



Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

BSc PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

- Duration of programme: 3 years
- Mode: full-time
- Language of instruction: English
- Class size: 130 students
- Degree: Bachelor of Science
- Location: Riga



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Welcome to the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga



For more than two decades, the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga (SSE Riga) has been educating students in the fields of economics and business.

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At this moment SSE Riga graduates can be found in almost all sectors of the economy and in more than 60 countries around the world. Even though their careers are indeed all very different, they all have in common that at one point in time they entered the doors of SSE Riga to take up the SSE Riga challenge. I do hope that you will be among the next generation of students taking up this challenge. Looking forward to welcoming you to SSE Riga in August!

Anders Paalzow, SSE Riga Rector

SSE Riga offers two accredited study programmes: a three-year bachelor's programme in economics and business and a two-year professional master's programme in business administration (Executive MBA).

Given the student body of 450 students and the comparatively small size of the School, staff and lecturers are able to work closely with students.

Studies in an international environment with students from more than a dozen countries and faculty members from Europe, the United States and Australia offer a global learning experience that is enriched by the student mobility programme, providing 40 students annually with an exchange semester at one of our partner universities in Europe, Hong Kong, Korea, and the United States.

Many students make lifelong friends and important connections while at the School. The School also offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities, including sports activities, a debate society, and other clubs.

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SSE Riga has proven to be a very high-quality education provider over these years with an excellent graduate employment record.





SSE Riga is located in the beautiful Art Nouveau District of Riga, a ten-minute walk from historic Old Riga. The SSE Riga building is an architectural monument of national significance in the art nouveau style; it was originally designed as a school by architect Mihails Eizensteins.

The decorations on the façade signify victory, knowledge and unity, and in fact it constitutes a victory to enter SSE Riga and to graduate at the end, but once you have done so the knowledge gained and the ties with the School last for a lifetime.



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A large lecture hall filled with students sitting at desks, looking towards the front.

**You don't
have to go far
from home
to study
at one of the
best business
schools in
Europe.**

BSc Programme in Economics and Business

- Module-based three-year programme, delivered in English
- The student group consists of 130 students from 10 countries
- Upon completion of the programme, the degree of bachelor of science (BSc) is issued
- The programme is accredited by the Latvian Ministry of Education and Science



Application deadline for the study year 2020/2021:
April 8, 2020

Start of the programme:
mid-August 2020

SSE Riga mission and values

The mission of SSE Riga has been, since its inception, to provide a state-of-the-art education in business and economics that contributes to the economic and social development of the region, in particular Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Research is also a part of SSE Riga's mission. The School produces state-of-the-art research of relevance to the Baltic countries and actively participates and fosters public debate in its field of competence.

The core values of SSE Riga provide a foundation for faculty, staff, and students to accomplish its mission. These core values are integrity, community, and excellence.



SSE Riga also encourages you to cross as many borders as possible, whether national, cultural, or ethnic. This will facilitate and enrich your walk along the path of SSE Riga graduates.

Integrity

We adhere to high ethical standards by applying accountable academic and administrative policies, practices and services; the School requires its faculty, staff and students to practice dignity and honesty in actions and words.

Community

We nurture a diverse and caring community in which each member of the School is valued and respected; a positive and friendly atmosphere is created, allowing space for individual uniqueness and teamwork collaboration.

A photograph showing a row of students in a lecture hall. They are seated at wooden desks, facing forward. Some students are looking towards the front, while others are looking down at their papers or notebooks. The students are dressed in various styles of clothing, including blazers and casual shirts. The room has tiered seating, and the overall atmosphere appears to be one of focused attention.

Excellence: we demand
intellectual rigor and critical
enquiry in advancing
academic work and expanding
knowledge; we serve as a
catalyst for positive changes
in the Baltic countries and
beyond.

About

SSE Riga is known as one of the finest business schools in Europe – according to the Financial Times Ranking of Top European Business Schools, SSE Riga, as part of the SSE Group, is the No. 1 business school in the Baltic/Nordic region.



- You'll experience a very international study environment – SSE Riga has bachelor students from 10 countries and international exchange students from 13 countries.
- You'll enjoy the family-like atmosphere – admitting just 130 top undergraduates in one class allows for personalised attention to students and it takes just a few weeks to get to know all of your study mates.
- You'll join a very strong and supportive community – alumni are actively involved in all SSE Riga activities and financially support the brightest young students.
- You'll study in a very interesting region of Europe since Riga has always been an international city serving as a gateway between the East and West.

