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Holland in a nutshell

Discover why each year thousands of students choose to study in Holland and what this small, densely populated country with a disproportionately large global impact, both in terms of economic influence – past and present – and education has to offer.



Destination The Hague

Find out why The Hague is a home to over 40,000 students, dozens of international peace and justice organisations, foreign embassies, hundreds of multinational companies and the seat of the Dutch government.

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Welcome to The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Learn about one of the most international universities of applied sciences in Holland, with lecturers, staff and students of more than 146 different nationalities our campus serves as both a source of energy and inspiration.

About The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Discover our modern and spacious campus which offers everything students could wish for: from extensive ICT facilities to a vast library to satisfy thirst for knowledge; to sports amenities and restaurants to keep fit and nourished.



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The Netherlands is a small, densely populated country with a disproportionately large global impact, both in terms of economic influence – past and present – and education. With an unpredictable but not unpleasant climate, the country boasts a politically stable, multicultural society where English is widely spoken. It also has an excellent transport infrastructure, with convenience thanks to its trains, buses and cars, and freedom, thanks to its millions of bikes.

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Why Holland?

On a world map, you have to look twice to spot Holland. At 300 by 170 kilometres, its surface area is small – you can drive from one end to the other in three hours. But once you've found it, you'll discover that this tiny country by the North Sea is both important and attractive. It boasts the 16th largest economy in the world and produced many world-class artists, philosophers, scientists ... and football players.

Although the Netherlands (the official name for Holland) may not be the most obvious country for foreign students to choose, those who take the plunge are amply repaid. They learn to be open to new and exciting ideas and solutions, to work together and to connect with other cultures, creeds and mentalities. Their degrees are recognized world-wide as top-notch qualifications opening the door to successful careers.

As a student in Holland you'll be surrounded by classmates from all over the world. You'll live in a society where creative and innovative ideas and initiatives are encouraged, where people love to share opinions and insights and where discussion is the natural way to settle issues of every kind. In this environment you'll improve your people skills without even noticing it.

Whether you're heading for the gym or an art gallery, you'll probably go there on your own bicycle. If your own wheels are not your thing, public transport offers a cheap and affordable alternative. In Holland you rarely need to travel for more than an hour, leaving plenty of time to study, make friends and find your place in a society where almost everyone speaks English.



About Holland

Once you have decided you'd like to study in Holland, you'll want to know more about your host country. Although it's small and densely populated, a park or other quiet place to reflect or study is never far away. The weather is changeable but rarely extreme. As for the economy, Holland has been more successful in staying on course financially than many other EU member states, and the cost of living is affordable. People with various religions and beliefs have their own places of worship.

The country

That two-thirds of Holland lies below sea level is a fact the Dutch have addressed with vigour. Over the centuries they have developed a fine-tuned system to keep the water at bay. Encompassing anything from modest dikes to massive storm surge barriers, this system has turned Holland into one of the best protected places anywhere. Their expertise has also made the Dutch land reclamation and water management consultants to the world.

The lowest lying part of Holland is the most densely populated as well. Accommodating around 7 million of the 16.7 million inhabitants, the Randstad metropolitan area includes the four largest cities. The capital Amsterdam, with a population of 783,000 people, is followed by Rotterdam (611,000), The Hague (497,000) and Utrecht (313,000). Rotterdam is Europe's largest port, and The Hague has the distinction of being the seat of the Dutch government and the International City of Justice.

The weather

You don't come to Holland for the sunshine. But when the sun is out, the whole country lightens up as people move outdoors to parks, pavements and terraces. Be aware that the Dutch maritime climate is unpredictable. Although the average annual rainfall of 700 to 800 millimetres means the weather is not exceptionally wet, it's often a good idea to take a raincoat or umbrella. During the rare periods of sub-zero temperatures, old master paintings come alive as

people venture out to practise their ice-skating skills.

The people

Physically, the Dutch are the tallest people in the world. It hasn't gone to their heads, though. By and large, they are modest, freedom-loving and direct, and they look for consensus wherever they can. Natural traders and entrepreneurs, they've been trotting the globe since the 16th century. This tradition of dealing with foreigners has taught them to be easy communicators and accept people as they are. Most Dutch people are as comfortable having a chat – or reading a document – in English as in Dutch, a language closely related to both German and English.

Though the Dutch are far from nationalistic, national feeling rides high when there's something to celebrate. On Queen's Day, April 30, they dress up in orange (for the House of Orange) and take to the streets, which are turned into a huge marketplace. Dutch people also parade around





town in orange attire any time the Dutch football team scores successes in major tournaments. For football is important to the Dutch. The antics of Johan Cruyff, arguably the best football player ever, are a recurring subject of heated debate.

Cruyff's is one of many Dutch names that are known all over the world. Few people have never heard of Rembrandt, Vermeer, Van Gogh and Mondrian. Back in the Dutch Golden Age, scientists Constantijn and Christiaan Huygens and philosophers like Spinoza were way ahead of their time – though young people

are more likely to be familiar with top Dutch DJs Tiësto and Armin van Buuren.

