PHD PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
Research at our School is conducted within the **HEC Research Unit**, which is subdivided into 7 subunits associated with strategic research fields in which the school has significant experience and a critical mass of researchers, publications, teaching and corporate collaborations.

At HEC Liège, we strive for academic excellence in management and economic studies. We are a recognized player in the production and transfer of knowledge and we train and educate qualified and productive scientists.

We offer a single degree for doctoral studies in economics or in management: **PhD in Economics and Management**

The School has strong partnerships with the Free University of Brussels (ULB, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management), the University of Mons (UMons, Warocqué Faculty), the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain), the University of Namur (UNamur) and the Saint-Louis-Brus sels University. These partnerships guarantee our commitment to deliver a high quality doctoral programme.

Furthermore, HEC Liège has also significant research collaborations with other Belgian universities, such as KU Leuven and the University of Antwerp, as well as with first-class institutions such as HEC Montréal, Georgia Tech, Paris Dauphine and the University of Oxford among others. These collaborations extend to the neighbouring countries, within easy reach from Liège, namely Maastricht University (The Netherlands), the University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg), the University of Lille 1 and Université Paris I Panthéon –Sor bonne (France).

Our Doctoral programme offers the possibility to choose between the Management or the Economics track, which have their own thematic schools. For both tracks, candidates are expected to:

- spend time in Belgium for undertaking the mandatory courses.
- complete their doctoral training within the first 2 years of their programme.

Encouraging an international outlook, excellence and scientific innovation, the programme delivers courses in English and French with an increasing number of international guest professors each academic year.
The Thematic Doctoral School of Management Sciences

Set up jointly by the University of Liège (HEC Liège), the Free University of Brussels (ULB, Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management) and the University of Mons (UMons, Warocqué Faculty).

The programme is organized around a general principle: the creation of value in an increasingly globalized world, as applied to the various fields of management: strategy, finance, marketing, supply chain management, information systems, organization, human resources, etc.

The Thematic Doctoral School of Economics

The thematic school of economics is developed in partnership with UCLouvain, UNamur, the Saint-Louis-Brussels University, and the Free University of Brussels (ULB). Our candidates have access to the doctoral training offered by the thematic school, and the remaining doctoral training and research is done at HEC Liège, where they receive support for their research during their doctorate.

Our programme provides rigorous training in applied econometrics.

Our candidates use empirical and applied theoretical analysis to evaluate policy-relevant issues. They apply different economic approaches to facilitate the decision-making process at the firm and at the government level.

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Admission requirements

- Previous 1st and 2nd cycle studies that account for 300 ECTS or equivalent.
- A Master degree (120 ECTS or equivalent) with honours.
- For the management track, your degree must be in management or a related field.
- For the economics track, it is mandatory that you hold a Master in economics.
- The agreement of one of HEC Liège professors to be your supervisor.
- A compelling and well-thought-out research proposal in a specialized field of economics or management
- An advanced level of English

When to apply?

You can apply anytime. However, to enrol in the current academic year, you must register no later than May of each year.

Tuition fees


Career Prospects

The PhD programme is conceived to enhance your personal competences, help you develop your critical thinking skills and equip you with the tools to face challenges (from a research, managerial or economic perspective) with a rigourously scientific mindset.

These competences will help you in any professional environment, whether you decide to pursue an academic path or develop a professional career in the private or public sector.
What our alumni say about us

“I chose to do my PhD at HEC Liège because I felt supported by all the teachers that would finally be part of my committee. What I enjoyed the most was to be able to think ahead with the people who taught me everything I know about financial markets and instruments. We were all learning and developing new theories and applied them together. The programme helped me enhance and develop my knowledge and work methodology.”
Daniel Capocci, Director, FARAD Investment Management

“My PhD programme at HEC Liège was really multidisciplinary and encompassing. It has allowed me to work in an international environment where I deal not only with academics, but also with private-sector managers, public-sector officials and civil society representatives. I therefore recommend this programme”
Giovanni Esposito, Postdoctoral researcher at the Smart City Institute, HEC Liège

About HEC Liège

HEC® Liège – Management School of the University of Liège (www.hec.uliege.be) is the only Belgian business school holding both EQUIS and AACSB accreditations. HEC® Liège is also part of the restricted circle of the Conférence des Grandes Écoles. It has also obtained recognition from the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute for its Master’s degree in Management with a specialization in Banking & Asset Management, an international reference of the highest level in the world of finance.

HEC® Liège’s international vision is reflected in its multiple research activities in management and economics, its numerous partnerships with universities throughout the world and the increasing internationalization of its programmes and professors. With an Alumni network of over 14,500 graduates, the School develops numerous collaborations with companies. It is very active in the field of Executive Education with a wide range of tailor-made training courses for companies, additional training and an Executive MBA.
About Liège

HEC® Liège is located in Liège. Named as «Cité ardente» (Burning City) for its cultural abundance and its warm and festive atmosphere, Liège is a must-see Belgian destination.

At the heart of the EU, Liège has the third inland port of Europe and the seventh freight airport in Europe. Recognized for its quality of life and rich historical heritage, Liège is ideally situated within the Meuse-Rhine Euregio, 30 km from Maastricht (the Netherlands) and 60 km from Aachen (Germany). It is less than 1.5 hours away from Cologne, 2.5 hours from Paris and 4 hours from London by high-speed train (TGV) starting from the magnificent train station designed by the renowned architect Santiago Calatrava.

For further information, please visit:
www.hec.uliege.be/en/phd/phd-ineconomics-management

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