

# Dual Master's Degree in Management (DM2) Programme

For incoming students

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## Introduction

Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (RSM) offers qualified students from our partner universities the opportunity to follow the **Dual Master's Degree in Management programme** (DM<sup>2</sup>, or Dual Degree), which combines a master programme from the partner university with a master programme at RSM. The DM<sup>2</sup> programme is the result of a unique collaboration between RSM and the following three partner universities:

- \* [ESADE](#) (Barcelona, Spain)
- \* [University of St.Gallen](#) (Switzerland)
- \* [Bocconi University](#) (Milan, Italy)

The programme has been designed specifically for students who want to add a master's degree from RSM, to the master's degree qualification from the home school. In doing so participating students earn two separate master's degrees from renowned business schools, significantly increasing their value to potential employers.

## Programmes

Students from partners schools who are nominated by the partner school through Dual Degree may pursue one of the following RSM programmes during the master year in Rotterdam:

- [Accounting & Financial Management](#)
- [Business Analytics & Management](#)
- [Business Information Management](#)
- [Finance & Investments](#)
- [Global Business & Sustainability](#)
- [People, Organisations, and Change](#) (formerly Human Resource Management)
- [Management of Innovation](#)
- [Marketing Management](#)
- [Medical Business and Innovation](#)
- [Strategic Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Strategic Management](#)
- [Supply Chain Management](#)

Please note that your own home institution may have specific limitations on permitted programme combinations between your home institution and RSM.

Additionally, specific RSM master programmes are not accessible to incoming Dual Degree students and they are:

- International Management/<sup>CEMS</sup>
- MSc BA Master in Management
- Master of Philosophy in Business Research

## Application and Selection

Only qualified and highly motivated students are eligible for selection and participation. Excellent bachelor study results, language skills and solid motivation are important selection criteria. All application and selection will be administered through the home school, so please refer to your home school programme manager for application criteria, deadlines and procedures.

## The DM<sup>2</sup> Study Programme

As a DM<sup>2</sup> student you will follow the same master programme courses as all other fulltime RSM MSc students while you are at RSM (in one of the above-mentioned programmes), consisting of 60 EC, including the thesis.

In some cases and according to specific established agreements, RSM may award credit to incoming DM<sup>2</sup> students toward their RSM curriculum based on credit already earned during the home school master.

## Tuition Fees

During the entire DM<sup>2</sup> period you will officially remain registered as a student at your home university. During the time that you are studying at RSM, you will study on the equivalent of an exchange student enrolment and **will thus never be responsible for paying any tuition fees to the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)/RSM**. Please note, however, that this also means that you will not be eligible for any study financing by the Dutch government; please refer instead to your home university for study financing options, if applicable.

## Thesis and Graduation

After completing the DM<sup>2</sup> programme, you will earn an MSc degree from RSM and a separate MSc degree from your home university, and that via a single selection procedure and with the possibility of a combined thesis for both programmes.

*Note however, that the actual thesis trajectories for the two schools will differ and are technically separate.* That is to say, though students may ultimately use (versions of) a combined thesis to graduate from both programmes, students will be responsible for ensuring that they are (separately) following the specific thesis rules and regulations as established by each school and (separately) submit an appropriate thesis to each school toward graduation from the programme in question.

**Incoming DM<sup>2</sup> students must be completely graduated from the home university programme (and show evidence of home programme completion) in order to be eligible for graduation from RSM.** Graduation from the home school must be verified by the RSM DM<sup>2</sup> programme manager first, who will then take the incoming DM<sup>2</sup> student through the RSM graduation procedure.

## Studying at Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and RSM

EUR's website provides [information for students planning to spend a period studying abroad in Rotterdam](#).

## Visa & Insurance

EUR/RSM will assist you with arranging a study visa and residence permit if you require them in order to enter and/or stay in the Netherlands for the duration of your RSM study programme, and based on your nationality. Please bear in mind, especially if you are attending your home school on a visa, that **the visa for your home school country DOES NOT guarantee the right to enter/stay in the Netherlands**.