The money

Holland is one of the original members of the Eurozone. The coins of 1 and 2 eurocents have fallen out of use, leaving five coins (5, 20 and 50 cents, €1 and €2) and four widely used notes (€5, €10, €20 and €50).

What the euro buys you, depends on where you spend it. At the market, you can buy a kilo of oranges for €1, but a high street greengrocer may charge double that amount. Loaves of

bread start around €1.40 and a kilo of rice costs €1. At a cheap supermarket, a can of cola may cost as little as 50 cents. But if you go to a café or a restaurant, you will of course pay considerably more. A well-filled pasta cooked at home comes to around €3 per person.

The political scene

The Dutch constitutional monarchy is governed by the monarch – currently Queen Beatrix – and her council of ministers. In principle, general elections are held every four years. A consequence of the system of proportional representation is that coalition governments have to be formed. Don't be confused by the fact that, although Amsterdam is the Dutch capital, the government resides in The Hague. That is where the ministries, parliament buildings and embassies are located.

Holland's main political parties are VVD (liberals, right of centre), CDA (Christian democrats, right of centre) and PvdA (social democrats, left of centre). Other parties include D'66 (liberal democrats, centre), SP (left-wing socialists), GroenLinks (left-wing green party) and the right-wing PVV.





The transport options

Trains, trams, buses, cars... The Dutch transport infrastructure offers plenty of ways to move from A to B. Once you get the hang of the public transport chip card, you'll find it easy to get around. But it's even better to go Dutch and get yourself a bike. On your own two wheels, you're truly multitasking: you're getting fit, save money, contribute to a cleaner environment, get to know the city and go where you want to go. So invest in a bicycle – and a sturdy lock – soon after you arrive. You won't regret it. **H/**

Fast facts about Holland



Size:
300 by 170 kilometres (0.008 % of planet Earth). Highest point: 323 metres above sea level



Population:
16.7 million inhabitants. 190 different nationalities



Higher education:
18 research universities and 43 universities of applied sciences
Approximately 1,500 English-language programmes



Foreign students:
1 in every 10 university students



Total length of dikes:
around 17,000 kilometres
(approximately the same as the Great Wall of China)

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The seat of the Dutch government, The Hague is a very international and cosmopolitan city, home to dozens of international peace and justice organisations, foreign embassies and hundreds of multinational companies. There's also plenty to see and do there, from soaking up Dutch culture and history in its numerous museums, enjoying its architecture and parks, or relaxing in the nearby seaside resort of Scheveningen.

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Why The Hague?

The Hague's reputation as a true student city is steadily growing. At last count there were over 40,000 students here and the many who come from abroad contribute substantially to The Hague's cosmopolitan atmosphere, particularly in the city centre.

While some of the foreign students here are quick to pick up a little Dutch, English is the preferred language of communication. For those taking degrees in law, security or public management, The Hague is a particularly good choice. Many international organisations in these fields provide guest lecturers and offer internships.



Olga Shelyagova • Russia
Law alumna

➤ A lot of European treaties and agreements have been concluded in The Hague. Historically it has been an important city where European and international political discussions have taken place. The Hague is an ideal place to study International and European Law as - not only there are a lot of legal institutions here - but also major European institutions are located in the neighbouring countries which are only a couple of hours away.





About The Hague

Given some free time, The Hague and its surroundings offer a huge range of options. Close to the city centre, the seaside resort of Scheveningen is a great place to eat, drink, dance and have fun. Its broad sandy beach is perfect for sunbathing and ideal for walking, running, playing ball games, or even flying a kite should the fancy take you. And if your cultural batteries should need recharging there are no better places to do so than the Mauritshuis, the Gemeentemuseum and the many smaller galleries and museums in the city. And if you want to learn how The Hague became renowned as the City of Justice, a guided tour of the Peace Palace will help fill in the blanks.

Peace be with you

The Hague is home to more than 80

organisations that are active in the field of justice, the oldest of which have been here for over a century. In 1903 the American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie donated the funds for the construction of the landmark Peace Palace, where the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the United Nations' International Court of Justice are based. In the 1990s the Yugosla-

via Tribunal, the International Criminal Court, Europol and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons also established themselves here. These institutions and organisations have been joined by many other courts, tribunals and NGOs. All in all, The Hague more than lives up to its title of International City of Peace, Justice and Security.



Jolana Makraiova • Slovakia

Law student



The Peace Palace library is where I spend most of my time so I suppose that makes it my favourite place in The Hague. But when I'm not studying there's no place I'd rather be than in the city centre enjoying a drink outside with friends, particularly in April when the spring brings the promise of warmer weather. There's always the beach nearby too, but that's another story...

Seat of government

It's unusual, but by no means unique, for a country's seat of government to be based in a city that is not its capital. While Amsterdam is the capital city of the Netherlands, The Hague prides itself on playing host to the Dutch government and the First and Second Chambers of Parliament. The ancient government buildings at Binnenhof, arranged around the atmospheric Ridderzaal (Knights' Hall), are the focal point of the Dutch democracy. The 101 foreign embassies strewn around the city add to its international flavour. Queen Beatrix, the nation's monarch and the formal head of the Dutch government, has two palaces in The Hague, one which serves as a residence (Huis ten Bosch) and the other as a place of work (Paleis Noordeinde). In recent years the striking architecture of some government ministries has transformed the skyline, giving a modern, cosmopolitan feel to the city.