The SSE Riga diploma is highly respected and opens doors for a successful career.

SSE Riga is a separate community that brings together very talented, but more importantly motivated and striving individuals, who are not willing to accept mediocrity, but rather want to achieve great heights in both their personal and professional lives.



Programme

Upon graduating, you can expect to work in a wide range of sectors, including finance, banking, auditing and consulting, IT and telecommunications, advertising and media, government, manufacturing, education and research.

SSE Riga provides a three-year academic study programme in economics and business leading to a bachelor of science degree in three years. The academic curriculum of the programme covers areas of both economics and business, allowing students to gain a wider perspective and thus have more career options after graduation.

- You'll concentrate on one subject at a time; a maximum of two core courses are delivered simultaneously.
- You'll choose specialisation courses in the last study year from the following options: Economics, Finance, Retail and Entrepreneurship.
- You'll have the opportunity to choose from a variety of elective courses in the social sciences and entrepreneurship.
- You'll gain practical experience during the two internships that will give you an advantage in the job market.



Study Process

The study process involves five main components: core courses, specialisation courses, elective courses, the internship, and the bachelor's thesis.

Studies require full-time involvement and undergraduate students are expected to devote all their attention to studies since the teaching method at SSE Riga is very intense and interactive.

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You'll get real-world insights from industry professionals via company visits and workshops.





SSE Riga's learning environment and methods prepare students for a real business environment and develop strong and hardworking personalities.

- You'll study with international lecturers who are well recognised experts in their chosen fields in the Baltics, Europe, and overseas.
- Your study achievements will be measured by various methods including assignments, research reports, project work, case study analyses, group or individual presentations and written examinations.
- You'll become confident when presenting in front of a large audience since students present their project work in front of the class and an evaluator.
- You'll advance your teamwork skills as the majority of the courses involve project work in international teams.
- You'll receive guidance and support from a personal Academic Advisor.



Students get a good grip on business relations, meet start-up experts, and visit enterprises.





You'll have the opportunity to attend guest lectures by leaders in a range of fields.

Courses

The subject range is interesting not only for mathematically inclined students, but also for students with entrepreneurial spirit.

Core Courses

Year 1 courses	Year 2 courses	Year 3 Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Defence• Financial Accounting• Mathematics• Academic English• Introduction to Academic Studies• Economic Statistics• Microeconomics• Data Analysis• Managerial Economics / Operation Management• Organization and Management• Macroeconomics• Ethics and Sustainable Business• Introduction to Entrepreneurship• Marketing• Economic and Consumer Behaviour• Management Accounting and Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Resource Management• International Finance• Welfare Economics and Public Policy• Econometrics• Market Research• Business Law• Financial Economics• Economic Anthropology• Accounting and Finance• Research Methods for Bachelor Thesis• International Economics• Internship (4-6 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialisation: Economics• Specialisation: Retail Fundamentals• Specialisation: Finance• Specialisation: Entrepreneurship• Strategy• Artificial Intelligence• Business and Leadership Skills• Bachelor Thesis

* Minor adjustments to the course schedule may occur.

Having completed the programme, SSE Riga graduates possess excellent powers of analysis and critical thinking, rational argumentation skills, and are both entrepreneurial and professional.

Elective Courses

- Financial Mathematics
- The Political Economy of Today's Russia
- Globalisation
- EU Institutions & their Impact on Business
- Critical Thinking and Argumentation
- Introduction to Taxation
- Economic History
- Happiness: Philosophy, Economics and Politics
- Climate Change
- Entrepreneurship: Cambridge
- Governance-Risk-Compliance in Banking
- Game Theory
- Demography
- Business Intelligence
- Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
- Investments

75%

of graduates get jobs even before graduation

91%

of graduates start a career right away

Students

At SSE Riga you'll experience a very international study environment – the School has bachelor students from 10 different countries and international exchange students from 13 countries.

SSE Riga students come from Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia as well as from Belarus, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova.

Additionally, students from Germany, Spain, Italy, France and elsewhere choose to spend their exchange semester at SSE Riga.

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Network — studying at SSE Riga you are surrounded by incredibly bright minds from the Baltics and other parts of Europe.



Class of 2021

Home country 118 students admitted



Class of 2020

Home country 131 students admitted





Social life will play a major role in your SSE Riga experience. Graduates often mention that most.

