **Finance**

60 EC

- **Accountancy & Control**
- **Economics for HBO (NEW in 2024-2025)**

30/60 EC Specific HBO-A&C

Accountancy & Control (A&C)

- For HBO-Accountancy (incl. OAT)
- For HBO-BE, HBO Finance & Control (partly in Dutch)

30 EC for 'related' HBO background, see admissions table 30 EC

WO & internat.diploma 45 EC (minus exemptions)

- **Marketing (selection!)**
- **Business Administration**
 - Change Management
 - Health
 - Management Accounting & Control
 - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
 - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management / Technology & Operations Management**
- **Economic Development & Globalization**
- **Finance**

60 EC (minus exemptions)

- **Accountancy & Control**
- **EORAS (Econometrics, Operations Research & Actuarial Studies)**

NOT for BDK or IB, NOT for HBO

Tailor made

- **Economics**



Our 30 or 45 EC Pre-Master Programmes for HBO

30 or 45 EC

- **Marketing (selection '23-'24))**
- **Business Administration:**
 - Change Management
 - Health
 - Management Accounting & Control
 - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
 - Strategic Innovation Management
- **Human Resource Management**
- **International Business & Management**
- **International Financial Management**
- **Supply Chain Management /
Technology & Operations Management**

These are NEW programmes (since 2022) containing:

- **15 EC general academic courses (methods)**
- **15 or 30 EC Master specific courses**

Two variants:

- ✓ 30 EC package is for student from specific list of **related DUTCH HBO** programmes
- ✓ 45 EC package is for all other HBO students

Example of programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-30

September intake only! February Master inflow only for 'very good' 30 EC students



Our 45 EC and 60 EC Pre-Master Programmes for HBO

45 EC

- Economic Development & Globalization
- Finance

60 EC

- Accountancy & Control
- Economics for HBO (NEW in 2024-2025)

The same programme for
 ALL HBO backgrounds

These are NEW programmes containing:

- 15 EC general academic courses
- 30 or 45 EC Master specific courses

Example of 45 EC programme

Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-30

Example of 60 EC programme

Semester	Course	EC
1	See OCASYS.rug.nl	30
2	See OCACYS.rug.nl	30

September intake only!



Specific 30/60 EC Pre-Master Programmes A&C for HBO

30/60 EC Specific HBO-A&C

Accountancy & Control (A&C)

- For HBO-Accountancy (incl. OAT)
- For HBO-BE, HBO Finance & Control (partly in Dutch)

Accountancy & Controlling

For HBO-Accountancy (incl. OAT), 30 EC:

MSc A&C starts in February

For HBO-BE (partly in Dutch), 60 EC

MSc A&C starts in September

Example of programme		
Semester	Course	EC
1	Research Skills for Pre-MSc	5
1	Statistics for Pre-MSc	5
1	Research Paper for Pre-MSc	5
1/2	Master specific courses	15-45

September intake only!



Our Pre-Master Programmes for WO & int. diplomas

WO & internat.diploma 45 EC (minus exemptions)

- Marketing (selection!)
- Business Administration
 - Change Management
 - Health
 - Management Accounting & Control
 - Small Business & Entrepreneurship
 - Strategic Innovation Management
- Human Resource Management
- International Business & Management
- International Financial Management
- Supply Chain Management /
Technology & Operations Management
- Economic Development & Globalization
- Finance

60 EC (minus exemptions)

- Accountancy & Control
- EORAS (Econometrics, Operations Research
& Actuarial Studies)

Tailor made

- Economics

NEW programmes (since 2023) containing:

- 15 EC **general academic** courses, plus
- 30 or 45 EC **Master specific** courses

Or

- tailor made for Economics

Or

- 60 EC broad quantitative deficiency package for
Econometrics, Operations Research and
Actuarial Studies (EORAS); only for students
with WO-BSc with a large mathematical
component.

45 EC packages **usually smaller** because of exemptions
based on WO background, e.g.:

- Statistics
- Research Skills
- Research Paper

Exemptions are individual
and awarded BEFORE the
start of the programme

September intake only!





Unique in Groningen:

- Students with **EVERY HBO or WO** background can do a Pre-Master Programme at FEB to get entry to **ANY MASTER** programme, except EORAS.

This means:

- Our pre-masters are selective: about 70% of the Pre-Master students successfully enter the Master.
- But once in the Master, our Pre-Master student perform slightly better than ‘other’ Master students.



September intake only!