Business hub

The international character and infrastructure of The Hague makes it a very attractive location for multinational companies and organisations. The city is host to some 300 international businesses, which provide direct employment for almost 50,000 people, and indirect employment for a further 60,000. Many of these businesses, including Shell, Siemens and KPN, have established their corporate headquarters in The Hague.

Plenty to see and do

Time on your hands in The Hague will leave you spoiled for choice. You can take in some culture, simply chill out and relax, do some cycling or walking – or opt for a combination of all the above. If you're into museums, you'll find the works of Old Masters such as Vermeer and Rembrandt at the Mauritshuis and Mondrians and Picassos at the Gemeentemuseum; both of



these buildings are architectural gems in themselves. But if you'd prefer to be outdoors, you can take a stroll in the Haagse Bos or Scheveningse Bosjes, or for a more exotic experience discover the Japanese Garden at Clingendael Park. And, depending on the weather, if you fancy a bracing walk on the beach or a spot of sunbathing, Scheveningen's the place

to be if you like your seaside with a bit of bustle while nearby Duindorp offers a more tranquil experience. Finally, if you're completely new to the Netherlands the miniature world of Madurodam, which now features new interactive attractions, will give you a taste of the country and help you decide what to see while you're here. **H/**



Fast facts about The Hague



Population:
497,000 inhabitants. More than 146
different nationalities



Location:
on the North Sea coast, with 11
kilometres of coastline and 2 beach
resorts



Green city:
990 acres of woodland and
70,000 roadside trees



City of Peace and Justice:
80 international organisations in
this field



Total length of bicycle paths:
500 kilometres



Pedro Kuijt Ramayor • Mexico
International Business and Management
Studies alumnus

➤ English is spoken everywhere and
there are always different cultural
events taking place



Nicola Fraccaroli • Italy
Public Management student

➤ The Hague is the perfect balance
between quietness and fun thus
it is easy for me to concentrate
on my studies as well as spending
afternoons and evenings in an
alternative and inspiring way.



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WELCOME TO THU*

* The Hague University of Applied Sciences



Why THU?

The main reason that ambitious young people from all over the world head for The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THU) is that they are thinking of their future. A future in which they see themselves as happy, successful and fulfilled professionals. To attain this status they need to acquire an internationally oriented, globally recognised degree.

At The Hague University of Applied Sciences we know how to give you a flying start in your career, because we have inside knowledge of the worlds of international business and government. We work with their representatives every day, invite them here as guest lecturers, and help our students get work placements at their labs and offices. Equipped with the right skills and competences, you will be ahead of the pack when the time comes to impress future employers.

As a student at THU you will learn by doing. It may start with trial and error, but success is sure to follow. Since we consistently focus on applying the knowledge we impart, you may be asked to write and present a business plan or join a team designing an advertising campaign. It all depends on the programme you choose. The end result is that you'll have enough practical experience to face the future with confidence when you join the professional world.

Once it's underway, your career could start anywhere: in Holland, in your country of origin, or elsewhere in the world. By the time you graduate, it'll be second nature for you to live and work in an international, cosmopolitan environment. THU's lecturers, staff and students have been extracted from more than 146 different nationalities, so it's hard to find a culture, creed or language that is not represented at our university. Keep your eyes and ears open, use your social skills, and after just a few years you'll be an internationally oriented, independently thinking citizen of the world.

To attain this goal you'll first need to choose the right study programme. We offer a broad choice of English-language Bachelor programmes. For a degree in Law or European Studies, for example, you could not do better than join us in The Hague, the City of Peace and Justice and the seat of the Dutch government. Why not check out our range of Bachelor and Master studies? And if you find it difficult to choose, we're here to help!





Ivan Ivanov • Bulgaria
International Business and
Management Studies student

➤ I enjoy the lectures, the group projects and the business games. I'm also pleased about the clear connection of what I'm learning with the world outside the university.

About THU

Our campus

A walk around our campus, which is just a few steps away from one of The Hague's main railway stations, is an exhilarating experience. Populated by a veritable United Nations of students and lecturers, the main building simply oozes energy. It's a warren of walkways, labs, classrooms, offices and open spaces, with at their centre a huge glass-domed atrium flooded with daylight. This hive of activity, which was completed in 1996, hides a surprise around every corner, from inspiring artworks to colourful, creatively designed spaces in which to relax. It's a building that you have to experience for yourself. And once you've done so you'll agree that it's a place you'll go – not because you have to, but because you want to.

Our enrolment centre

If you have any questions or need information, our Enrolment Centre (also known as the CSI office) can help. Every year, hundreds of applicants turn to this centre to find out about the required entrance diplomas, language skills, tuition fees and so on. In addition to handling enrolment applications, the centre, located in

the main hall, also administers the departure of students from the university. You can contact the Enrolment Centre online: thehagueuniversity.nl/enrolment-contact-form or by calling +31 70 445 8585.

