

Master de spécialisation en économie internationale et du
développement - Specialized master in international and
development economics

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 60 credits - 1 year - Day schedule - In English

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **YES**

Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages : **NO**

Activities on other sites : **YES**

Main study domain : **Sciences économiques et de gestion**

Organized by: **Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences and
Communication (ESPO)**

Programme acronym: **ECON2MC** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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ECON2MC - Introduction

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The master offers:

- an inter-university programme organised within the framework of the ESL Economics School of Louvain (UCL and UNamur), which benefits from the support of the University Cooperation for Development (CUD);
- an overview of economic problems;
- active teaching which integrates the experience of the participants and the socio-economic realities of their country of origin.

Your profile

The programme is open to students of all countries who demonstrate a strong interest in international economic relations or in the management of the economy of developing countries or ones in transition towards the market economy.

Admission occurs on the basis of an application file to be submitted to the inter-university admission committee: 2nd cycle graduates (min. 300 credits) in economic sciences; 2nd cycle graduates (min. 300 credits) in some other field: their admissibility will be evaluated by the admission committee.

Your programme

The advanced master in International Economics and Development is a one-year, 60-credit programme. It includes a prep course (5-credit foundation course if the student's earlier education is deemed to be incomplete); courses and seminars split into two fields of study and the writing of a thesis (personal project).

Most of the courses are held in Namur. A day a week, during the 2nd quarter, the courses are held in Louvain-la-Neuve.

ECON2MC - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The objective of this programme is to make a contribution to the training of players, both current and future, in economic policy.

The programme is taught entirely in English.

There is a triple approach to the programme. First, it deals with questions of macroeconomic and commercial policy relative to growth and better integration of the economy within the global market. Second, it examines the institutional structures necessary for the effective working of a market economy and the issue of their adequacy for specific national contexts. Finally, it analyzes the effects of various policies on poverty and inequality and studies ways of reducing these problems.

This triple approach is designed to provide students with the most global view possible of economic problems. It aims to enable them to acquire a method of scientific, realistic and original analysis of what is economically, socially and politically possible to promote economic and social progress.

The programme meets the often-repeated demand, voiced by governments, international organizations and the academic community, to find men and women

- capable of proposing and implementing innovative programmes for economic and human development, based on rigorous economic analysis and adapted in the light of both local aspirations and international constraints ;
- capable of understanding and evaluating the models and methods used by international organizations, foreign governments and consultants in development aid and in international economic relations ;
- capable of educating others, particularly in clarifying with local decision makers and the public at large the reason for and the usefulness of economic reforms.

The programme also aims to satisfy the wish of many students and young people in a professional capacity

- to acquire international level expertise in economic analysis and increase their professional skills ;
- to compare their own individual experience with other perceptions of the global economy ;
- to acquire the maturity necessary for a clearer definition of their career or research objectives.

Programme structure

The Advanced Master in International Economics and Development is an inter-university programme organized in the framework of the Economics School of Louvain (ESL) which groups together the Departments of Economics at UCL and the Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix (FUNDP) in Namur. The programme benefits from the support of the Standing Committee for University Co-operation towards Development (CUD).

Most of the courses are held in Namur. Courses are held at Louvain-la-Neuve one day of the week. (In the detailed programme, the Namur courses are prefixed FUNDP.)

The Advanced Master in International Economics and Development is a programme of 60 credits in one year, taught one year in French and the following year in English. It comprises a refresher course, courses and seminars on three areas of study, optional subjects and the production of a dissertation (individual project).

The details of the programme for the Advanced Master are available at :

- in French <http://www.fundp.ac.be/mc-developpement>
- in English <http://www.fundp.ac.be/mc-development>

The foundation course takes place at the beginning of the first semester. A minimum of three courses are held in the first semester (usually one per module). Dissertations should be completed before the June examination session.

[> Programme détaillé](#) [en-prog-2020-econ2mc-tronc_commun]

ECON2MC Detailed programme

Programme by subject

CORE COURSES [60.0]

○ Mandatory

△ Courses not taught during 2020-2021

⊕ Periodic courses taught during 2020-2021

⊗ Optional

⊖ Periodic courses not taught during 2020-2021

■ Activity with requisites

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

⊗ Propédeutique (5 credits)*En fonction du parcours antérieur de l'étudiant*

○ LEDEV2101	Concepts and methods (UNamur)		75h	5 Credits	q1
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○ Mémoire (16 credits)

○ LEDEV2150	Personal project			16 Credits	
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○ Module Macroeconomics and Trade Policies (20 credits)