At SSE Riga you will find activities to cater to all interests: the Student Association, the Debate Society, the Charity Club, the Entrepreneurship Support Centre, the Investment Fund, the student magazine, the choir and sports.

- You'll develop your managerial skills by organising big events like the annual career fair "Days of Opportunities" or the largest international business student competition in Eastern Europe, "Peak Time".
- You'll have the opportunity to participate in more than a dozen interest groups formed by students.



You'll always be supported by the administration when it comes to new social and cultural initiatives.





Tuition fee

SSE Riga's tuition fee in the bachelor's programme is EUR 6,250 per year.

Tuition fee waivers are available to students from the Baltic countries, reducing the tuition fee to EUR 3,900 per year.

Candidates apply for waivers as part of the application process. Tuition is fixed for all three years and is set at the tuition rate at the time a student enrols in the programme.

Students from Latvia as well as citizens of other EU countries who have a temporary or permanent Latvian residence permit can apply for the Latvian state guaranteed loan. In case the state guaranteed loan is not available or if additional borrowing is needed, SSE Riga has designed a special loan programme to support students from the Baltic countries.



However, the ability to attend SSE Riga does not depend on the student's financial situation – more than 90% of SSE Riga students receive significant financial aid.

- You'll have cosy study premises that are open 24/7 for students.
- You'll get course handouts and printouts at no additional cost.
- You'll get books from the SSE Riga Library for each course.
- You'll have access to an extensive range of databases and the best selection of books covering the main disciplines of business and economics in the SSE Riga Library.



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Career prospects

SSE Riga graduates are very successful in today's competitive labour market, pursuing a range of careers in both the private and public sectors.

More than 2250 students have graduated from SSE Riga so far, and many of them hold senior managerial positions or have started their own businesses.

The majority of SSE Riga graduates enter the workforce as economists, financial or business analysts, and marketing specialists.

“ Of Latvia's 100 biggest companies, 13 are run by our former students.

**Our graduates
from Latvia
run or own
764
COMPANIES**

**With a total
turnover of
7
BILLION EUR**

**Employ over
32,000
PEOPLE**

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The Student Association of SSE Riga provides you with unique opportunities while engaging in both its daily work activities and entertainment offerings. You can become an associate of the Student Association and use its resources and network to develop your own skills and competencies through the many activities offered, such as organising huge events, managing an actual portfolio of investments or being a graphic designer or editor for the school's magazine. At the same time, you can enjoy the excellent experiences that the Student Association creates for the students at our highly regarded parties, well-designed educational events and guest lectures or the annual career fair. It truly has the capability to enrich and saturate your student life like nothing else.



Lauris Zalva
Student President,
Student Association 2018

The Student Association is the union organization of students studying at SSE Riga. The presidential team of the Student Association and the chairpersons of seven committees are elected by SSE Riga students and work for a year to benefit the lives of SSE Riga students.

More information: association.lv

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SSE Riga develops in you the mindset of a fighter and a winner. The environment pushes you to the limit, making you work harder than you ever did before. It's a big challenge, but it's also a great way to improve yourself. I assure you it's worth it!

Nicoleta Barba
Moldova

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Do you want to be challenged and encouraged? Attending a lecture by Latvia's Minister of Finance, debating against the First Vice-President of the European Commission, networking with the CFO of SEB, learning big data languages and then enjoying a great party in the evening – this is a normal day for an SSE Riga student!

Vakhtangi Ivezchiani
Georgia

Admission process in 2020

To be eligible to apply to SSE Riga, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. A secondary school education completed by July 2020 or earlier.
2. State examination results in mathematics and English.

STEP 1 | April 8, 2020

Online application deadline.



STEP 2 | April 25, 2020

The SSE Riga entrance exam takes place. The entrance exam consists of three tests – English, mathematics and logical aptitude.

The new academic year begins on August 17, 2020

STEP 3 | May 11 – 24, 2020

Approximately 220 of the best candidates, based on the SSE Riga entrance exam results, are invited for individual interviews.

FINAL DECISION | MAY 28, 2020

An acceptance letter is sent to admitted students.