Our international office

Need to apply for a visa, extend your residence permit, find suitable housing, or solve a financial issue? For the right form, the right answer or the right solution, turn to our International Office. We realise that our (prospective) students and exchange students have many practicalities to sort out which are not directly related to their studies. Our International Office is here to help them. You can contact by calling +31 70 445 8505 or by e-mailing

internationaloffice@hhs.nl for general questions, immigration@hhs.nl for questions about visas and residence permits, accommodation@hhs.nl for questions about housing and scholarships@hhs.nl for questions about internships and scholarships.

Our student affairs office

If you'd like guidance or support, we want you to know that your problems can be shared. Our student counsellors treat any subject you'd like to raise in strict confidence, whether it concerns cultural, personal or study-related issues. The Student Affairs Office also provides conflict mediation and can, if necessary, refer you to the right person or service.



Andreea Toderascu • Romania
Process and Food Technology student

➤ One of the aspects that attracted me the most was the collaboration with Dutch companies that gives you so much hands-on experience. Its international character is also a great asset. My study programme is giving me a head start by exposing me to new cultures and thereby helping me improve myself personally and professionally.



Zorica Petkova • Macedonia
MBA alumna

➤ I've become accustomed to and now prefer an internationally diverse environment. Learning to understand, accept and integrate with different cultures has made me more assertive, tactical, and confident.



Binling Chen • China
Master in Accounting and Control alumna

➤ Not only the students, but the lecturers too, come from all corners of the world. What appealed to me was working in small groups, which enables you to learn a lot from the other students and the lecturers.

Our study facilities

As soon as you can, you should take the time to explore the campus to discover how much it has to offer. Once you know your way around, you can benefit in full from all the student facilities. You'll find secluded areas where you can reflect, work and study, by yourself or in a group. PCs, equipped with a broad range of software applications, are available throughout the campus. Most students, however, connect to our wireless network on their own laptops or tablets. Our wifi coverage is comprehensive, easy to use, fast, and secure, wherever you are on the campus.

Our library

All students are free to use our libraries, both the physical and the digital varieties. Our digital library enables

you to remotely access catalogues, databases and other electronic resources and is backed up by a 24/7 helpdesk. Our physical library has 400 study areas – many with internet-enabled PCs – for use by individuals and groups. A wide selection of books, magazines and dissertations, listed in electronic catalogues, may be consulted in the library.

Our sports options

We like our students to be fit and healthy, so we provide them with sports facilities. Our sports and fitness card entitles you to take your pick from a whole range of sports, including football, tennis, badminton, golf, hockey and even ice skating. It also gives access to our well-equipped gym and to subsidised fitness classes.

Our cafés and restaurants

Whether you're looking for a pick-me-up like a chocolate bar or something more substantial in the form of a complete meal, you'll find it in our main ground-floor restaurant, which also serves Halal food. Hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, snacks and biscuits can be bought at a number of cafés and vending machines throughout the building, so even if you're in a rush there's no reason to feel thirsty or peckish.

Recharge your cultural batteries at ACKU

A number of The Hague-based institutes and universities, from the Royal Conservatory to THU, have joined forces in ACKU, the local Culture Bureau. ACKU ensures that students not only work hard but also get a chance



Katarina Otcenasova • Slovakia
Law student

➤ I'm getting an excellent grounding into the general aspects of law. I suppose it's not for nothing that The Hague University calls itself a 'University of Applied Sciences'. We don't just learn things, we get plenty of opportunities to apply what we've learned too.



Sven Marschalek • Germany
European Studies student

➤ I really like the multicultural aspect of my programme; for me it's a good match with the European Union ideal of unity and diversity. I also value how practical the programme is because we always get to apply in practice the theory that we learn in each module.



to play hard, without it costing the earth. Check out the ACKU website for art exhibitions, acting classes and more, and don't forget to register for its newsletter.

Interaccess makes you feel at home

Building up a social life in a new city isn't always easy. A good way to break the ice and share your views, interests and concerns with other international students is through Interaccess, an organisation founded by THU and open to all foreign students in the vicinity of The Hague. By organising activities, from bicycle tours to sport tournaments, Interaccess gets people from all countries and continents talking to each other. Before you know it, you'll have a circle of like-minded friends that'll make your life in The Hague a lot more fun. **H/**



Nicola Fraccaroli • Italy
Public Management student

➤ Critical thinking is encouraged in each subject together with proactivity and numerous projects will apply the theory taught in class, eventually opening infinite doors for the future international careers of the students choosing this programme.



Olga Erofeeva • Russia
Master in International Communication Management alumna

➤ You're not just studying textbooks, because you're taught by lecturers who work in the field. When you start implementing their tips and advice with a client organisation, you realize how valuable they are.

