Economics of Public Policy and Management (MSc)

- Explores complex multidimensional problems from both an economic and societal perspective
- Small-scale programme taught by top-level academics
- First place in Dutch guide to Master’s programmes (keuzegids Masters 2013)

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This one-year MSc in Economics of Public Policy and Management will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to develop informed responses to the questions posed by contemporary society. You will take courses that combine economic theory with socio-economic policy-making with a small and carefully selected group of students representing diverse academic and cultural backgrounds. This diversity helps contribute to a learning environment that encourages intense discussion and interaction.

Career prospects
Whether you wish to work in the private sector or in the public domain, you will find that there is always a need for well-trained graduates with the skills – and the interest – to look beyond the boundaries of economics. Thanks to its multidisciplinary, wide-ranging content, as well as its unique emphasis on the interplay between economics and social change, this MSc programme offers the ideal preparation for a career in a wide range of companies and institutions.

A real-world perspective
Utrecht University School of Economics (U.S.E.) wants its research and educational programmes to be relevant to a better society. In order to educate students to become responsible citizens, the curricula of the Master’s programmes have been set up with an open mind for the world around us. Since human behaviour is not always rational and the markets are not always in equilibrium. Institutions are important for understanding economic dynamics and so are the dimensions of time and space. Therefore the U.S.E. Master’s programmes are characterised by a multidisciplinary approach, that distinguishes them from Master’s programmes at other universities. U.S.E. takes a real-world perspective.

Top-quality facilities
U.S.E. is located in the attractive grounds of the International Campus. The campus is approximately ten minutes by bicycle from Utrecht’s beautiful historic city centre and is very close to Utrecht Science Park, our main campus. You will have access to a wide range of high-quality facilities such as Wi-Fi, cross-campus library access, and online access to academic books, journals, and databases.

In the MSc programme Economics of Public Policy and Management in Utrecht you will:

Benefit from a multidisciplinary approach to economics. Economics and Social Sciences are traditionally treated as separate subjects. In modern society, however, the boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred. The MSc in Economics of Public Policy and Management at Utrecht University is a unique programme designed to bring these two fields together. The programme provides you with the theoretical knowledge and analytical skills needed to assess important issues in public policy and management. In the course of the year, you will explore a range of complex, multidimensional issues from both an economic and societal perspective while gaining specialised knowledge in areas such as:

- Public finance and tax administration,
- Quantitative methods,
- Taxation and social security,
- Labour market and education policies,
- European economic integration and globalisation,
- Energy and environmental economics, and
- The relationship between social justice and economic efficiency.

Analyse topical issues in depth.
In order to prepare you fully for the job market, you will explore important current topics such as social security systems in different countries, the active labour market within a European context, healthcare systems, and key concepts in modern taxation practice. You will also benefit from the latest insights into the role of government in open economic systems.

Today’s society is constantly evolving and each new development brings with it new questions for governments, corporations, and financial institutions. Are our current pension and healthcare systems strong enough to cope with an ageing population? Does the government have a right to restrict annual bonuses? What is the best way to provide public services? What is the best way of relieving poverty – and who is responsible for taking action?
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2. Public Economics and Policy |
| Period 2        | 1. Policy Competition in an International World  
2. Public Risk Management |
| Period 3        | Choose two out of three:  
1. Tax Policy  
2. Economics of Labour Markets and Education  
3. Energy and Environmental Economics |
| Period 4        | Master’s thesis |

**Testimonial from Daan van der Linde**

“Looking back at my Master’s programme in the Economics of Public Policy and Management, I think of a diverse group of students, especially from the perspective of their academic background. Our year brought together sociologists, cultural anthropologists, public administration and political science students, and economists. We discussed a broad array of topics: demographic and political changes in Europe, the labour market and welfare state, and tax and environmental policy. The small size of our Master’s programme was beneficial in terms of discussion and cooperation in the class room and beyond!”

Daan van der Linde  
MSc Graduate in Economics of Public Policy and Management

**Multidimensional issues analysed from economic and societal perspective**

Professor Janneke Plantenga is Dean of U.S.E. and teaches on the EPPM Master’s programme (Public Risk Management). Her research focuses on the labour market effects of social security, reconciliation of work, family, and welfare state regimes. For instance, Janneke Plantenga and Prof. Frans Penning (Law) received a grant from Stichting Instituut Gak for research into life course, social security, and labour markets. The life course is seen as an important reference point in the debate about modernising social security. Janneke Plantenga also coordinates the European Union (EU) network ‘Expert Group on Gender and Employment’ (EGGE). The EGGE network consists of independent academic experts with longstanding experience of working in the field of equal opportunities and employment.

Prof. Janneke Plantenga  
Dean of Utrecht University School of Economics

**Learn from active and experienced professionals.**

Our tutors and academics have significant professional experience as researchers, advisors, and consultants. By working alongside individuals with real-world experience, you will not only build up a solid knowledge base in your area of study, but you will also build your professional network and gain an insider’s view into professional practice.

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Facts

Programme name
Economics of Public Policy and Management

Degree
Master of Science (MSc) in Economics of Public Policy and Management

Offered by
Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance

Accreditation
Accredited by the NVAO

CROHO code
60389

Language of instruction
English

Type of education
Full-time

Duration
1 year (60 ECTS)

Start
September

Admission
We welcome applications to the MSc programme in Economics of Public Policy and Management from graduates with a BSc in either Economics or in Economics and Business Economics.

For further details on how to apply, please go to the website of U.S.E.: www.uu.nl/programmes/mastersineconomics

Application deadline
- If you wish to apply for a scholarship, you have to apply for your Master’s programme before 1 December.
- International students requiring a visa and/or residence permit and/or housing: 1 April.
- International students who do not require a visa and/or residence permit, and housing: 1 June. **Please note:** you are responsible for finding your own housing.
- Students who obtained their Bachelor’s in the Netherlands: 1 June.

Tuition fee
Statutory tuition fee: €1,906 (2014-2015)
Institutional tuition fee: €15,150 (2014-2015)

Contact

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Do you want to know more about the MSc in Economics of Public Policy and Management? Please find more information on www.uu.nl/programmes/mastersineconomics

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