

Welcome to Maastricht University

School of Business and Economics
MSc International Business – Strategic Corporate Finance

Training the finance professionals of the future

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Why should you study Strategic Corporate Finance in Maastricht?

- Are you interested in the financial management within companies?
- Do you notice it is impossible to pick up a newspaper without seeing financial news about companies?

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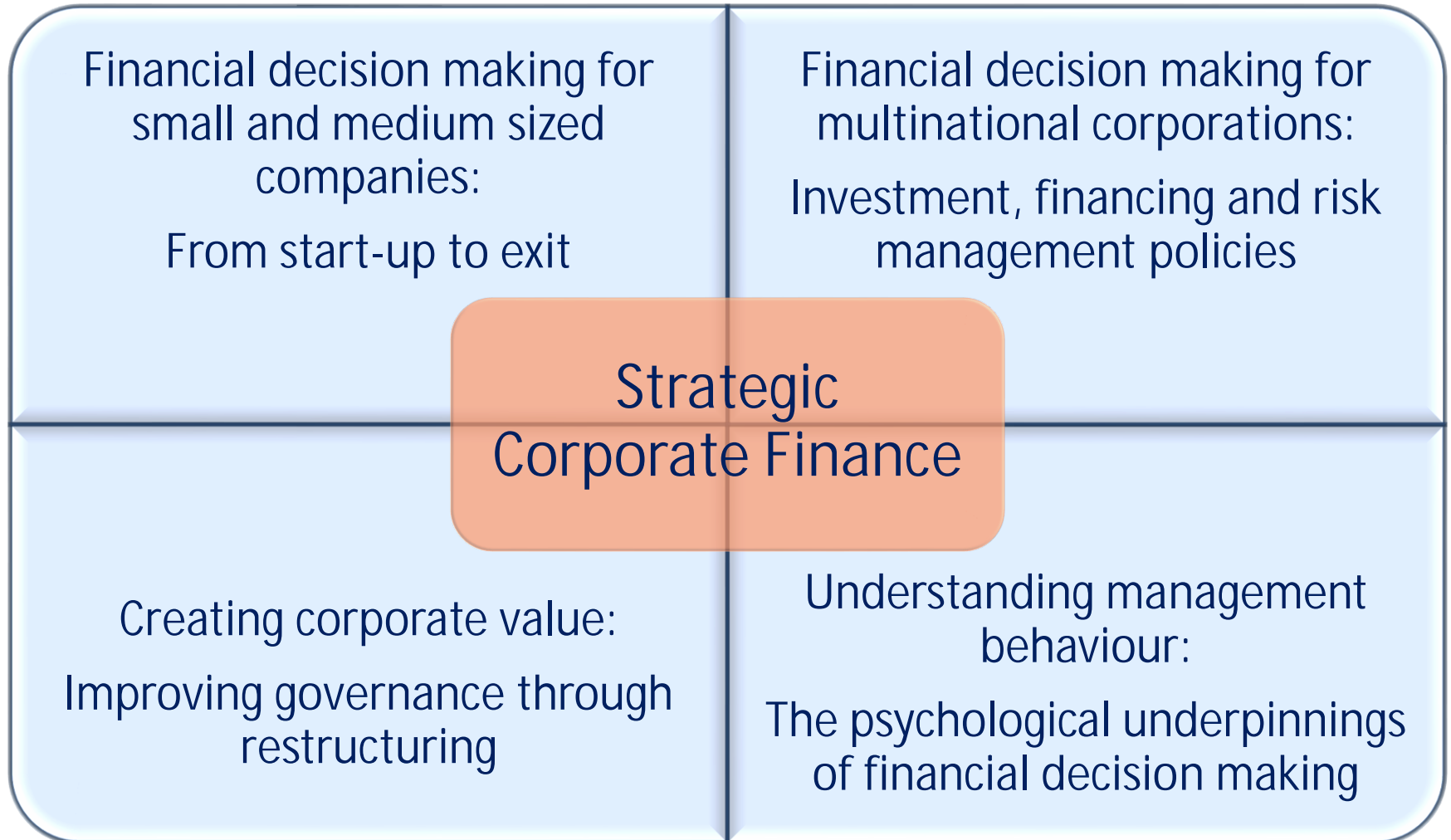
- Our specialisations are academic and job oriented
 - We ask you to deal with real-life problems
 - Skill-enhancing: databases & software, presentation & writing
 - Courses taught by people with corporate links
 - Combination of thesis and internship
- Internationally recognised school with strong academic credentials
 - Researchers have published in leading academic journals and top practitioner journals

What makes IB Strategic Corporate Finance in Maastricht different?

