

BACHELOR & MASTER EXCHANGE FALL 2020



How to start your RSM Exchange Experience
in Rotterdam, the Netherlands



This document was written at the time of COVID-19. Due to this uncertain period, no rights can be derived from the contents of this welcome email, nor any financial consequences can be recovered in case RSM has to cancel the exchange in fall 2020. No doubt that we hope that your exchange can take place as planned.

Introduction

Dear Students,

Welcome to Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University. RSM is the business school with a force for positive change that consistently achieves a competitive position in national and international rankings. The International Office, your first point of contact, looks forward to meeting you in person for your participation in either our **Bachelor** or **Master** Exchange Programme. Our staff members are:

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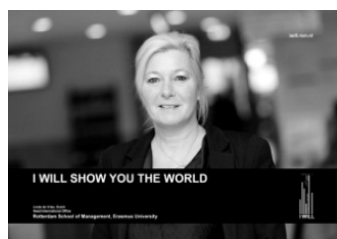
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Wishing you a challenging and enjoyable experience!

Information you may expect prior to your arrival

In this first so-called Welcome Email, you will be informed on all relevant issues prior to and during your exchange at RSM. You will receive more emails in due time, which will include information on visa, accommodation, additional course information and other information relevant for your exchange in Rotterdam.

All information including factsheets of our exchange programmes and testimonials from your predecessors can be found on respectively:

[Bachelor exchange programme](#)

[Master exchange programme](#)

Online application

Prior to acceptance to one of our exchange programmes, you need to start completing our online application. You will find the online application via the following link: [RSM online exchange application](#). Please select "RSM Application Exchange 2020-2021" from the drop box at "Request for".

While completing the online application, you can save your progress in the application at any time. You can check the status of your application in this system so that you are sure that we have received your information before the deadline.

Application deadline

The online application, for both Bachelor and Master exchange programmes, will close on: May 17, 2020.

English language requirements

The following requirements are set for each programme:

Bachelor exchange programme

TOEFL (iBT) score of 90+, or an IELTS score of 6.5; TOEIC 775 (all 4 components) or written proof of a comparable level of English.

Master exchange programme

TOEFL (iBT) score of 95+, an IELTS score of 6.5; TOEIC 800-850 (all 4 components) or written proof of a comparable level of English.

TOEIC: if only two components are assessed (e.g. speaking and writing) we will not be able to accept the test. The components listening and reading must also be assessed.

For participation in the International Consultancy Project (ICP) in the Master exchange programme, higher standards have been set:

TOEFL iBT score of 95+, with a minimum of 23 on all sub scores, IELTS score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.5 on all sub scores. We do not accept language statements from the partner university for participation in the ICP.

For both programmes the following applies:

Non-native English speakers whose current study programme is entirely in English are exempt from the above-mentioned language requirements, though this needs to be shown in your current transcript or any other official document.

Students studying at our partner schools in N-America, Oceania and UK do not need to provide language proof. You can upload a document that shows the university you are currently enrolled at.

Letter of acceptance

Once you have completed the online application (including uploads of the requested documents), the International Office will check your application for approval. Upon approval, a letter of acceptance will be sent by email to your home university. We aim to send out these letters of acceptance at the end of May/beginning of June.

Application visa/residence permit (if applicable)

If applicable to you and based on your nationality, Ms. Sofie van Hattem will send you a separate information email explaining you how to start your visa preparations.

Accommodation

Ms. Sofie van Hattem is also the one who will inform by mail you on the accommodation options in Rotterdam. Since accommodation through "SSH" (Student Housing) is very limited and only a small number of these rooms are allocated to RSM exchange students, you are strongly recommended to check out all options provided with this email or in the webpages below.

<https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/student-life/housing-international-students/>

or check out the [video](#) which ESN (Erasmus Student Network) has prepared.

NOTE: not all information is applicable to incoming exchange students.

Academic calendar 2020-2021

Note: In all cases, it is **NOT** possible nor allowed to re-arrange the regular exam dates at RSM or make individual arrangements with professors. Exams and re-sits always take place at RSM. No exemptions!

Bachelor exchange programme

Fall term 2020 (Exchange trimester 1)	
Exchange trimester 1	31 August till 18 December 2020 (incl. exams)
Re-sits courses from Bachelor year 1 & 2	4 January till 8 January 2021
Re-sits courses from Bachelor year 3	28 June till 17 July 2021

Master exchange programme

Fall term 2020 (Block 1 & 2)	
Block I	31 August till 23 October 2020 (incl. exams)
Re-sits Block III	14 December till 18 December 2020
	4 January 2021 till 8 January 2021
Block II	26 October till 18 December 2020 (incl. exams)
Re-sits Block IV	15 March till 19 March 2021

Courses

Attached to the welcome email, both BSc and MSc students will find a (preliminary) overview of courses at RSM for this fall term. The final course offer will be sent to all students around June/July. Please note that the course manuals around two weeks prior to the start of the courses.