○ LEDEV2111	Fluctuations and development (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LEDEV2112	Macro-finance and development (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q2
○ LEDEV2121	Economic integration and trade (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LEDEV2123	Trade and development: specialization and diversification (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q2
○ LEDEV2130	Seminar in development and macroeconomics policies	Marie Van Overbeke	30h	4 Credits	q2

○ Module Development and Institutions (24 credits)

○ LEDEV2131	Development and institutions (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LEDEV2833	Evaluation of Public Interventions (UNamur)		30h	4 Credits	q2
○ LEDEV2132	Economic growth and international development	David De La Croix	30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LECON2825	Poverty and Livelihood Strategies - UNamur		30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LECON2821	Population, Environment and Governance - UNamur		30h	4 Credits	q1
○ LEDEV2120	Seminar in development: international migration	Fabio Mariani	30h	4 Credits	q2

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the competences expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. You can see the contribution of each teaching unit to the programme's reference framework of learning outcomes in the document *"In which teaching units are the competences and learning outcomes in the programme's reference framework developed and mastered by the student?"*

ECON2MC - Information

Access Requirements

*In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.
Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.
The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.*

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SUMMARY

- [General access requirements](#)
- [Specific access requirements](#)

General access requirements

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the academic authorities, admission to the specialized Master's degree programme will be granted to students who fulfil the entry requirements for studies leading to the award of a Master's (second-cycle) degree and who hold a second-cycle diploma, degree, certificate or other qualification issued within or outside the French Community of Belgium, or whose prior learning or experience has been accredited by the Examination Board as being equivalent to at least 300 credits.

Specific access requirements

Spécific Admission and Enrolment Procedures for General Registration

1. Eligibility

The programme is open to student from any country who can show a deep interest in international economic relations or in management of the economy of developing countries or those in transition towards a market economy.

The programme is open to holders of a second cycle degree in Economics whose prior training can be validated for at least 300 credits. Applications from candidates who hold a degree in another area corresponding to a minimum of 300 credits will be considered by the admissions committee.

Entry to the programme is based on an application file which should be submitted to the inter-university admission committee whose decision is final.

2. Admission documents

The Admissions Committee will make its decision on the basis of the following documents :

University application form ;

CV ;

Certified copy of university degrees ;

2 letters of reference (on the ad hoc form) ;

Standard language test or other evidence of ability to take courses either in French or English depending on the language of instruction.

Ability to read English where the programme is in French;

Detailed list of courses taken and results obtained at university ;

Covering letter.

Prior professional experience is an advantage. Young candidates are recommended to mention any experience in research, management or economic policy, even if brief or on a part-time basis.

Students without a grant who have been accepted by the academic committee must fulfil the following administrative requirements : approval of their finance plan and production of all the documents required in support of the enrolment form from the enrolment section of the university.

3. Visas and finance

The legislation on visas may require certain candidates to show detailed evidence of their ability to fund their expenses in Belgium.

Accessible to adults

The entry requirements give priority to students who have some professional experience. As a result, the average age is around 28 - 30 (within an overall range of 23 to 40).

Teaching method

- Main methods to promote interdisciplinarity

This is a disciplinary programme with an original approach for this kind of programme.

- Variety of teaching strategies :

Participation from students in courses and seminars is actively encouraged. Students are required to give various presentations followed by interaction with their audience: these may include a presentation on the current socio-economic in their country, different presentations on the progress of their individual projects.

- Variety of learning situations :

Both in courses and seminars students are frequently faced with issues which they can contrast with those in their own countries. The teaching staff and the guest lecturers all have a wide range of experience and students on the programme come from many different countries and have different professional backgrounds : this means that there is a wide range of issues to be tackled.

The production of an individual project on a theme of students' own choice, most frequently relating to a problem in their own country, teaches students how to gather information, analyze a situation and argue a case with rigour.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html>). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Assessment of students is done in different ways : conventional oral or written examinations, group assignments, oral presentations and individual projects. Each lecturer will explain the methods to be used at the beginning of the course.

The weighted average is calculated as follows : 8% for the foundation year, 7% for each course and seminar and 15% for the individual project.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

This programme is mostly taken by student from developing countries, some of whom benefit from a grant from organizations such as the CUD.

The programme regularly welcomes foreign lecturers, especially those from developing countries (funded by the Southern Chair of the Standing Committee for University Co-operation towards Development - CUD).

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

This programme is a Master following a 2nd cycle degree. Exceptionally, some students may go on to a doctorate.

