

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS 2026-2027

In order to be eligible to take a course, you usually have to meet certain enrolment requirements. These requirements can be both pre- and corequisites. The requirement may be blocking or advisory in nature. At the VUB, there are 4 types of enrolment requirements:

1. Binding prerequisite
2. Advisory prerequisite
3. Binding corequisite
4. Advisory corequisite

Below you will find the definition of the different types of enrolment requirements. Check out the specific enrolment requirements for your programme on the next page.

BINDING PREREQUISITE

Due to certain risks and safety issues, you can only enrol in course X if you have passed, been exempted from or deliberated for course Y. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding prerequisite.

ADVISORY PREREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you have taken course Y. Although this prerequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without having taken course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

BINDING COREQUISITE

You can only enrol in course X if you are also simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. In order to achieve the learning results of course X in a safe/good way, a registration for course Y is necessary. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding corequisite.

ADVISORY COREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you are simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. Although this corequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without simultaneously taking course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

HAVE A LOOK AT THE ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PROGRAMME



Enrolment requirements Master of Science in International Business (120 ECTS-credits)

MODULE 1 (60ECTS)

Course title	sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Financial Reporting and Auditing	1	6					
Strategic Management	1	6		Intermediate Microeconomics and Corporate Finance			
International Business Law	1	6					
Development Economics	1	6					
Advanced Marketing	1	6					
Research Paper	1 + 2	6					
International Trade	2	6					
Information Technology: Modeling and Economics	2	6					
International Finance	2	6					
EU Competition Policy	2	6					

MODULE 2 (60 ECTS)

Compulsory courses: To complete this module, students must obtain 30 ECTS credits

Course title	sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Corporate Social Responsibility	2	6					
International Business Strategy	2	6					
Master Thesis International Business	1 + 2	18					Only allowed to register when able to finish the program.
Master Thesis International Business: Pre-doctoral Track	1 + 2	18					Only allowed to register when able to finish the program. Admission based on selection procedure.

The student has to choose 30 ECTS of electives with a maximum of 12 ECTS of practical courses (such as internship, trade mission or international business project)

Practical courses

Course title	sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Trade Mission	1 + 2	6					Registration and admission based on selection procedure. Latest information on Canvas
Internship	1 + 2	6					
Internship	1 + 2	12					
International Business Project	1 + 2	6					Registration and admission based on selection procedure. Latest information on Canvas

Elective courses

Course title	sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Project Management	1	6		Intermediate Microeconomics			
Decision Analytics	1	6					
International Corporate Finance	1	6		Financial Markets and Institutions			
High Level Lecture Series on European Governance	1 + 2	6					
Global Banking	1	6		Financial Markets and Institutions			
Sustainability Reporting and Assurance	1	6					
Risk Management	2	6		International Corporate Finance			
Data Science	2	6					