Mathematics; an important basic skill for masters in Economics & Business

There are 3 options:

1. Mathematics **is included** in the programme at VWO+ level (Finance, IFM, SCM/TOM, ECON, EORAS)
2. Mathematics **is NOT included** in the programme and not required for the master (A&C specific HBO programmes)
3. Mathematics **is NOT included** in the programme, but required for the master (all other programmes)

Only for option 3 you have to have proof of VWO level math A/B when starting the Master (see website for different options for math-tests; if you have time, do this before starting the Pre-MSc).

No recent mathematics experience? Prepare yourself by doing the FEB Summer Mathematics course!
Strongly advised for Economics for HBO



3. Admission & Application

30/45/60 EC for HBO

Entry Requirements:

- Finished HBO-Bachelor degree
- and:**
- 60 EC: all fields accepted (except for EORAS)
 - 45 EC: all fields accepted
 - 30 EC: only for list of related Dutch HBO programmes.
 - 30/45/60 EC: **No mathematics VWO A/B? Extra-curricular repair may be required for MSc.**

45/60 EC for WO and intern. degree

Entry Requirements:

- Finished WO-Bachelor degree
- and:**
- all fields accepted, except for EORAS (only with strong mathematical background)
 - **No mathematics VWO A/B? Extra-curricular repair may be required for MSc**

WITH POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS for
 WO BACKGROUND, NO
 EXEMPTIONS FOR HBO-courses!

30/60 EC Specific HBO-A&C

- For 30 EC: finished HBO-A&C (240 EC) (incl. OAT)
- For 60 EC: finished HBO-BE or HBO Finance & Control (240 EC)

Students with Dutch degree: enroll in studielink before July 1st

With international degree: before May 1st

For Marketing: before March 1st (SELECTION!)

We advise you to apply asap even though you have not finished your current programme and always check the University website.



Admission table for 30 EC Pre-MSc

Dutch HBO bachelor (NVAO accredited)	CROHO	Business Administration (MAC, SIM, SB&E, Change)	Business Administration (Health)	International Financial Management	International Business and Management	Human Resource Management	Marketing Management	Marketing Analytics & Data Science	Supply Chain Management & Technology and Operations Management
Accountancy	34406	V	V	V	X	X	V	V	V
Bedrijfsconomie	34401	V	V	V	V	X	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde	34035	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde - MER	34139	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Bedrijfskunde en agribusiness	34866	V	V	V	V	V	X	X	V
Bedrijfsmanagement MKB	34106	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Business IT & Management	39118	V	V	V	X	V	X	X	V
Business Studies	34145	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Commercieel Management	34126	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Commerciële Economie/Speco CE	34402	V	V	V	V	X	V	V	V
Finance and Control	35520	V	V	V	X	X	V	V	V
Finance Tax & Advise	35517	V	V	V	X	X	V	V	V
Financial Services Management	34414	V	V	V	X	V	V	V	V
Hogere Managementopleiding voor de Mobiliteitsbranche (IVA)	34935	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	V
Human Resource Management	34609	X	X	X	X	V	X	X	V
"Industrial Engineering & Management/ Technische Bedrijfskunde"	34421	V	V	V	V	V	X	X	V
International Business	30029	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business & Entrepreneurship	30031	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business and Languages	34407	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business and Management Studies	34936	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
International Business Management (Tio)	34144	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Management in de Zorg	34538	X	V	X	X	V	X	X	V
Ondernemerschap & Retail Management	35523	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Small Business & Retail Management	34422	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Trade Management Azie	34041	V	V	V	V	X	X	X	V
All other HBO bachelors		You are eligible for the 45 EC variant of these Pre-Master's programmes							

V	Direct admission to the 30 EC programme
X	No admission to 30 EC programme
V	Direct admission to 30 EC programme Marketing, but we strongly suggest to only transfer to the Marketing Management (MM) master profile
"Remark for students preparing for MSc Business Administration - Management Accounting and Control"	If you do not have a solid background in finance, accounting and control we advise you to NOT choose the Pre-MSc MAC profile.
Remark for students preparing for MSc Marketing	The Pre-MSc and MSc Marketing are selective programmes starting September 2023. Check our website for more information and specific deadlines.

"If you have a Dutch University BSc, please look at the affinity table. If you have to do a pre-master, you are eligible for the 45 EC variant and will receive exemptions based on your earlier education."

No rights can be derived from this table, the information is subject to change.