Fast facts about THU



Number of full-time Bachelor programmes:
49 (including 9 taught in English)



Number of Master programmes:
8 (including 3 taught in English)



Total number of students:
22,866 (including 10% from abroad)

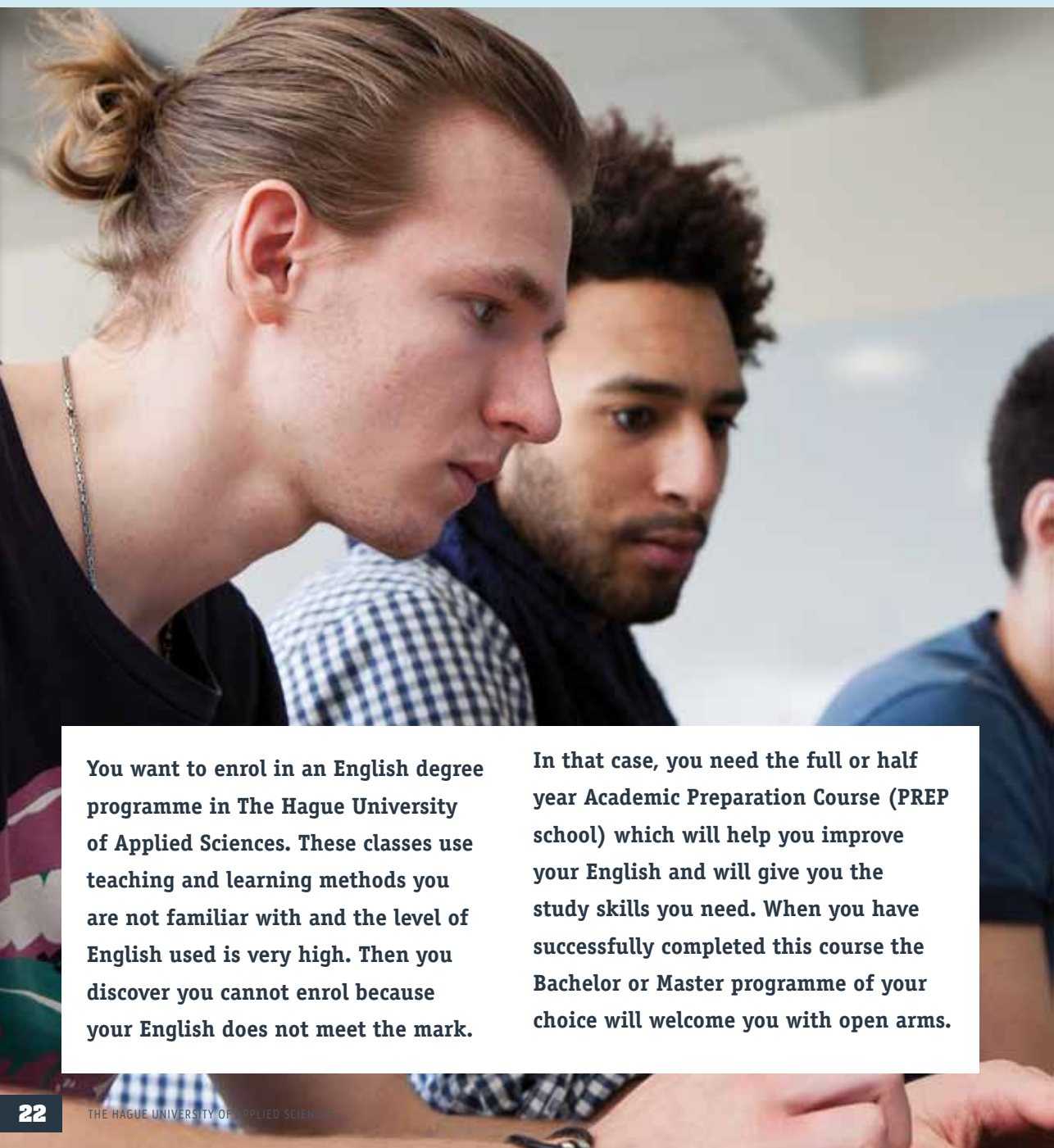


Annual number of graduates:
3,000



Number of books in the library:
55,000 (plus countless digital ones)

English-Academic Preparation Program



You want to enrol in an English degree programme in The Hague University of Applied Sciences. These classes use teaching and learning methods you are not familiar with and the level of English used is very high. Then you discover you cannot enrol because your English does not meet the mark.

In that case, you need the full or half year Academic Preparation Course (PREP school) which will help you improve your English and will give you the study skills you need. When you have successfully completed this course the Bachelor or Master programme of your choice will welcome you with open arms.

Admission requirements

To take part in the PREP programme you need to have obtained the following minimum scores in one of the two internationally recognised tests: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System). For the half year prep course minimum scores for TOEFL computer based 197, TOEFL internet 71 or IELTS 5.5. For full year prep course minimum scores for TOEFL computer based 173, TOEFL internet 61 or IELTS 5.

Range of new skills

The key word in PREP is skills. Proficiency in English is such a skill. Skills are best learnt in a realistic setting. After all, nobody can learn how to swim by reading an instructions manual. Therefore PREP provides practice in advanced level English in situations that invite the use of the academic skills such as writing reports, doing research, presenting data, taking part in a seminar, etc. Of course PREP employs the latest E-learning techniques and you will be provided with an iPad and specialized multimedia

software to help you learn as effectively as possible.

Building confidence

At first, living in a foreign country (the Netherlands) and studying entirely in English in an international classroom won't always be easy. That's why we will do our best to keep you on track through individual coaching and intermediate exams. Moreover PREP offers a variety of activities such as group projects, field trips and cultural events to help you learn effectively in an international setting. If you go for it and take your responsibility, you will notice that both your English and your social and cultural skills are improving. Best of all: the confidence you will build at Prep School will put you at an advantage when you start your degree course. You will have a head start on other students, and therefore less chance of dropping out before the finishing line.

