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MASTER IN ECONOMICS

[120 CREDITS]

Economics School of Louvain – ESL

Faculté des sciences économiques, sociales et politiques



Université catholique
de Louvain

UCL

Académie universitaire Louvain

ECONOMICS SCHOOL OF LOUVAIN

The Economics School of Louvain (ESL) builds on the strengths of two of the most prestigious Belgian Universities, namely, the Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) & les Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix Namur (FUNDP). The programme is taught by leading academic professors and working professionals with high levels of responsibilities. The ESL's expertise research areas are: Public Economics / Social Economics / Development Economics / Labor Economics / Financial Economics / Industrial Organization / Urban and Regional Economics / Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics / Econometrics / International Trade

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATION

The ESL program offers:

- training to students who wish to pursue a high level professional career by providing an integrated set of subjects in economics
- formal provisions for students to become "problem solvers" by understanding economic analysis and its applications to various fields
- specialisations that satisfy different career goals and personal aspirations
- multidisciplinary programme through a variety of balanced and rigorous optional courses
- a wide range of courses is available in English with the possibility of choosing a complete program in English.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

→ **Open-minded experience**

International Exchange Program » Students are encouraged to join an exchange program with one of our partner universities in Europe, Latin America or Canada.

Language Options » Students can opt for advanced instruction in English, Flemish or German. The aim is for students to attain an advanced level of language proficiency during the completion of the masters program.

Double degree

- **With the University of Maastricht (in English)** » This program is designed for students who want to combine advanced professional training in economics with international mobility and integration. This highly selective program combines the best training courses of the partner universities and leads to a double degree. Participating students spend their first year of study abroad, the second in Louvain.
- **With the Université de Genève** » Students who specialize in financial economics have the possibility of spending one year at the Université de Genève, with the option of obtaining a joint degree.

EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Austria (Vienna), Belgium (Leuven), Brazil (Sao Paulo), Canada (Laval), Chile (Santiago), Czech Republic (Praha), Germany (Mannheim), Italy (Bologna, Milano, Roma, Venezia), The Netherlands (Amsterdam, Tilburg), Peru (Lima), Portugal (Lisboa), Spain (Barcelona, Madrid), Turkey (Galatasaray), United-Kingdom (Glasgow),

INTERNSHIP / FIELD EXPERIENCE

→ **Professional Training**

Students are expected to complete a four months internship in the first semester of the second year of their masters degree. Internships can be taken in private firms, public organizations, and international agencies either in Belgium or abroad. The aim of the internship is to strongly encourage students to engage in understanding and applying their skills, acquired in the first year of the master program.

Students successfully complete their internship after having written an appreciation report. The report counts for 10 credits.

ECONOMICS SCHOOL OF LOUVAIN

The Economics School of Louvain (ESL) is a joint initiative of the Académie Louvain's member universities: FUCaM, FUNDP, FUSL, UCL. The ESL brings together professors and researchers affiliated to leading international research institutions and it is recognized as one of the top educational institutions in Europe.



TAILORED PROGRAM → A professionally-oriented masters degree

The Masters is a two year full-time study which is awarded upon the satisfactory completion of the following 4 requirements

CORE CURRICULUM (6 compulsory courses)

Offered at UCL and FUNDP English and/or French	→	Microeconomics (EN or FR), Macroeconomics (EN or FR), Labour Economics (EN or FR), International Trade or Economics and Politics, Strategies of collective decision making or Droit et politiques européennes, Institutional foundations of capitalism or Histoire du développement économique et social
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SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (6 courses & 1 seminar)

Globalization and Growth [FR-UCL]	→	This specialization aims at understanding growth, its fundamental role in development and macroeconomics.
Development Economics [FR/EN-FUNDP]	→	This specialization aims at studying different facets of development policy in developing countries. The topics offered focus strongly on governance and poverty.
Financial Economics [FR-FUNDP]	→	This specialization surveys topics in monetary and financial economics. Particular attention will be paid throughout the specialization to monetary policy, financial markets and institutions.
Economy and Society [FR- UCL]	→	This specialization is designed to train students to use analytical tools from both economic and other social sciences. The courses examine the role of economic organization and institutions and encourage students to think of alternative structures.
Public Economics and Social Policies [FR-UCL]	→	This specialization analyzes issues at the core of national policy debates. This field is broadly concerned with the economic role of government, namely in taxation, social programs such as health and education, employment policies and the environment.
Political Economics [FR-FUNDP]	→	This specialization explores the major conflicts and tradeoffs when analyzing economic policies at international, national or regional level. Courses are designed to combine both theory and practical problems (readings and discussions of current events, lectures and case studies)
Economics of Firm Strategies and Innovation [EN-UCL]	→	This specialization aims at training students to fully understand the applications and importance of information technology today. Students are expected to understand why businesses adopt information technology and how information is produced and used as a resource for operational and strategic decision-making.
European Business [EN-UCL]	→	This specialization aims at forming highly qualified specialists in European business. Students receive in-depth training in European policies such as trade and competition policy, tax competition, monetary policy and European industrial organization.

DISSERTATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Master dissertation	→	20 credits
Choose one of the following	→	Studying abroad [30 credits] (replaces the internship and optional courses) Internship or a Workshop [10 credits]

OPTIONAL COURSES (4 courses)

Choose any 4 courses among the following options:	→	Complementary courses in field of specialisation Introductory course in another specialisation Quantitative methods Language course Any other course offered in the Master program
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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Belgian Students

To be admitted students must hold a 3-year degree (180-credits) in economics. It is not essential that the degree be in economics, but some background in economics is a necessity. For these students, selection will be based on application.

International Students

Applicants who wish to pursue the Master in Economics will be selected on the basis of their marks, motivation and proficiency in French and/or English.

[More details : www.uclouvain.be/en-14041]

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ESL Web site: www.uclouvain.be/esl-masters
- Detailed description of courses: www.uclouvain.be/prog-econ2m
- Becoming an international master student at Louvain-la-Neuve: www.uclouvain.be/international-student
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