English requirement

You need sufficient command of the English language

VWO level ('own' responsibility)

***Dutch High School
 / Bachelor Diploma***

Test	Overall Score	Speaking	Writing
IELTS (Academic)	6	6	5.5
TOEFL IBT	80	20	20
Cambridge B2 First, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency	169	169	162
B2 for all sections of the University of Groningen Language Centre Test			

***International
 Bachelor
 Diploma***

See: www.rug.nl/feb/education/study-programmes/pre-msc/?lang=en#admission



4. Selective Pre-MSc Marketing

- Pre-MSc Marketing is selective because MSc is selective
- Same procedure as MSc, see website for details
- Once you enter the Pre-MSc and finish it, you are allowed to do the master (+ math requirement).

Procedure:

1. Apply before March 1st 2024
2. Send in motivation letter & grade list (GPA should be $\geq 6,5$)
3. There is not a maximum number of students (so no competition)



5. Tuition Fees: you only pay for your ECs

In 2023-24:

60 EC	€	2.530
45 EC	€	1.897,50
30 EC	€	1.265

You can only take the assigned courses with the corresponding amount of EC!

So it is NOT allowed to take any extra courses!!

For detailed & up-to-date information see:

www.rug.nl/education/master/international-students/financial-matters/tuition/pre-master-programmes

N.B. You are not entitled to reimbursement if you deregister during the academic year, unless you have filed a request for deregistration via Studielink in the first three months of your enrollment (so before Dec 1st)



6. EC Threshold after 1st year



60 / 45 / 30 EC after one year

When you have successfully passed all the mandatory courses of your Pre-Master programme, you can be admitted to the regular Master programme. **Congratulations!**

When after one year you have obtained the threshold of at least:

- 50 EC of your 60 EC programme
- 40 EC of your 45 EC programme
- 25 EC of your 30 EC programme



your Pre-Master year can be prolonged with the maximum of one year. In that (full) year you have to finish your pre-Master programme.



Be aware:

- You are not allowed to start with the regular Master until finishing your Pre-Master ('harde knip').
- For several 30 and 45 EC programmes you have to solve a potential deficiency in Mathematics yourself before entering the Master (different options, VWO-level)

So: you can miss 5 EC for a programme of 45 EC or less, and 10 EC for a programme of more than 45 EC



Less than the threshold?

Admissions to our Pre-Master programme is valid for only one year and you can enter only once. When you have obtained less than the threshold for your programme, you failed the Pre-Master programme. You are not allowed to proceed in the Pre-Master.

If you still wish to enter the Master's programme, you can enrol in the relevant, regular Bachelor programme (in that case several exemptions are granted, but it certainly will take a lot more time).

(Beware of the legal higher tuition fees since this will then be your second bachelor degree)



Nota bene: if you struggle in the first block you can unenroll before december 1st and restart one year later.





7. Students' Experiences



Hard work pays off!



My Pre-Master experience:

- Robin Telgenkamp
- 24 y/o - Heino (near Zwolle)
- HAVO → BA Marketing/Sales
→ Pre-MSc 60/30 ects → MSc BA SIM





My choice & motivation

End of BA at Windesheim Zwolle (University of Applied Sciences)

Choosing RUG

- Mathematics/statistics

Picking SIM as MSc programme

Experiences with courses/track

- Electives
- Lecturers





Some final remarks

- International and Dutch HBO students work relatively hard
- The **analytical** parts of the study, especially Mathematics and Statistics can be challenging (Mathematics not in the programme for everyone!)
- Sometimes **scientific writing** issues occur (i.e. writing a research paper and thesis independently)
- We also have **some customized packages** for students from RuG psychology and sociology who want to go to the MSc Marketing, Change or HRM. And for students with a health related academic bachelor who want to do the MSc Health. Please look at our website (tba).
- As I said before: the results of Pre-MSc students in the master are comparable to or even a bit better than those of “regular” students
- In the past, pass rates of the Pre-MSc Programmes were comparable to those of our regular programmes (around 70 %)
- Our experience: once in the master, students will receive their MSc Degree



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Would you mind?



- We would like to know more about your interests and mathematics background!
- Do you want us to keep you informed?



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**We hope to welcome you
 in September 2024!**

Apply soon to secure your spot 😊

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More information:

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- Information about all FEB master's degrees

www.rug.nl/feb/premaster

- Information about all FEB pre-master's programmes

www.rug.nl/feb/online-masterday

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- Internship opportunities and job prospects
- Alumni portraits
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Faculty Accreditation

National:



International:



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