FACT SHEET 2026 - 2027

University of Antwerp Faculty of Business and Economics



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Let's shape the future

University of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp (UAntwerp) has a history dating back to 1852. In October 2003, three universities were brought together to form the university we know today. UAntwerp is a public research university and has a wide array of faculties, departments, programmes, centres and affiliated organisations.

Antwerp is an international city, known as the economic cornerstone of Flanders.
It has a rich cultural heritage and is located right in the heart of Europe.

Rector

Prof. dr. Herwig Leirs

Faculties and institutions

UAntwerp hosts 9 faculties (Business and Economics, Applied Engineering, Arts, Design Sciences, Law, Medicine and Health Science, Pharmaceutical, Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences, Sciences and Social Sciences) and two institutes (Antwerp School of Education and Institute of Development Policy and Management.

Students

In 2025 - 2026, a total of 24 827 students studied at the University of Antwerp. Of those students, 20% are international, representing 127 nationalities.

Rankings

- QS World University Rankings 2027: 277
- Times Higher Education World 2026: 170
- Times Higher Education Europe 2026: 71
- Times Higher Education Young 2024: 12
- Financial Times European Business School 2025: 99
- Best Global University ranking 2026: 204
- Institute for Quality of Life Happy City Index 2025: 5

Accreditations

Our (inter)national accreditations, EQUIS, EFMD, AACSB and NVAO, testify to the high quality of our university and faculty's education and research. This recognition ensures students will be able to have a wide range of international opportunities on all continents.

EQUIS ACCREDITED — Since 2023

EFMD ACCREDITED MSc — Since 2010

AACSB ACCREDITED — Since 2005

NVAO — Since 2003

Research

- 4420 scientific publications per year
- 280 PhD defences per year
- 17 institutes and centres
- 15 Centres of Excellence



Alumni

80 000+

University code

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Faculty of Business and Economics

The history of the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE) can be traced back to 1852. Since then, it has evolved into the most international economic faculty in Flanders. FBE's campus is uniquely located in the heart of Antwerp's vibrant and historic city centre.

FBE's mission is to shape diamonds: to create new generations of competent graduates, and develop them into critical-thinking academics, managers, entrepreneurs and policy makers, with an ethical, sustainable and global mindset. FBE offers 5 bachelor, 12 initial masters, 1 advanced master & 2 doctoral programmes.

Dean

Prof. dr. Ann De Schepper

Students

In 2025 - 2026, a total of 3 812 students studied at the Faculty of Business and Economics. Of those students, 22% are international, representing 74 nationalities.

Network

FBE has close ties with an extensive socio-economic network, including the Antwerp Management School (AMS), the City and Province of Antwerp, the Port of Antwerp-Bruges, as well as the diamond, fashion and chemical industry.

International collaboration opportunities

With more than 150 active and distinguished exchange partner institutions from 50 countries around the world, FBE offers an extensive range of opportunities, including:

Student mobility

- Student exchange (Erasmus & partner agreements)
- 4 initial Master's degree, 4 double degrees
- Summer schools
- Non-degree customised programmes for student cohorts
- International week on sustainability ('I-week') from 15 - 19 March 2027
- Blended Intensive Programme on Leadership Development

Joint PhD mobility (joint & double PhD)

Faculty mobility (exchange & joint research)

Staff mobility

Programmes in English

- Bachelor in Social-Economic Sciences (180 ECTS)
- Master of Science in Business Economics (60 ECTS)
- Master of Science in Economic Policy (60 ECTS)
- Master of Science in Digital Business Engineering (120 ECTS)
- Master of Science in Financial Business Engineering (120 ECTS)
- Advanced Master of Science in Maritime and Air Transport (60 ECTS, with AMS)
- PhD in Applied Economic Sciences and PhD in Management

International honor society

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