

International Finance and Accounting

Bachelor | Enschede



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General

Is global thinking just right for you? Would you like to play a part in the world of international economics or do you just think it is interesting to study in an international group? Then think about studying International Finance and Accounting at the Saxion University of Applied Sciences. This is a new course of English-language studies at a University which has won its spurs internationally with high-profile education. Typical for our studies is the immediate relation between theory and practical experience. The University is located in the east of the Netherlands.

The studies of International Finance and Accounting form an excellent basis for a career in business or public services in your home country or far abroad. You can also go on studying for your Master's at a Dutch or foreign university.

What will you learn?

The basics

Saxion offers you a four-year study programme. In the foundation year, we work primarily on basic knowledge, which you will need as a financial specialist. There are no boundaries. From the second year on, we will go more deeply into the matter of finances. We will teach you to look at economic relations, financial markets, currency markets, investments, risk management, marketing and international laws and rules in the field of economics, finance and accounting, from an international perspective. Subjects such as general economics, financial management, management accounting and control and management information systems will make sure that your level of general economic knowledge is raised as well.

Professionalization

In the third year you will get a more profound knowledge in the subjects of accounting, auditing and research skills. In your elective course, you will then concentrate on a sub-topic of your choice. You can then choose to either study a specific topic in-depth, or broaden your range of courses.

If you choose the in-depth study, we offer minors, such as human resource accounting, project management or finance.

In case you rather want to broaden your knowledge, you can spend half a year outside your direct discipline and study e.g. marketing or hospitality business. Saxion offers many possibilities for this as well. You can also take a course at another University of Applied Sciences.

Soft skills

Only attaining knowledge is not enough. The internationally operating financial specialist is expected to know how to share this knowledge with others and use this knowledge in the world. Therefore, we train your soft skills, such as communication, management skills, ethics, project-based working and working in international themes, for four years. Subjects such as sociology and cultural anthropology and human resource management fit in well.

Internship and graduation

In the third year of your studies it is time to deploy your theoretical knowledge in an international, practical environment. You will get to know this in your internship. You continue this by doing your graduation research project in the fourth year. These two periods both take half a year and you will spend this time in a country other than your home country. Internship and graduation placements can be found with banks, governments, accountants and multinationals. Saxion will facilitate you in finding a good placement, but we also challenge you to find a project which connects with your international ambitions.

Coaching

During your studies, you don't have to do it all by yourself. A coach will help you find your way in the Netherlands and in our Academy. He or she will also supervise you in making sure you are successful in your studies and he/she will take a look at your future career prospects together with you. In your work in the project groups and during your internship you are coached on content as well as on the process.

Being part of international environment great advantage

I am still very pleased with my decision to study at Saxion University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands. The courses that are offered there are related to the work field, which prepares students well for their careers. While studying at an international university like Saxion, I met students from all over the world and gained experiences in working with people from other cultures. One of the most impressive parts of my studies was working for a furniture company in China during my semester abroad. To me, being part of this international environment turned out to be a great advantage - not only personally, but also professionally. If I had to make the choice again, I would definitely choose to study at Saxion.

I still profit from my acquired skills and experiences in my current position: I am now the team manager of Business Controlling at a Swedish furniture company in the Netherlands.



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Practically-oriented

Saxion works with competence-oriented and problem-guided teaching. This means that in your studies theory and practical experience are interwoven together, whenever possible. Things you learn in the morning, can be applied in the afternoon. This way we challenge you to apply your theoretical knowledge all the time. You will do this individually as well as in international project teams.

Practical cases follow the theory which we offer you in a certain part of the semester, and vice versa. Therefore, it is possible that you have to put yourself in the position of a consultant in the first unit and several months later in the position of an accountant at a large office or as a financial specialist for a multinational. For a large franchiser, you may research the differences between various countries. For a medium-sized company in a border town you may assess whether or not it is smart for them to hop over the border with their business. What financial, fiscal and juridical advantages will that bring them?

Together with your team mates you report advice and analyses, in which we can recognize the international operating business economist of the future. Can you use the right knowledge and do you know how to transfer this into professionally presented advice?

We support you with lectures, practical classes, seminars, management games and excursions. At the end of every semester/quartile your knowledge is tested extensively.

Quality

Teaching materials

The studies' international character can be seen in the composition of the classes and the entirely English-language programme, which has been

developed especially for this course. The teaching is supported by current English teaching materials and internationally-aimed practical cases. This international character can also be found in the internship and graduation assignments.

Saxion and businesses

Saxion has been working closely together with companies, such as large banks, insurance companies and accountant offices for years now. No one can better tell what is expected from you as a graduate, than your future employer. Therefore, these businesses provide us with input for relevant and up-to-date education and modern and realistic cases. Moreover, our teaching staff consists of a lot of people with a broad practical experience, and they are also sent on a teachers' internship regularly.

When you have graduated

When you have graduated, you hold the title of Bachelor of Business Administration. This will give you an excellent entrance on the international labour market: as a policy advisor with the European Union, at a bank in Hamburg, London or Paris, financial specialist for a multinational company. It may all well be written on your business card later on. But our studies give you great job opportunities in your own country as well.

Would you like to study on? That is possible too. You are welcome to do your Masters' in business administration or finance and accounting at almost every university in and outside Europe.

Admission requirements

Students in our international studies must:

- demonstrate that they have the ability, motivation and determination to successfully complete the course;
- be admissible to Higher Education through a diploma of secondary education/high school

diploma with good results such as, for Dutch students, VWO, HAVO or MBO and for foreign students diplomas which are equivalent to e.g. the German Abitur (allgemeine Hochschulreife), the British GCE A-levels or (I) GCSE grades A, B or C, the French Baccaalaureat or the American High School (top stream or plus 1 year's college);

- have sufficient English language skills for the specific course. We follow the IELTS 6.0 norms.

About Saxion

With 20,000 students, 13 academies and eighty different bachelor and master programmes, Saxion is one of the largest Universities of Applied Science in the Netherlands. Our offer extends from economics, marketing and management, to engineering, art and health sciences. The programme to become an international financial specialist is part of the School of Finance and Accounting, which has an excellent reputation within the Netherlands.

Saxion has a lot to say internationally as well. We work together with a large amount of universities from all corners of the world. Every year we welcome two thousand students from 55 countries, amongst which are Indonesia, India, China, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, Brazil, Rwanda, Japan, Norway, Estonia, Vietnam, Bulgaria, Iran, Oman and Turkey. They are studying in one of thirty English-language programmes.

Our University of Applied Sciences is located in Apeldoorn, Enschede and Deventer, three characteristic towns in the east of the Netherlands and not far from the German border.

Know more

Would you like to know more about the programme for international financial specialists? Then go to www.saxion.edu or www.saxion.de or contact the School of Finance and Accounting: tel. +31 53 487 1478 or e-mail frontoffice.fem@saxion.nl

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