You will find more information about the English Language Preparatory School on our website. thehagueuniversity.nl/prepschool **H/**



Alina Milovanova • Russia

Prep School as a precursor to obtaining a top-notch business degree


Alina's English wasn't up to the required level to enrol directly in a Bachelor's programme, so she signed up for a 12-month course at Prep School. Now halfway through the Prep School course, she feels she has made the right choice.

🌀 This is a good place to study English and probably the only one where you can be sure to get the skills to express all your ideas and interact in English with many different people. 🌀

She's also pleased she has some Russian classmates and gets on so well with her fellow students from countries like China, Iran and Colombia. The opportunity offered by the Prep School of making friends and networking while at the same time improving your English means for Alina that the hard work is alternated with lots of fun. She enjoys the strong focus on language skills. "After just two months, my English had already improved to the point where I understood much more and no longer stumbled when I pronounced tricky words. Speaking and thinking in English is now much easier for me. We also learn about different customs and societies." With her Prep School diploma in her pocket she feels she has every reason to face the future with confidence.



International Exchanges



At the very least, a sojourn as an exchange student at a foreign university is memorable; it's an experience that stays with you for the rest of your life. It is also useful, enriching and fun. The subjects, learning methods, lecturers and classmates are often different from what you have become accustomed to, and the learning curve doesn't level out when you leave the university building.

At THU we are eager to tell you why we enjoy receiving visiting students. For example, we are proud of the international experience we offer them, of the multinational, multicultural classes they will join, and of our teaching methods, which are practice-oriented and include a lot of teamwork.

Our exchange agreements with universities in EU member states fall under the Erasmus programme, named after the famous Dutch philosopher. In all, around three million students have already taken advantage of Erasmus grants. But our partnership agreements are by no means limited to Europe; they include educational institutes all over the globe. If you'd like to know whether your university is on our list, its international office will be able to tell you.

Exchange students at THU join the Bachelor programme of their choice for one or two semesters. Our programmes cover a broad spectrum, from IT and business administration to industrial design, nursing and legal studies. As a student, you will enjoy and benefit from the company of internationally oriented lecturers and

fellow students. Our main building in the centre of The Hague – an architectural gem with a huge glass-roofed atrium at its heart – is populated by more than 146 different nationalities.

If your university is not one of our partners and you are not currently studying, it can still be worth your while getting in touch with us. THU also offers international semesters to independent students, in different study programmes such as European Studies or Facility Management. We speak from experience when we say that both graduates and undergraduates from all over the world find a few months' study with us to be inspirational.

Getting to know a new and different environment, our practical approach to teaching and the possibility of complementing your study with a work placement are just some of the advantages appreciated by our international exchange students. At THU, we do all we can to make their stay as rewarding as possible.

You can find out more about our exchange partners, admissions, tuition fees and programme content at thehagueuniversity.com/exchange-programmes **H/**



Exchange student

• **Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico**

The programmes here are not really research based so there's not an overload of theory that you might never need again. People who come to THU are being groomed to become professionals and apply what they learn in real-life situations. My classmates – mainly international students or exchange people like myself – are from all over the world. This has clear benefits because when it comes to group work, for example, you get to understand the mindset, the work ethic and the dealings of people from many different cultures. It's really valuable teaching.



thehagueuniversity.com/exchange-programmes

International Bachelor Studies



In essence, Bachelors graduating from The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THU) are independent, well-educated individuals, who will make the grade in any international work environment. Classroom tuition is only a part of our curricula. We place greater emphasis on hands-on assignments, group projects and work placements, so that our students will not be out of their depth when it's time to kick off their careers.

THU offers a total of nine international Bachelor programmes, which are delivered entirely in English. Seven of these are four-year programmes, three of which are also available in a three-year, fast-track curriculum. The remaining two, Industrial Design Engineering and International Communication Management, take three years to complete. The Bachelor certificate you will earn is internationally recognised by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO), which monitors the quality of educational qualifications.

The application deadlines and tuition fees are dictated by your country of origin. If you come from a member state of the EU or the European Economic Area, you will have to apply for your programme by 1 September and pay €1,771* per academic year. Candidates from all other countries should submit their applications by 15 May. Their tuition fee is €7,785* per academic year. For more detailed information about our international Bachelor programmes go to: thehagueuniversity.com/bachelor-studies **H/**

* Please visit our website thehagueuniversity.nl to check the details of the tuition fees criteria as they might vary per country. The tuition fee will be set anew annually. The tuition fees for 2013-2014 have not been set yet.

■ European Studies

As a graduate in European Studies, you will be fully equipped to work in global and Europe-wide organisations. This Bachelor programme teaches advanced international communication skills and expertise in European policy and international marketing.

■ Industrial Design Engineering

To shape the future, society needs a new type of designer: what we call an open innovator. If you have the creativity, technical insight and entrepreneurial skills, we'll prepare you for an international position and give you access to our business network.

