

Bachelor or master?

Holland offers a large variety of study programmes in different disciplines, including degree programmes, short courses, summer courses, training modules and so on. The overview below only includes the fields of study in which bachelor's and master's programmes are offered. You can find an overview of all study options on www.studyinholland.nl.

Bachelor

university of applied sciences:

Time: four years of full-time study (240 ECTS credits).

Degree: indicates the field of study (for example: Bachelor of Engineering, B Eng)

research university:

Time: three years of full-time study (180 ECTS credits)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Master

university of applied sciences:

Time: one, two or sometimes three years (60-180 ECTS credits)

Degree: indicates the field of study (for example, Master of Architecture, M Arch)

research university:

Time: one, two or sometimes three years (60-180 ECTS credits)

Degree: Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MSc)



Quality assurance

Students are awarded recognized degrees only after completing an accredited degree programme. The higher education accreditation system aims to guarantee that study programmes meet the highest standards. Bachelor's and master's programmes are accredited (i.e. officially recognized) by the NVAO (Accreditation Organization of the Netherlands and Flanders).

Institutions may also offer bachelor's, master's or other programmes that have not been accredited by the NVAO, but by a body in another country. In those cases, the degree may be recognized in that country, but not necessarily in Holland. An example would be a master's programme offered by a Dutch university of applied sciences that has been validated by an accredited British university that awards the degree.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct lays down standards for Dutch higher education institutions in their relations with international students. By signing the Code of Conduct, the institutions provide international students with a guarantee of the quality of their programmes and of their student recruitment, admission and counselling procedures. All institutions whose study programmes are listed in the database of international study programmes and courses at www.studyinholland.nl have signed the Code of Conduct.

Admission requirements

International students wishing to apply for a programme at a higher education institution should first contact the institution offering the programme.

Requirements for admission to a bachelor's programme

The main requirement for admission to a bachelor's programme is a secondary school diploma at the appropriate level and good grades in relevant subjects.

Requirements for admission to a master's programme

Applicants to a master's programme must have at least a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

Language requirements

Students must have passed an English language proficiency test. IELTS and TOEFL are commonly accepted, but institutions may accept other tests as well. For TOEFL the required scores are at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) or 80 (Internet-based); for the IELTS a score of at least 6 is required.

Money matters

Annual tuition fees for a degree programme or course at a Dutch higher education institution are approximately € 1,700 for EU students. The costs of programmes and courses for non-EU students are generally higher. There are a number of funding options. Visit www.grantfinder.nl for a complete overview of all current scholarship opportunities.

Interesting websites

www.studyinholland.nl

www.nuffic.nl

www.facebook.com/studyinholland

www.hollandalumni.nl

www.youtube.com/studyinholland

www.grantfinder.nl

www.internationalstudy.nl



Universities of applied sciences	Website
Amsterdam School of the Arts	www.english.ahk.nl
ArtEZ Institute of the Arts	www.artez.nl/English
Avans University of Applied Sciences	www.avans.eu
Business School Netherlands	www.bsn.eu/english
Codarts, University for the Arts	www.codarts.nl
Design Academy Eindhoven	www.designacademy eindhoven.nl
Dronten University of Applied Sciences	www.cah.nl/duas
Fontys Hogescholen, University of Applied Sciences	www.fontys.edu
Foundation STC-Group/Netherlands Maritime University	www.stc-nmu.eu
Gerrit Rietveld Academie	www.gerritrietveldacademie.nl/en
HAN University of Applied Sciences	www.hanuniversity.nl
Hanze University Groningen, University of Applied Sciences	www.hanzeuniversity.eu
HAS Den Bosch, University of Applied Sciences	www.hasdenbosch.nl/en
Hogeschool van Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences	www.international.hva.nl
Hogeschool Wittenborg, University of Applied Sciences	www.wittenborg.eu
Hotelschool The Hague	www.hotelschool.nl
HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht	www.international.hu.nl
HZ University of Applied Sciences	www.hz.nl
INHOLLAND University of Applied Sciences	www.inholland.com
NHL University of Applied Sciences	www.nhl.nl
NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences	www.nhtv.nl
Rotterdam University, University of Applied Sciences	www.rotterdamuniversity.nl
Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Design, Music and Dance	www.kabk.nl
Saxion University of Applied Sciences	www.saxion.edu
Stenden University of Applied Sciences	www.stenden.com
Stoas University of Applied Sciences and Teacher Education	www.stoashogeschool.nl
The Hague University of Applied Sciences	www.thehagueuniversity.nl
Tio University of Applied Sciences for Hospitality and Tourism	www.tio.nl/en
Utrecht School of the Arts (HKU)	www.hku.nl/web/English.htm
Van Hall Larenstein, University of Applied Sciences	www.vanhall-larenstein.com
Webster University	www.webster.nl
Windesheim University of Applied Sciences	www.windesheim.nl
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences	www.hszuyd.nl

Research universities	Website
3TU.School for Technological Design / Stan Ackermans Institute	www.3tu.nl/en
Amsterdam University College	www.auc.nl
Delft University of Technology	www.tudelft.nl/en
Eindhoven University of Technology	www.tue.nl/en
Erasmus University Rotterdam	www.eur.nl/english
Leiden University	www.leiden.edu
Leiden University College The Hague	www.lucethehague.nl
Maastricht University	www.maastrichtuniversity.nl
Nyenrode Business Universiteit	www.nyenrode.nl
Protestant Theological University	www.pthu.nl
Radboud University Nijmegen	www.ru.nl/english
TiasNimbas Business School	www.tiasnimbas.edu
Tilburg University	www.tilburguniversity.nl
University College Utrecht (UCU)	www.ucu.uu.nl
University of Amsterdam	www.english.uva.nl
University of Groningen	www.universityofgroningen.nl
University of Twente	www.utwente.nl/en
Utrecht University	www.uu.nl/EN
VU University Amsterdam	www.vu.nl/en
Wageningen University	www.wageningenuniversity.nl/UK

Institutes for international education	Website
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)	www.ihs.nl
International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) (Part of Erasmus University Rotterdam)	www.iss.nl
ITC, Faculty of Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (Part of University of Twente)	www.itc.nl
Maastricht School of Management (MSM)	www.msm.nl
Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)	www.kit.nl
UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education	www.unesco-ihe.org