

GRFB2MC - Introduction

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Sound financial management has always been essential to business success. The importance of this factor has further increased in recent years due to the increasing complexity and internationalisation of markets. Volatility in currency and capital markets, the search for cheap sources of capital, changes in regulations and tax laws affecting the financial world are some examples of this complexity.

Innovations related to financial products accompanied these changes. These financial products, which were hedging instruments, quickly became instruments used to take positions on stock market trends. The assessment of the value of these assets, and the risk associated with them, has become crucial to the survival of many players on the financial markets.

These developments have often found their origins in academic research. They have also generated a need for training, both for individuals wishing to pursue a career in finance, and for executives already working in the world of finance: bankers, insurers, consultants and finance managers in industrial firms.

This is why, since 1995, Saint-Louis - Bruxelles has offered a post-graduate programme in finance, focused on the study of financial risk management. In order to ensure that this programme is not simply an academic exercise detached from practical realities, several banks are associated with this advanced master's degree. The programme is therefore practical and applied, while retaining the intellectual rigour and curiosity characteristic of university studies.

Your profile

This programme is aimed at a variety of profiles:

- financial sector experts who wish to update their knowledge
- recent graduates in economics, management or actuarial science who wish to complement their studies with specialised, practical instruction
- professionals from all sectors who are redirecting their careers or are undergoing internal mobility

Our students are mainly economists, managers or actuaries working as:

- financial consultants or auditors
- financial experts in public organisations (Central Bank, treasury administration, etc.)
- wealth or financial asset managers

Your future job

After completing an advanced master's degree in financial risk management, our graduates have a wide range of career opportunities:

- in trading, banking, foreign exchange, insurance or the corporate sector
- in a bank's corporate finance department
- in account management
- in risk management (asset liability management, ALM)
- in finance and audit consulting
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GRFB2MC - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The programme aims to provide students with general knowledge of the discipline who are able to:

- understand the implications of their actions for their company as a whole, and for the financial world in general;
- develop a big picture of risks;
- identify, analyse and control financial risks at an advanced level;
- understand and master the challenges of future finances;
- behave ethically, in a socially responsible manner and in accordance with the principles of good governance.

Programme structure

The programme (60 credits) is spread over one academic year and consists of 210 hours of lectures as well as 90 hours dedicated to writing the final paper. The course units are subdivided into financial risk management courses and more general courses. The general courses help students to better understand the finance courses and put them into context.

Courses are held from mid-September to mid-May, on average three evenings a week, as well as on some Saturday mornings.

They take place in the centre of Brussels, at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus (between the Rogier and Botanique metro stations, near the Gare du Nord).

GRFB2MC Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES

- Mandatory
 - ✂ Optional
 - △ Not offered in 2024-2025
 - Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
 - ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
 - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
 - Activity with requisites
 - 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
 - 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
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GRFB2MC - 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.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

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Art. 112. of the "Décret définissant le paysage de l'enseignement supérieur et l'organisation académique des études" :

Teaching method

Educational effectiveness is ensured by the complementary nature of several teaching methods, namely, lectures accompanied by discussions which highlight previous experience and professional backgrounds.

Students are also required to write a final paper. This gives them the opportunity to study a particular aspect of financial risk management in depth.

The teaching methods are designed to make the most of the limited time available to adult students with professional and/or family lives.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Assessments are generally carried out by means of a written or oral exam. The final paper is also an integral part of the final assessment.

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