- **Analyse and solve financial problems: learning by doing**
 - No mass-education
 - Small groups, practical assignments, unique data
 - Presentations, more interaction
- **Learn from academics and practitioners**
 - Guest lecturers and professors also work in practice
 - Ask you to think beyond textbook and academic articles
 - Be able to confront theory with practice
- **Learn to make translation to financial decisions**
 - With focus on strategic and managerial level



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Track structure if enrolled in September

Block	IB/ Strategic Corporate Finance	
1 (Sept)	Corporate Governance and Restructuring	Financial Research Methods
2	Entrepreneurial Finance	Elective
3	Skills Training: Writing a Master's Thesis	
4	Behavioural Finance	Writing the Master's Thesis
5	Corporate Finance	
6	Completing the Master's Thesis	

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Introduction

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Available topics

Looking for a thesis topic in finance? The topics below are available and waiting to be studied. Please contact the supervisor indicated below the topic.

Banking & Risk Management

- [Loan conditions and information asymmetries between banks](#)
- [Corporate Risk Management](#)
- [Stress-Testing Risk-taking banks](#)
- [Does gender matter in syndicated lending?](#)
- [Do the benefits of a bank-borrower relationship survive after a merger?](#)
- [Who pays for the Equator Principles?](#)
- [International asset allocation of pension funds](#)
- [Defaults in defined contribution plans](#)
- [Why Using Commodity Futures & Options? The Implications of Hedging for Commodity Producers](#)
- [How Does the Use of Derivatives Influence the Risk Adjusted Cost of Capital?](#)
- [Do Accounting Rules Impact Managers Hedging Decisions?](#)

ECCE / corporate governance /rsg&finance

- [ESG in Private Equity Investments](#)
- [ESG and European Corporate Bonds](#)
- [The Effectiveness of Shareholder Activism in Europe](#)

Corporate Finance

- [SME transfer market in the Euregio: Assessing the current state of affairs](#)
- [China, M&A and the ability to re-allocate](#)
- [Performance and capital structures of privately held firms](#)
- [Does gender matter in syndicated lending?](#)
- [Do the benefits of a bank-borrower relationship survive after a merger?](#)
- [Who pays for the Equator Principles?](#)
- [Combined Internship Thesis with RABOBANK](#)

Asset Pricing / Empirical Finance

- [Optimal portfolio choice under model uncertainty / incomplete market.](#)
- [Solving a Puzzle in the Classic Life-Cycle Model of Saving and Consumption](#)
- [Fractional co-integration and the forward discount bias puzzle in the foreign exchange market](#)
- [Common factor in idiosyncratic risk](#)
- [Asset Pricing vs data mining](#)
- [Evaluating beta as risk measure](#)
- [Numerical Approximation of Derivative Prices](#)

Specialisation structure (assuming September enrolment)

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Electives

- Depends on time of enrolment!
- Block 2
 - Institutional Investors
- Block 5
 - Real Estate Finance
 - Risk Management
- Finance electives outside block 2 & 5 requires proper time-management.
- You can also choose elective from any other specialisation within IB

What are your career prospects?



838 graduates

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Financial Advisor

Consultant

Risk Analyst

M&A Specialist

Business Controller

Finance Director



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Capgemini
CONSULTING . TECHNOLOGY . OUTSOURCING

accenture
High performance. Delivered.

BAYER

KPMG

DB

Mobility
Networks
Logistics

Deloitte.

So is IB Strategic Corporate Finance in Maastricht right for you?

- Have a keen interest in finance in a business – corporate environment
- Be an analytical, logical thinker
- Be a strong team player, enabling you to work out complex, real-life case studies
- Be pro-active in engaging in dialogues with fellow students

Further questions?

- Today, please visit us at our booth in the Information Market for a chat
- We look forward to meeting you!
- Please also visit www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sbe for further information

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Differences with other SBE Master's

- **Financial Economics**

- IB/Finance is more business oriented, Financial Economics more "markets" / "macro"
- IB-Finance is quantitative but less so than Financial Economics
- IB-Finance applies techniques whereas Financial Economics digs deeper into techniques themselves

- **IB/Marketing-Finance**

- IB/Marketing-Finance focuses more on the marketing aspects of financial products
- and on marketing's contribution to financial outcome

- **IB/Sustainable Finance**

- IB/Sustainable Finance focuses on environmental and social risks / opportunities, corporate governance and sustainability
- and how these translate into corporate strategy and investor decisions

