Why study in Holland?

Wide variety in international study programmes Dutch higher education institutions offer a large number of English-taught study programmes and cover a broad range of fields.

Excellent education and research

The Dutch system of higher education enjoys a worldwide reputation for high quality. Dutch institutions score high in various rankings.

International study environment

The Dutch teaching style is interactive and focuses on teamwork, which makes it easy to meet other students. Studying in Holland means getting the attention and freedom you need to develop your own opinions and creativity in applying new knowledge.



Dutch higher education system

Holland has two main types of higher education institutions: research universities and universities of applied sciences. A third, smaller branch of higher education is provided by institutes for international education.

Universities of applied sciences

Programmes offered by universities of applied sciences (hogescholen) focus on the practical application of knowledge, preparing students for specific professions. Holland has 41 government-funded universities of applied sciences.

Research universities

There are fourteen government-funded research universities in Holland. These institutions train students in academic study and research, although many study programmes also have a professional component. PhD degrees are only offered by research universities.

Institutes for international education

Institutes for international education offer advanced training courses taught in English. Problem-oriented courses and programmes of various types, including master's programmes, are offered in a wide range of specific fields. Most institutes for international education are part of a research university.

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International degree programmes www.studyinholland.nl

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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:

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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.

Universities of applied sciences	Website	Research universities	Website	
Amsterdam School of the Arts	www.english.ahk.nl	3TU.School for Technological Design /		
ArtEZ Institute of the Arts	www.artez.nl/English	Stan Ackermans Institute	www.3tu.nl/en	
Avans University of Applied Sciences	www.avans.eu	Amsterdam University College	www.auc.nl	and and a second
Business School Netherlands	www.bsn.eu/english	Delft University of Technology	www.tudelft.nl/en	and the second second
Codarts, University for the Arts	www.codarts.nl	Eindhoven University of Technology	www.tue.nl/en	100
Design Academy Eindhoven	www.designacademyeindhoven.nl	Erasmus University Rotterdam	www.eur.nl/english	-
Dronten University of Applied Sciences	www.cah.nl/duas	Leiden University	www.leiden.edu	
Fontys Hogescholen, University of Applied Sciences	www.fontys.edu	Leiden University College The Hague	www.lucthehague.nl	
Foundation STC-Group/Netherlands Maritime University	www.stc-nmu.eu	Maastricht University	www.maastrichtuniversity.nl	
Gerrit Rietveld Academie	www.gerritrietveldacademie.nl/en	Nyenrode Business Universiteit	www.nyenrode.nl	
HAN University of Applied Sciences	www.hanuniversity.nl	Protestant Theological University	www.pthu.nl	
Hanze University Groningen, University of Applied Sciences	www.hanzeuniversity.eu	Radboud University Nijmegen	www.ru.nl/english	- 10
HAS Den Bosch, University of Applied Sciences	www.hasdenbosch.nl/en	TiasNimbas Business School	www.tiasnimbas.edu	
Hogeschool van Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences	www.international.hva.nl	Tilburg University	www.tilburguniversity.nl	
Hogeschool Wittenborg, University of Applied Sciences	www.wittenborg.eu	University College Utrecht (UCU)	www.ucu.uu.nl	
Hotelschool The Hague	www.hotelschool.nl	University of Amsterdam	www.english.uva.nl	
IU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht	www.international.hu.nl	University of Groningen	www.universityofgroningen.nl	
IZ University of Applied Sciences	www.hz.nl	University of Twente	www.utwente.nl/en	
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Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Design, Music and Dance	www.kabk.nl	Institutes for international education	Website	
Saxion University of Applied Sciences	www.saxion.edu	Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)	www.ihs.nl	
Stenden University of Applied Sciences	www.stenden.com	International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)		1200
Stoas University of Applied Sciences and Teacher Education	www.stoashogeschool.nl	(Part of Erasmus University Rotterdam)	www.iss.nl	
The Hague University of Applied Sciences	www.thehagueuniversity.nl	ITC, Faculty of Geo-information Science and	200	
Fio University of Applied Sciences for Hospitality		Earth Observation (Part of University of Twente)	www.itc.nl	
and Tourism	www.tio.nl/en	Maastricht School of Management (MSM)	www.msm.nl	
Utrecht School of the Arts (HKU)	www.hku.nl/web/English.htm	Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)	www.kit.nl	
Van Hall Larenstein, University of Applied Sciences	www.vanhall-larenstein.com	UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education	www.unesco-ihe.org	
Webster University	www.webster.nl			
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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