■ International Business and Management Studies

Exciting opportunities in global business await our IBMS graduates. In multicultural classes you'll acquire a solid grounding in economics, marketing, sales, finance and management, which will make you a high flyer anywhere in the world.

■ International Communication Management

Whether your ideal job is in external communications or in internal, corporate or marketing communications, this project-based programme will give you what it takes to succeed. Its mix of theory and practice will make you an effective and successful communicator, wherever you go.

■ International Financial Management and Control

Every field of business economics is tackled in this globally oriented programme. If you're a team player who is good with numbers it will lay a strong foundation for a career as controller, project manager or risk manager.

■ Law

As the International City of Justice, The Hague provides the perfect setting for legal study programmes. This particular one gets you ready to provide legal advice to companies and clients in both the public and private arenas.

■ Process and Food Technology

This programme combines the tuition of science and technology with hands-on practical projects. Whether you opt to work for a producer of cosmetics, coatings or beer, you'll be welcomed with open arms.

■ Public Management

If this is your programme of choice, your working life may be spent studying international issues like global warming or human rights. Our lectures, debates and assignments prepare you for a career as a public manager or policy maker.

■ Safety and Security Management Studies

The Hague is home to many international organisations in the fields of safety and security. While honing your skills set as a student of this programme you may well come across one that offers you an internship – or even better, a job!



Martina Koleva • Bulgaria

"We learn to apply our knowledge"

The Hague is not the first foreign city in which Martina Koleva, 23, has studied. Before starting THU's International Communication Management Bachelor programme, she had already earned an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences in New York. Although she'd seen plenty of big buildings in the US, she was utterly amazed when she first entered the THU building: "It looks like a spaceship. I was very excited about it – and still am. But it's not just the architecture; it's also the people. The common areas are very colourful and comfortable, which makes you feel at home. The building evokes creativity in students and its design and details enhance the experience of being there."

🌀 If I had to single out another reason why it's good to study here, it's that we learn to apply our knowledge. I'm the kind of person who understands things by doing them, not by just reading about them. 🌀



International Master Studies



If you're looking for a truly globally oriented postgraduate programme and you have a few years' work experience or an exceptional academic record, then our Master studies may be just right for you. Whether you'd like to specialise in international communication or finance, or keep your options open by going for an MBA, we are looking forward to welcoming you to The Hague.

All our Master programmes, which are taught in English and endorsed by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO), offer the choice of a full-time or part-time curriculum. Full-time students of Business Administration and Accounting and Control (MBA and MAAC) will need one year to complete their studies, while the part-time programmes take two years. MBA students pay €17,750* in tuition fees; MAAC students pay €14,900*. For students taking the Master in International Communication Management (MICM) the programme takes 11.5 months (28 months for the part-time variant). The fee for the MICM is €14,900*. For payment in instalments a fee of €150 will be charged for each of the study programme. The application deadline for all postgraduate studies is 20 Augustus for students from the EU and the European Economic Area. Candidates from other countries must register by 15 June. You will find more detailed information about our international Master programmes and the most up to date info on the tuition on [thehagueuniversity.com/master-studies H/](https://thehagueuniversity.com/master-studies/H/)

* For more up to date information on the tuition fees and application deadlines please visit our website

■ Master in Accounting and Control

The MAAC is as much about doing as it is about learning – which is just what you need if you'd like to make it to the level of CFO, the financial top man or woman in an organisation. As a graduate of this programme, which focuses on areas like financial planning, analysis and budgeting, you'll also feel at home in the worlds of banking and other financial services.

■ Master in Business Administration (MBA)

Our MBA is the perfect vehicle to sharpen your business acumen with a view to building a career as a manager or executive. The world's most widely recognised postgraduate degree gives you the opportunity to acquire the skills to

strategically work in any and all facets of business. Our MBA is focused on the practical application of theoretical business techniques, with students acting as business consultants to assist organisations with their business problems.

■ Master in International Communication Management

As more businesses and public bodies venture into the global arena, the requirement for effective international communication among professionals is growing apace. Our MICM curriculum is designed to teach you how to develop, implement and manage complex communication strategies, while also providing you with a solid grounding in public speaking and conflict management.



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Tianrui 'Marshall' Zhu
• China

"People here are open to innovation"

After taking a financial Bachelor and gaining some work experience in Shanghai, Marshall Zhu (25) felt he was ready for an international postgraduate degree. THU's Master in Accounting and Control was right up his street, because, as he says, a Master's couldn't be much more international than this. Compared with Shanghai, Marshall finds The Hague very, very quiet, and he is struck by the difference between higher education in China and Holland.

 In China, the focus is on fixed patterns and existing theories, while people here are open to innovation. I like their willingness to go for a new experience. 

Studying for a Master, he finds, is different from a first degree: "It's not just about providing the correct answer. You have to find the reason why it's correct, and try to prove, explain and justify it."

ALL YOU TO KNOW

... about admission to our study programmes, how to organize your paperwork and your finances, and how to find a good place to live. If you find the answers to your questions before you enrol, you will increase your chances of an enjoyable and successful study period in The Hague.



