



Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Information Technologies for Business Intelligence (IT4BI).

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Erasmus Mundus is a certification of excellence which is delivered by the European community to the best international master programmes in Europe, and it is supported by very attractive scholarships.

Since its inception 20 years ago, Business Intelligence (BI) has become a huge industrial domain and a major economic driver, however overlooked by academics. The Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Information Technologies for Business Intelligence (IT4BI) aims at training computer scientists who understand and help develop the strategies of modern enterprise decision makers.

IT4BI is a **2-year, English-language** programme jointly delivered by Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Belgium, Université François Rabelais Tours (UFRT) in France, Ecole Centrale Paris (ECP) in France, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) in Spain, and Technische Universität Berlin (TUB) in Germany.

IT4BI targets students from all over the world with a Bachelor of Science (or a level equivalent to 180 ETCS) with major in Computer Science, as well as an English proficiency corresponding to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (e.g., TOEFL 580 or higher). Admission is granted on the basis of a selection procedure.

The first year of the programme is devoted to fundamentals: the first semester at ULB, the second one at UFRT. Then, all students participate to the **European Business Intelligence Summer School** (<http://cs.ulb.ac.be/conferences/ebiss.html>). In the third semester, the programme offers **three specialisations** at ECP, UPC and TUB and students move to the partner of the chosen specialisation. The fourth semester is dedicated to the master's thesis and can be realised at either as a placement in industry, or as an internship in a research laboratory in any full or associated partner. Eventually, all students will be gathered in the **workshop "Business Intelligence: Innovation Meets Research"**. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be awarded with a **multiple degree**, the national master's degrees from ULB, UFRT and the university of the specialisation.

The IT4BI programme opens in **September 2012**. Application opened **November 2nd, 2011**. Tuition fees are **€ 4,000 per year** for European students and **€ 8,000 per year** for other students.

The Erasmus Mundus programme provides EU-funded scholarships to students who have been selected by the consortium. The scholarship amount is **€24,000** per year for non European students and **€11,500** per year for European students.

The deadlines for applications are:

- Students applying for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship: **January 2nd, 2012**
- Students not applying for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship: **April 30th, 2012** for non European students and **June 30th, 2012** for European students.

Please see the IT4BI website (<http://it4bi.univ-tours.fr>) for further details and on-line application form.