Introduction day

Prior to the start of each exchange programme, we organise an introduction programme. Due to the uncertainty of the developments regarding COVID19, we currently keep different options open. In case the new academic year starts with psychical education, your introduction day is planned on Friday 28 August 2020.

If not, the exchange will start with an online introduction session and online courses whereas the social part of the introduction day will be postponed to the time that we have switched to normal life again. The fee for the introduction day will be \pm € 50 - € 65 (including transport, activities and dinner & drinks). Further information will follow about one month prior to the start of the exchange programme. At that time, you will also receive an email with a payment link for the fee.

Studying at RSM

For an impression of studying at RSM, please watch the [video](#).

Buddy system RSM

The International Office works with Exchange Ambassadors (regular bachelor or master students) who are responsible for organising a smooth welcome of exchange students, and who make sure that you settle down very easily at campus, in the city and who can be of help with all practical matters.

All incoming exchange students will be informed on the contact details of their Exchange Ambassador about one month prior to the start of the exchange programme.

Estimated costs

The estimated costs for a period of 4 months are € 4,500. These costs include visa and/or residence permit (if applicable), living expenses, health insurance (mandatory), books/readers. However, personal spending patterns vary and therefore this is just a fair estimate of costs.

Average monthly costs

Accommodation (furnished, including shared or individual utilities)	€ 500 - € 600
Insurance	€ 40 - € 65
Books and study materials	€ 150
Daily expenses (food, drinks, public transport, going out, etc.)	€ 200 - € 300

Average prices of a number of items

Bicycle (second-hand)	€ 150
Cup of tea or coffee in a café	€ 3
Simple sandwich (e.g. cheese or ham)	€ 4
Beer / wine / soda drink	€ 2.50 - € 4
Meal in a typical student restaurant	€ 12.50
Cinema ticket	€ 10.50
Hairdresser (cut and blow-dry)	€ 25 - € 60

Insurance

Prior to your arrival in the Netherlands, you must make sure that you are properly insured; not only for medical costs, but also a liability insurance is strongly recommended. Both Erasmus University and RSM recommend the following provider of insurance packages for (international) students:

- [Aon](#)

For more information including addresses of medical centres in case you need medical treatment in the Netherlands, please check out the information on our [website](#).

Your arrival in the Netherlands

Most of you will be arriving at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. It is very easy to travel on your own to Rotterdam, since the train station is directly located near the airport.

Note: do watch out for pickpockets at the airport, train stations and on the train!

How to get from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to [Rotterdam Central Station](#)

When you arrive at Rotterdam CS, you can take the:

- Metro: into direction of *Spijkensisse/Slinge*. Change at station *Beurs* on metro into direction of *Capelle a.d. IJssel, Ommoord* or *Nesselande*. Get off at station *Kralingse Zoom*;
- Tram: no. 21 into direction of *De Esch*. Get off at stop *Woudestein*;
- Tram: no. 7 into direction *Woudestein* or *Burgemeester Oudlaan*. The last stop is at *Woudestein Campus*.

However, always try to make an appointment with your Exchange Ambassador to pick you up at Rotterdam Central Station. The overview of the appointed Exchange Ambassadors will be sent to you together with the final information about a month prior to the start of the exchange. If your own Exchange Ambassador cannot be of help on that day, please feel free to contact another Exchange Ambassador.

Public transport in Rotterdam

Public transport is very well organised in Rotterdam. One can travel by underground, tram or bus. The itinerary, more practical information on the so-called "OV card" (the ticket needed to use the public transport) and on our means of transport can be found [here](#).

RSM exchange students 2020-2021

Get to know the other exchange students as well as our outgoing exchange students who might go to your home university, by signing in to the Facebook group "RSM Exchange students 2020-2021".

Erasmus Student Network Rotterdam

Erasmus Student Network Rotterdam (ESN Rotterdam) organizes lots of activities, events and city trips for international students studying at Erasmus University Rotterdam. For more information and registration, please see the website of ESN Rotterdam, [ESN-Rotterdam](#) and follow them on Facebook to stay up to date on their activities.

Some useful information/links

- [RSM for your exchange](#)
- [International Student Handbook](#)
- [Nuffic International Students](#)
- [Practical matters](#)
- [Rotterdam info](#)