The DM2 Programme Manager will initiate a visa/residence permit application request, and the International Office of Erasmus University will subsequently get in contact with you with instructions on how to submit your visa/residence permit application. Please be sure to take all necessary steps for arranging your Dutch visa and residence permit as instructed and in a timely fashion.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Dutch visa/residence permit costs will be an important consideration in coming to RSM to study. A Dutch visa/residence permit involves significant costs, not only in terms of application processing fees. In addition to these service fees, the Dutch Immigration Service (IND) requires that a student applying for a visa submit “proof of sufficient means” to live in the Netherlands during the period of studies, in the form of a “living fee,” which – though *refundable* – **must be deposited upfront as part of the requirements of the application**. At the time of writing, the living fee equals *€1235 x the number of months that you will be studying in the Netherlands, therefore for a 12-month programme, the required living fee will total €14,820*. Though this living fee is *refundable*, an application for a Dutch study visa/residence permit does require that the student be able to present these funds toward the application. This fee cannot be covered by RSM or Erasmus University, as is therefore wholly the student’s responsibility. For further details on [visa/residence permits](#) and [associated costs](#), please refer to the links above.

You are also solely responsible for arranging such things as any third-party and/or medical insurances.

## Tips for Housing

Please note that finding housing as a student in Rotterdam (and in the Netherlands in general) can be EXTREMELY difficult and will in all cases take time and effort. Some student housing is available on the EUR/RSM campus, however, please note that this housing is extremely limited. Please refer to [the EUR’s page on housing](#) for more information.

Another very useful site is [Housing Anywhere](#) (a student housing platform established by an RSM alumnus).

## Student Grants and Loans

Some limited financial support may be available for students coming to study at EUR/RSM. Please visit [the EUR’s page on financial matters](#) for more information.

## The International Student Identity Card

The [ISIC is the ‘International Student Identity Card’](#), which is the only internationally-recognized proof of identification for full-time students. It gives you access to thousands of student discounts worldwide.

## University Language & Training Centre

The [Language & Training Centre \(LTC\) at the EUR](#) provides high quality language courses for regular and international students. The Centre offers courses in Chinese, Dutch, (Business) English and Spanish at various levels. Courses are offered in three periods, beginning in October, January and April. For certain languages, there are intensive summer courses available.

For French, German and Italian courses the LTC cooperates with Alliance Française Rotterdam, Goethe Institut Rotterdam and Dante Alighieri Rotterdam, respectively.

Information on courses, application procedures, and contact can be found on [the Language & Training](#)

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[Centre pages](#) of the Erasmus University website.

## MSc Programme Management and other contact information

### Ms. Gina Kim

Programme Manager DM<sup>2</sup>

(for all questions and issues having specifically to do with the DM<sup>2</sup> programme)

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Other MSc Programme Management staff maybe also be contacted via the contact form above.

### Erasmus Student Services Centre (ESSC)

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www: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/contact>

## Approximate Programme Dates RSM 2025-2026

End of August 2025	Mandatory Kick-Off for all incoming master students
Beginning of September - middle of October 2025	Programme at RSM begins: Block 1 core courses in session
Middle/end of October 2025	Block 1 exams
End of October - middle of December 2025	Block 2 core courses in session
Middle/end of December 2025	Block 2 exams/Block 1 resit exams
End of December 2025	Winter holiday
Month of January 2026	Mandatory research clinic for most master programmes
End of January - middle of March 2026	Block 3 elective courses in session
Middle of March 2026	Block 3 exams/Block 2 resit exams
Middle of March - end of April 2026	Block 4 elective courses in session
Beginning of May 2026	Block 4 exams/Block 3 resit exams
Beginning of May - middle of June 2026	Block 5 elective courses in session
End of June 2026	Block 5 exams/Block 4 resit exams
Middle of July 2026	Block 5 resit exams

*We welcome all incoming DM<sup>2</sup> students and wish everyone enjoyable and successful studies in Rotterdam!*