How to prepare for the premaster Finance?

Many students ask us how they can best prepare for the pre-master programme. Below we provide a number of guidelines for how to prepare.

Courses in Feb-Mar: (1) Mathematics & (2) Statistics
Mathematics and statistics are typically deemed the hardest courses from the premaster, and you do well to enter well prepared. You need to be fully up to speed with VWO style mathematics (Wiskunde A). To provide some guidance: https://www.khanacademy.org/. Make an account and log in. At the top of the screen, find Subjects, choose:


Courses in April-May: (1) International financial management & (2) Investments
Both of these are third year courses from the VU bachelor program. They build on earlier corporate finance courses. You can prepare for these courses by reading the material dealt with in these previous courses, in particular:

Course in Jun: Research paper
The research paper builds on all four courses of the pre-master, and therefore requires no special preparation. But remember to already think about a preferred research topic during Feb-Mar. Do not postpone this until May. Having a good research topic in mind will also help you to ask more specific questions during your statistics classes, as you can directly apply statistics in your research paper.

Good luck!!

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