

Career Development part of the course 310167-M-3 / Methods: Python Programming, Academic Year 2026 / 2027

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Goal

The goal of the career development part of the course 'Methods: Python Programming' is to help students from the Master Economics transition into their careers after graduation. The focus of this part of the course is on personal growth and development and provides practical tools to be well prepared for the job application process.

Description

In both semester 1 and semester 2, activities will be offered by Student Career Services, [Asset Financials](#) and [Economics Business Weeks Tilburg](#) (EBT). Participation in at least 1 online self-study module, 1 in-depth activity and 1 career event of your choice during the year is a mandatory part of the course 'Methods: Python Programming'.

Kick-off sessions

kick-off/ information sessions are planned at the beginning of each semester to give new students more information about the career development part of the course 'Methods: Python Programming'.

Online self-study modules

Students choose at least one of the following five online Canvas self-study modules:

- *Discover your talents*
- *Master your job/ internship search*
- *Professional LinkedIn profile*

- *Successful job interview*
- *Prepare for assessments*

A module takes about 3 hours to complete. Students decide for themselves when they will complete the chosen module, with the condition that the *Discover your talents* module must be completed by October 4, 2026 (for the in-depth workshop 'Stressmanagement') or late October (for the in-depth session 'Designing an impactful career - finding your purpose as an economist').

For students who choose one or more of the other modules, in-depth activities will be organized in semester 2. Participation in these activities is only possible if the corresponding module has been completed before May.

In-depth activities

The following in-depth activities are offered:

- **Workshop 'Stressmanagement'**
An in-depth interactive workshop in 2 parts (2 x 1.5 hours), provided by Psychologist Anne Zwaans, as a follow-up to the *Discover your talents* module – semester 1 (October).
- **Session 'Designing an impactful career - finding your purpose as an economist'**
An in-depth interactive inspiration session (2 hours), provided by Professor Ben Vollaard in collaboration with Career Services Officer Joyce van Steenoven-Ladenstein, as a follow-up to the *Discover your talents* module – semester 1 (November).
- **Session 'Access & opportunity: the economics of networking'**
An in-depth session on networking (1.75 hours), provided by an expert (to be determined), as a follow-up to the *Master your job/ internship search* and *Professional LinkedIn profile* modules – semester 2 (May).
- **Session 'From application to offer: mastering interviews & assessments'**
An in-depth session (1.75 hours), provided by a recruiter from the field, as a follow-up to the *Successful job interview* and *Prepare for assessments* module – semester 2 (May).

Career Perspectives session with alumni

In addition to the online modules and in-depth activities, students participate in a *Career Perspective session with alumni*. This session is organized in the fall. The aim of the session is to give students insight into various career paths and the transition from study to the labor market.

Career Events

Students participate in at least one of the following career events during the year (mandatory):

Asset-Financials:

- Economics Dinner – October 29 (semester 1)
- M&A Case Day – November 3 (semester 1)
- Economics Day – February 18 (semester 2)
- Public Sector Day – March 11 (semester 2)

Registration via the website of [Asset-Financials](#).

EBT (April 5 – April 22, 2027):

- Case Day
- Consultancy Experience, NGO Experience, Data Experience & Big Four Accountancy Experience
- Workshops by organizations during Company Days
- Trainings given by organizations during Training Day
- Brabant Business Evening
- Individual conversations with organizations during the Company Days
- Business lunch with organizations during the Company Days

Registration via the website of [EBT](#).

After attending an event, you upload a short reflection report, within 10 working days, on the [Career Development Canvas page](#) under the assignment created for this specific event.

Terms and conditions:

- Students are required to complete at least one online self-study module and participate in the corresponding in-depth session.
- Students may also participate in other in-depth sessions, provided they have completed the corresponding module.
- Students must participate in at least one career event organized by Asset Financials or the EBT.
- Students will receive a 'pass' for the career development component of the Methods: Python Programming course if they:
 - have completed at least one online self-study module and the corresponding in-depth session, and
 - have attended at least one career event.

Certificate of Extra Curricular Excellence (CoEE):

The in-depth activities and career events are also part of the Certificate of Extracurricular Excellence (CoEE) offered within the Master Economics. If you participate in multiple activities

and earn at least 15 points you can obtain a certificate signed by the Academic Director of the Master Economics awarded together with your diploma.

Grading

The online self-study modules, in-depth activities and career events are part of the course 'Methods: Python Programming'. To pass the course, you must complete 1 online self-study module of your choice, participate in the follow-up in-depth activity and participate in at least 1 career event of your choice. You will receive a partial grade once you have completed the Python programming part of the course. At the end of the academic year, you will be assessed whether you have met the set criteria of the career development part of the course through a pass or fail. Only with a positive grade for the Python programming part of the course and a pass for the career development part of the course have you passed the course 'Methods: Python Programming'.

Resit

If there are exceptional circumstances that prevent you from completing an online self-study module, attending a follow up in-depth activity or participate in 1 career event throughout the year, please contact TiSEM Career Services, tisem.careerservices@uvt.nl, for an alternative assignment.

