



Guide

B3-Electives (30 EC)

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1 Introduction

During the third year (B3) of the bachelor programme for Communication Science (COM) all students are required to fill an elective module. There are a few options available to you as a student to fill this elective module. It is important to consider these options rather sooner than later. This guide discusses those options, and informs you on the procedure that needs to be followed in order to fill your elective module.

1.1 Study Programme B3

Table 1, below, gives an overview of the study programme during B3. This study programme consists of:

Mandatory modules 30 EC

- Reflection Module (15 EC)
- Bachelor Thesis (15 EC)

semester 1		semester 2	
Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
B3 – Electives (total of 30 EC)		Bachelor Thesis (15EC)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UT-minor or elective courses (15 EC or 2*15 EC) • Internship (15 or 30 EC) • Minor at other Dutch university or at university abroad (30 EC) 		Reflection Module (15EC)	

Table 1: Study Programme B3

B3- Electives (30 EC) in the first semester

The elective space can be filled with (a combination of):

- UT-minor or elective courses (15 EC or 2*15 EC)
- An internship (15 or 30 EC)
- A minor at a Dutch university or a university abroad (30 EC)
- A combination of the possibilities above

Chapter 2 will further outline the options available to you to fill your elective module.

N.B. *Participation in the Reflection Module and the Bachelor Thesis is only possible in the second semester of B3!*

1.2 Procedure for filling your electives

As described above, the elective space can be filled in a number of ways. You will have to submit your chosen elective(s) so that the administrator's office can register your elective module in OSIRIS. This can be done by filling out the online form *Elective Module B3 COM*. The URL for this online form will be sent to your inbox as a reminder mid-November of your second study year (B2), following the study

programme information assembly that will be organized mid-October. It is advisable to complete the form in November, or as soon as possible. The information can be updated at any time until the definite deadline. The definite deadline will vary depending on the electives you choose. More information on this is included below.

2 Possibilities for filling your B-3 electives (30 EC)

2.1 Study abroad (30 EC)

If you choose to take courses at a university abroad this will usually entail a programme equivalent to 30 EC, with which you will fill your entire B-3 electives.

More information on studying abroad and how to apply is available at BMS faculty's "[Study abroad website](#)". For more information you can contact the Exchange Officer Ms. Kaura Klaver MSc. E: l.klaver@utwente.nl T: +31 (0)53 489 3892.

N.B. *Most universities abroad have deadlines for application in February or March. It is recommended that you contact Laura Klaver in a timely manner (approx. November of B2).*

In order to qualify for studying abroad, all modules from B1 must be completed along with the first two modules from the B2. For questions regarding your study progress please contact your student counsellor, Gert Brinkman, E: g.w.brinkman@utwente.nl or plan an appointment at <https://bms.planner.utwente.nl/>

2.2 An internship (15 of 2 x 15 EC)

Another option available to you, is to spend your elective module gaining experience working for a company. Within this elective there are two options. You can opt solely for a practice-module (15EC), in which your focus will be on gaining valuable work experience. The other option is to include an assignment-module (15EC), effectively filling the 30 EC requirement for your elective module entirely with an internship. While it is permitted to do just the practice module without including the assignment-module, the practice-module is a prerequisite for the assignment-module. You cannot do the assignment module if you do are not partaking in the practice-module.

All information on possibilities regarding internships, including a comprehensive guide, can be found on the [Internship- and Graduationweb](#). For more information, please contact the COM internship and graduation coordinator Mark Tempelman E: m.h.tempelman@utwente.nl.

In order to qualify for an internship all modules from B1 must be completed, as well as the first two modules of the second year. For questions regarding your study progress please contact your student counsellor, Gert Brinkman, E: g.w.brinkman@utwente.nl or [plan an appointment](#).

2.3 UT-minor(s)

Another possibility to fill your Elective Module, or a part of it, is an UT-minor. Minors at the University of Twente consist of 15 EC, meaning you can choose to participate in one minor or fill your entire elective module of 30 EC by completing two minors.

For more information on the available minors please visit the "[Major-Minor website](#)". Please note that not all minors are accessible for COM students. Consult the "[matrix](#)" to check whether the minor of your preference is accessible for COM students. To enroll in UT-minors you can apply through OSIRIS. Additional information concerning enrollment is available at the Major-Minor website (navigate to 'enroll' in the menu).

In order to qualify for UT-minors 90 EC must be completed.

2.4 Elective courses at the UT or a minor at another Dutch university

If you are considering enrolling for a Master Programme that is not COM, at the UT or at another University, there is a possibility that you will have to complete additional courses before admission. Contact the administration office of the relevant master programme for more information regarding this. Please take note that a study programme at another University in most cases does qualify as a minor.

You should take into account that the number of EC of the study programme you want to enrol in corresponds with the number of EC you need to fill your elective module. You are required to include this information in the online-form you will have to complete.

The COM office will need the information you provide in the online form in order to approve your elective courses. You will be informed on their decision through e-mail. This approval will be registered by Student Affairs at a later stadium (approx.. end of July), who will register your "Exchange Minor" in OSIRIS.

In order to qualify for elective courses at the UT or a minor at another Dutch university all modules from B1 must be completed, as well as the B2-modules 5 and 6. For questions regarding your study progress please contact your student counsellor, Gert Brinkman, E:g.w.brinkman@utwente.nl or [plan an appointment](#).

Contacts, Addresses & Websites

- Online form *Elective Module B3 COM*
The http-link to this online form will be sent by e-mail to all B2-students medio November.
- *Study Counsellor Bachelor COM*
Gert Brinkman (available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays)
Cubicus Building C-118
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E: g.w.brinkman@utwente.nl
- *Student Counsellor Master COM*
Jeanet Luijterink (available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
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T: 053 489 2091
E: j.w.m.luyterink@utwente.nl
- *Internship and Graduation coördinator COM*
Mark Tempelman
E: m.h.tempelman@utwente.nl
T: 053-489 4034

Cubicus Building C-216

- *Exchange Officer BMS*
<https://www.utwente.nl/en/organization/structure/faculties/bms/education/study-abroad/contact-informatie/>
- *Examenboard BMS*
<https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/examboard/>
- *AIESEC (vestiging universiteit Twente)*
 Locatie Bastille 319
 Telefoon 053 489 3959
 E-mail twente@aiesec.net
 Website www.aiesec.nl/twente

StudyAbroadBMS	https://www.utwente.nl/en/organization/structure/faculties/bms/education/study-abroad/
Major/minor website UT	https://www.utwente.nl/en/education/electives/minor/
Website study programme B-COM	https://www.utwente.nl/en/com/bachelor/
Internship- and Graduationweb B-COM	http://www.COM.utwente.nl/afstudeerweb/
International Office UT	http://intoffice.utwente.nl/
Nuffic (international education)	http://www.nuffic.nl/

Prerequisites for B3 courses / electives

UT-minors	90 EC completed
Study at another university in the Netherlands	90 EC completed + including B2-modules 5 and 6
Study abroad	90 EC completed + including B2-modules 5 and 6
Internship	90 EC completed + including B2-modules 5 and 6
Bachelor Thesis	B1 en B2 completed