

Information Sheet
Dual Degree Programme UM/ University of York



Partner Schools: SBE/MSI Maastricht and University of York

Applicable UM Study Programme:

- MSc Sustainability Science, Policy and Society

Programme duration: one year (72 ECTS)

Programme structure: Fall at UM and spring/summer semester at University of York

Application deadline: April 1

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Dual Degree Programme UM/UoY MSc Sustainability Science, Policy and Society – MSc Sustainable Business, Environment and Society			
School	Month(s)	Course(s)	ECTS
Semester 1 at UM			
UM	Sep-Oct	Sustainable Development	5
UM	Sep-Oct	Sustainability Science	5
UM	Sept- Oct and Jan	Sustainability Assessment Skills	4
UM	Sep-Dec	PBL & Academic Skills	1
UM	Nov-Dec	The State, Politics and International Environmental Law AND Policy for Sustainability Innovation	10
OR			
UM	Nov-Dec	Challenges of Business in Sustainability Transitions AND Sustainable Business Innovation	10
UM	Nov-Dec	Research Approaches and Methods	2
UM	Nov-Jan	Thesis Research Proposal	3
Semester 2 and 3 at UoY			
UoY	Feb-May	Group Sustainable Business Project	7
UoY	Feb-May	*Specialisation course 1	7
UoY	Feb-May	*Specialisation course 2	7
UoY	May- Aug	Thesis Dissertations	21
Total ECTS credits			72

*Specialisation course (choose 2):

- Climate Science and Policy (**Scientific Manager**)
- Alternative Economies and Sustainable Business (**Innovation for sustainability**)
- Finance and Environmental Sustainability (**Sustainable strategist**)
- Sustainability II: Understanding Sustainability as Change through Time (**Sustainability conceptual leadership**)



Please be aware that the current course offer is subject to change without prior notice.

Participants in the Dual Degree Programme are responsible for getting acquainted with, and for abiding by, the rules and regulations of their host university in a timely manner, especially with regard to examination types, schedules and forms of resits, if any.

The Education and Examination Regulations (SBE-MSc-EER's) for the Master's study programmes at the School of Business and Economics of Maastricht University (UM) apply to all Dual Degree programmes. You can find the SBE-MSc-EER's on the Student Portal (My SBE Intranet), under "Regulations, rights and duties". For courses taken at UoY the EER from UoY will apply.

Fixed curriculum

Please note that all SBE Network programmes (including the Dual Degree programmes) have a fixed curriculum. It is not possible to switch/waive/cancel any of the courses offered in these fixed programmes.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Eligibility and admission requirements

Who can apply: prospective students in the MSc Sustainability Science Policy and Society.

SBE students will be selected based on the entry requirements for its Master of Science Degree in Sustainability Science, Policy and Society. They are expected to apply directly to Maastricht University for the Master of Science Degree in Sustainability Science, Policy and Society, and separately for enrolment in the Dual Degree programme. Students will need to show:

- A bachelor degree equivalent to a Dutch University (WO) bachelor degree.
To assess if your degree is equivalent to a Dutch University Bachelor degree, the Nuffic comparison tool for education systems on www.nuffic.nl will be used. If there is no clear comparison possible, Nuffic will assess your degree separately. The verdict of Nuffic is final.
- A strong academic background with a weighted average grade of 7,5 (or higher) on the Dutch grading scale, stated on their final transcript of their successfully completed university-level BSc/BA studies;
- A high level of motivation demonstrated through an additional motivation for the DD programme;
- Proof of an English language proficiency equal to at least:

Academic IELTS	7.0 Minimum 7.0 in Writing >= 6.5 in other components
TOEFL (internet or special home edition)	96 Minimum 35 in writing >= 23 in all other components
Cambridge Advanced C1	185 Minimum of 185 in Writing and no less than 176 in all other components
Cambridge Proficient C2	185 Minimum of 185 in Writing and no less than 176 in all other components
TOEFL (paper based)	96 Minimum 35 in writing >= 23 in all other components

Selection procedure

Students can start their application for the Dual Degree Programme with UoY at the same time as they start their application for the MSc in Sustainability Science, Policy and Society.

1. Interested students have to request a Dual Degree application form via e-mail with “Dual Degree master SSPS” in the subject to admissions-ssps@maastrichtuniversity.nl.
2. Applicants have to submit the filled-out and signed **application form**, together with a **motivation letter, CV, copy of passport and bachelor’s transcript** via e-mail to admissions-ssps@maastrichtuniversity.nl. * In the subject mention “Dual Degree application” and your last name.

→ **Application deadline: 1 April 2024**

**Note that both the application for the master SSPS as well as for the Dual degree programme need to be complete on April 1 otherwise they will not be considered!*

3. The applicants’ motivation letter, CV and bachelor’s transcript will be considered by the Dual Degree Team and the applicable Programme Advisor at SBE/MSI Maastricht.
4. The applications considered strongest will be invited for an online interview.
5. Applicants will be informed about the results via e-mail.
6. The accepted students will have to confirm their participation via e-mail and pay the required administrative fee (see *Practical Information* below) within a set time window that will be communicated in the e-mail with the results of the application.

Contact

Questions or remarks regarding the Dual Degree Programme with UoY, can be directed to the Dual Degree Team of SBE/MSI Maastricht via e-mail to admissions-ssps@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Tuition fee and additional costs

Students have to be registered at UM for the entire duration of the study programme, so even while abroad at the host university. This implies that students selected in the Dual Degree Programme pay tuition fee at UM for the entire duration of the programme. Selected students **are exempted** of tuition fee payment at the partner school.

Besides the tuition fees at SBE Maastricht, students selected for the Dual Degree Programme with UoY will be charged an **administrative fee of € 1.000,00**. The Dual Degree Team will provide students with an invoice including detailed payment information and a due date for the receipt of the administrative fee.

Cancellation: The administration fee of € 1.000,00 will not be refunded if a student cancels their allocation after confirmation. Only in case of severe personal circumstances, confirmed by a study advisor of SBE Maastricht, the administration fee can be refunded.

All other costs that come with participation (such as health insurance and visa application, travel and accommodation, study materials and potential fees at the partner school) and other personal costs have to be covered by the students.

Please note that you are not eligible for an Erasmus grant if you participate in a programme for which you have to pay a fee beyond the regular tuition fee, which is the case for our Dual Degree Programmes as they come with an administrative fee.

It is your own responsibility to check with DUO whether you are entitled to retain your Dutch study grant, or “studiefinanciering”, while abroad for the Dual Degree programme.

Additional internships/MSc exchange

Please note that SBE Maastricht does not approve an additional (extra-curricular) MSc exchange to students enrolled in a Dual Degree programme after they have completed the full programme.

An additional internship is only possible with 100% study progress. For more information on internships, please check the requirements of the Internship Office in the Student Portal.

Disclaimer

Should the Dutch government deem a country unsafe for travel (because of sanitary crises, riots or other reasons), UM students will not be allowed to physically go to their exchange destination in that country. This also applies to students in the Dual Degree Programmes of SBE Maastricht. If that would happen, SBE Maastricht reserves the right to cancel the Dual Degree programme for its students and will enable them to continue and graduate in the regular master programme.