Appendix 1 Content of the online self-study module

- **Discover your talents**

By the end of this module, you will have created a personal profile that reflects your personality, skills, and career goals. This will serve as the foundation for your next steps toward entering the job market.

- **Master your job/ internship search**

This module offers practical tools and turns them into a clear, actionable job/ internship search strategy. You'll learn how to choose the right approach for the right opportunity and turn your preparation into an effective, structured action plan that increases your chances of success.

- **Professional LinkedIn profile**

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

- Understand LinkedIn's value for career development.
- Create a strong, searchable, and authentic profile.
- Use LinkedIn's features to build a professional network.
- Apply smart search, keywords, and visibility strategies to connect with recruiters.
- Communicate effectively and manage your personal brand online.

- **Successful job interview**

By the end of this module, you'll be ready to confidently handle job interviews, have the skills to answer common questions, be able to highlight your strengths, and make a good impression.

- **Prepare for assessments**

By the end of this module you are familiar with the various types of assessments used in job application processes, understand what employers are trying to evaluate through them, and can prepare effectively.

Appendix 2 Content of the follow-up in-depth activities

- **Workshop 'Stressmanagement'**

During the workshop (2 parts of 1,5 hour) we will work on:

- what is stress?
- causes and effects of stress
- noticing/signaling stress
- coping with stress (which will include practice with mindfulness/breathing techniques).

This workshop is one of the two option you can choose as a follow-up to the *Discover your talents* module.

- **Session 'Designing an impactful career - Finding your purpose as an economist'**

Unlock the key as a start to a more purpose-driven life! Join this interactive session (2 hours), where you'll embark on a journey of self-discovery, and chart your course toward a fulfilling and purposeful future.

This session is one of the two option you can choose as a follow-up to the *Discover your talents* module.

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Appendix 3 Content of the Career Events

Asset Financials:

➤ **Economics Dinner**

During this exclusive event, twelve prominent companies from various economic sectors will come to Tilburg to meet motivated students over a three-course dinner.

Throughout the evening, you will be seated with a different company during each course, providing a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations in a relaxed setting. After dinner, there will be drinks where you can connect with other participating companies as well.

Participation is based on CV selection. You can indicate your preferred companies, and companies will select students based on their CVs. Only 20 students will be admitted to the event.

➤ **M&A Case Day**

During this full-day event, you'll get the chance to dive into the world of M&A by working on two challenging cases provided by firms active in this field. It's a unique opportunity to gain insights into real-life transactions, develop your problem-solving skills, and connect with professionals from top M&A firms.

The day also includes lunch, giving you the opportunity to interact with company representatives in a more informal setting and ask your questions about working in M&A.

➤ **Economics Day**

Economics Day is an event in which students engage with several companies and explore real-world economic and business cases. Throughout the day, participants have the opportunity to interact with professionals and apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations, gaining insight into different areas of economics and business practice.

➤ **Public Sector Day**

Throughout the day, you will work on challenging cases that reflect real-world issues in the public sector, giving you hands-on experience in economics and policy. There will also be ample opportunities to network with professionals and recruiters to learn more about their organizations and career paths.

Lunch will be provided. Please note that due to company preferences, a good understanding of Dutch is required.

EBT:

➤ **Case Day**

During a case day you will experience what working at the company is like in an interactive setting. By listening to the company presentation, solving an exciting case, and enjoying an informal activity, you will get to know the ins and outs of life at that company.

➤ **Consultancy Experience, NGO Experience, Data Experience & Big Four Accountancy Experience**

During an experience day you spend an entire day with an organization (or more organizations) to get to know the organization, its activities and the career opportunities it has to offer. The day consists of a company presentation, a case and an informal drink.

➤ **Workshops by organizations during Company Days**

Ready to show off your analytic, academic, and teamwork skills? Join a company of your choice at one of their workshops and try to be the best in solving their business case!

➤ **Trainings given by organizations during Training Day**

During the training day you can choose a training given by an organization to develop your personal and professional skills, be optimally prepared for the application procedure.

➤ **Brabant Business Evening**

The Brabant Business Evening is designed to connect ambitious students with inspiring local companies. This event offers a unique platform to explore how innovation at a regional level can create a global impact. In addition to the insightful presentations, you will have the opportunity to network at an interactive fair—with drinks—where you can meet a diverse range of local companies. They operate in various sectors—from management, health and ERP software consulting to water supply, startup, food tech, and finance. These companies provide a range of career opportunities, whether you're looking for an internship, a work-study position, or your first full-time job.

➤ **Individual conversations with organizations during the Company Days**

Meet your future employer at one of our Individual Conversations! Are you actively looking for a job or internship? Sign up for your favorite company's Individual Conversations and impress recruiters!

➤ **Business lunch with organizations during the Company Days**

Bon Appetit! Sit down with the company of your choice at one of our external locations and enjoy a fancy lunch.