



Study in the Netherlands

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The Netherlands is one of Europe's most popular international-study destinations. It offers a large selection of English-taught degrees, internationally recognised qualifications and a practical teaching style that encourages research, teamwork and independent thinking.

AT A GLANCE

Quick Facts

TUITION FEES (BACHELOR'S)

€9,000 – €20,000 / year

TUITION FEES (MASTER'S)

€12,000 – €30,000 / year

LIVING COST

€1,000 – €1,500 / month

TEACHING LANGUAGE

English, Dutch

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Up to 16 hours per week, or full time in June, July and August

WHY NETHERLANDS

Why Study in the Netherlands?

- ✓ Wide selection of English-taught programmes
- ✓ Internationally recognised universities and qualifications
- ✓ Innovative, research-based and practical teaching
- ✓ Strong connections between universities and industry
- ✓ Multicultural and generally English-speaking society
- ✓ Central location for travelling within Europe
- ✓ Opportunities for internships and part-time employment
- ✓ One-year post-study orientation permit for eligible graduates
- ✓ Strong programmes in engineering, business, technology and sustainability

COSTS

Tuition & Living Cost

For eligible EU/EEA students, the statutory tuition fee is €2,694 for the 2026-2027 academic year. Non-EU/EEA students normally pay an institutional fee established by the university. Typical indicative ranges are:

STUDY LEVEL	APPROXIMATE ANNUAL TUITION
Bachelor's degree	€9,000 – €20,000
Master's degree	€12,000 – €30,000
Medicine, business and specialist programmes	Potentially higher

Fees vary substantially by university, nationality and subject.

WHAT YOU NEED

Entry Requirements

Requirements vary between universities and programmes. Applicants normally need:

Bachelor's programmes

- ✓ A recognised secondary-school qualification
- ✓ Academic transcripts
- ✓ Evidence of English proficiency
- ✓ Mathematics or relevant science subjects for technical programmes
- ✓ Motivation letter or personal statement
- ✓ CV, portfolio or entrance assessment when required
- ✓ Passport copy

Master's programmes

- ✓ A relevant recognised bachelor's degree
- ✓ University transcripts
- ✓ English-language qualification
- ✓ CV and motivation letter
- ✓ Academic or professional references
- ✓ Research proposal for selected programmes
- ✓ GMAT or GRE for certain business, economics or technical courses

LANGUAGE

Language Requirement

Commonly accepted examinations include:

- ✓ IELTS Academic
- ✓ TOEFL iBT
- ✓ Cambridge English qualifications
- ✓ PTE Academic, when accepted by the institution

Many programmes expect approximately IELTS 6.0 – 6.5, while selective or postgraduate courses may require 7.0 or higher. Applicants must check the exact course requirement.

Student Visa Process

Students from the EU/EEA or Switzerland generally do not require a Dutch student residence permit. Most non-EU/EEA students studying for longer than 90 days require immigration permission.

After admission, a university recognised as an IND sponsor usually submits the residence-permit application. Depending on nationality, the student may also need an MVV, an entry visa for long-term residence. Students must normally:

- ✓ Have unconditional or eligible conditional admission
- ✓ Attend a full-time accredited programme
- ✓ Demonstrate sufficient financial resources
- ✓ Hold suitable health insurance
- ✓ Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- ✓ Meet public-order and immigration requirements

For 2026, the IND financial requirement for university or higher professional education is €1,130.77 per month, excluding tuition. This is an immigration minimum rather than a guarantee that it will cover every student's actual expenses.

WHAT TO STUDY

Popular Courses

Artificial intelligence and data science

Computer science and cybersecurity

Mechanical, electrical and civil engineering

Aerospace and automotive engineering

Business, finance and international management

Economics and econometrics

Logistics and supply-chain management

Architecture and urban planning

Agriculture and food science

Environmental science and sustainability

Psychology and social sciences

Life sciences and biomedical sciences

International law and European studies

Creative media, design and communication

Popular Universities

Popular universities of applied sciences

- Fontys University of Applied Sciences (Eindhoven and other cities): engineering, ICT, business and logistics
- HAN University of Applied Sciences (Arnhem/Nijmegen): engineering, automotive, business and life sciences
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences (Enschede/Deventer): engineering, ICT, business and hospitality
- The Hague University of Applied Sciences (The Hague): international business, law, public policy and technology
- Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (Amsterdam): business, media, sports, technology and logistics
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (Rotterdam): business, engineering, logistics and healthcare
- NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences (Leeuwarden): hospitality, tourism, business and creative media
- Breda University of Applied Sciences (Breda): tourism, hospitality, logistics, games and media
- Hanze University of Applied Sciences (Groningen): energy, engineering, business, arts and health
- Avans University of Applied Sciences (Breda/Den Bosch): business, engineering, environmental science and finance

Ready to study in the Netherlands?

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