If someone asked me to describe SSE Riga in one word, it would be "OPPORTUNITY". This university is an opportunity hub, from its lecturers, who have major experience in their field, to the broad network provided and the possibility to access the Thomson Reuters database as well as the numerous unique academic articles on desired topics. Moreover, the opportunities are not only for academic-related activities, but also many other different areas of interest. Are you a sports prodigy? Go to the weekly sports practices and participate in numerous competitions with other universities. Do you have a hidden talent in writing or are you a wolf of wall street in the making? Join Insider or conquer the world of finances by becoming a member of IFund. There are many more examples that could be listed, but the key idea behind them all is that SSE Riga provides you with all of the necessary means to become the best version of yourself, you just have to use them. As for me, SSE Riga is about great people, professional lecturers, challenges and constant and exponential growth.

Vladislav Cernouțan

Moldova



As I am not in my home country, it has turned out that almost all my life right now revolves around SSE Riga. I know it might sound sad, but actually SSE Riga has made my life much more interesting and active than it has ever been! Apart from my studies, I decided to fill my free time with extracurricular activities. Even in the student organisations I am still learning and the biggest lesson so far is how to communicate with people. I considered myself as an open-minded person before, but SSE Riga has helped me to expose a lot of "blind spots". Overall, this university is the biggest contributor to my personal development right now. I'm not just learning from my studies and lecturers, but also from my peers, who are the smartest people I know. Surrounding myself with this kind of people has made me more inspired to become a better person in so many ways.

Diana Geiushova

Russia



The SSE Riga Student Association and student organisations offer plenty of activities to get involved in and I particularly enjoy the fact that I can combine several of them depending on my schedule and preferences. I have chosen to be an editor in a student magazine called Insider, to help revive Junior Peak Time (an international business competition for students) and I am also the Vice President of the Student Association. These activities make my study life much more engaging, meaningful, and enjoyable. It can however get a bit overwhelming to be as active as I am, but the struggles I encounter usually teach me a lesson or two - they have helped me deal with the burden of responsibility and through them I have improved my time management and problem-solving skills. I feel that the more I do, the more productive I become, which was evident during my internship this summer, where my employer appreciated that I get things done both quickly and to a high standard.

Austeja Denisovaite

Lithuania



SSE Riga students are taught to do many things simultaneously. I was amazed by the student involvement in different organisations and the proactivity and discipline that is suddenly instilled even in first year students - everyone is busy and always working on something awesome. I myself became the chief of the Debate Society, which has given me valuable real-life experience in managing people, organising events (with thousands of Euros in revenue and hundreds of participants), marketing, budgeting and many other things that most other students would only start learning as they enter the job market. I think that the SSE Riga approach of giving students a lot of responsibility and rewarding ways to develop themselves into disciplined business-people is very unique and the #1 reason to study here.

Richard Kesküla

Estonia



The studies at SSE Riga are sometimes tiring, always challenging, yet never boring. That is exactly what has made me understand that I can do much more than I thought I could and accomplish more than I have on my to-do list. It is guaranteed that we do not merely learn things by heart to pass exams but also use our knowledge to carry out various projects - case studies, reports, team assignments, videos. However, the experience here would not be complete without being involved in extracurricular activities - being one of the board members in the Student Association has not only improved my leadership and teamwork skills but also allowed me to acquire skills that I never thought I would learn while studying economics and business. Taking part in the Days of Opportunities organisation, which takes care of the annual career day, allowed me to work on my sales skills, step out of my comfort zone and, thus, grow. Besides macroeconomics, finance and business ethics, I have learned perseverance and resilience, adaptability and communication.

Dana Supe

Latvia



The most important thing that SSE Riga is doing is preparing us (students) for our working lives. I feel that even after the first year we are already skilled enough to be employed by banks and other companies. By the end of the third year, almost everyone has found permanent workplaces and started a professional career. This growth is encouraged with the help of a close network of coursemates, alumni, lecturers, administration and even Executive MBA students. I perceive SSE Riga as an investment and, in my eyes, it has already started paying back.

Larysa Karsayeva

Belarus



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Need more information?

The best way to find out about SSE Riga is to visit us!

Open Door Day

October 19, 2019 | January 25, 2020

When you have to decide which university to choose, it's not just about the programme, it's also about the atmosphere and people. Open Door Day is the most effective way to find out the answer to the question: Will I feel at home there?

Shadow Days

from September till April

Apply for Student Shadow Days, which provide a great opportunity for prospective students to feel the spirit of SSE Riga by talking to students and the administration, touring the campus and attending lectures. An application form is available on the SSE Riga website.





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with the latest activities
at SSE Riga:

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