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Two types of universities

International students should be aware that Dutch higher education distinguishes two types of universities: the traditional research universities and universities of applied sciences. THU is in the latter category, which means we strongly emphasize practical tuition and are focused on your future career.

The other differences between the two university types lie in the duration of the programmes, the wording of your degree certificate and your options to continue studying elsewhere. Our Bachelor degrees take three or four years of full-time study, during which you must accumulate 240 credits. Your degree will be specific to your field of study. For example, upon completion of legal studies you will be a Bachelor of Law. Full-time Master studies at THU take 12 or 18 months to complete and entitle you to call yourself, for example, a Master of Communication. Be aware that your THU Bachelor certificate will not necessarily qualify you for a Master at a Dutch research university; you may need to take additional courses.



How we study

Prior knowledge of the Dutch approach to study, will significantly increase your chances of success. It pays to find out something about the Dutch culture, the mentality of our teaching staff and what will be expected of you as a THU student.

Our teachers do not just lecture and impart their knowledge. They ask questions and expect you to carry out assignments, take part in discussions and develop your critical thinking skills. This will help you to solve problems, analyse cases and write business plans. You will soon realize that your fellow students, too, are a source of learning and inspiration. You'll work

with them on group projects, for example, thus developing your organizational, communication and language skills.

A word of warning. Remember that procuring a place at THU is only the beginning. You will have to work hard to get the required grades. If you don't, and we cannot get you back on track, you'll receive a negative study advice, which means you will be asked to leave the university.



How good is your English?

Since our international Bachelor and Master programmes are taught entirely in English, you will need a good command of the English language, both spoken and written.

Bachelor candidates who were educated in Holland, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Canada, Australia, New-Zealand, South Africa or Malta need not take an English proficiency test. All other prospective students are required to hand in a valid and sufficient TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or CAE certificate to the Enrolment Center.

If you have not quite reached the level you need to enrol for a degree but your results are promising, we offer an English Prep School programme, which takes six months or one year. On completion of this, you will not only be ready to join a Bachelor class, but you'll also have learned a lot about Holland, The Hague and the university.





Making the grade for Bachelor programmes

The admission requirements for our international degrees take the Dutch educational system as their starting point: international students require the equivalent of the Dutch HAVO or VWO diplomas. For four-year Bachelors this could be a US High School diploma. For the three-year curricula, the International or French Baccalaureate, the German Abitur and the UK GCSE A-levels are examples of acceptable qualifications. Other diplomas may also be accepted; they will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Find out what the requirements are for your particular programme, and allow two to four weeks for us to assess whether you are qualified for the Bachelor of your choice. You will find detailed entry requirements on our website. If you're not sure whether your education is sufficient, please contact us. You may, at our discretion, still be admitted after an interview or an entry exam.



Making the grade for Master programmes

The entry requirements for our Master programmes depend on the specific programme. For the Master in Accounting and Control (MAAC) you must have a minimum of two years' relevant work experience and a business-related degree from a recognized university. To enrol for the dual version of the MAAC, where you combine work and studies, you'll also need to show that you have above-average potential, proven management skills, emotional intelligence and an excellent work placement record.

For the Master in Business Administration (MBA) a minimum of one year relevant work experience is required. You also need a business degree or certificate from a recognized university or other academic institution.

The main enrolment requirements for the Master in International Communication Management (MICM) are a recognized Bachelor degree and a minimum of two years' work experience in communications. For all three Masters you must be 22 or older.



The next step for Bachelor programmes

When you have ensured you comply with our admission criteria, check out the enrolment procedure for the Bachelor of your choice on our website. The procedure varies according to your country of origin. For more info please visit thehagueuniversity.com/enrolment.



21+

Try again?

The 21+ Admission Test has been designed to offer candidates who do not have the required diplomas a chance to still qualify. To take this test, you have to be at least 21 years old on 30 September 2013. You must also be a citizen of Switzerland or an EU or EEA member state or have a valid entry visa and, if required, a residence permit. For more info please visit thehagueuniversity.com/enrolment.



The next step for Master programmes

To enrol for one of our international Master programmes, download and fill out the application form from our website. The documents you need to provide are also listed on our site. Be sure that, if required, you apply through our International Office for the appropriate visa and residence permit, and that you apply in time to meet the registration deadline. For more info please visit thehagueuniversity.com/master-studies/admissions/general.



Paying your way

EU and Non-EU students are expected to pay tuition fees for Bachelor's and Master's programmes. To finance your life and your studies at THU, it helps to explore the maze of loans, grants and scholarships. If you're an international student it's worth checking out if you are eligible for THU's World Citizen Talent Scholarship or if any scholarships are available in your home country. For more information or application forms contact your local Dutch embassy - or ask your present college or university. For more info please visit thehagueuniversity.com/scholarships.



Scoring points and asking questions

The ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) enables you to keep track of your study results. To earn one credit, you have to put in 28 hours of study. If you stay on course, you will accumulate 60 ECTS credits per academic year. At the start of your programme, you will meet your personal study and career counsellor. This is the person you can turn to throughout your studies if you need advice or information.

FAQ

The switch from secondary education to a university is quite something. You suddenly find yourself in a new environment, with new teachers and new classmates. This raises a lot of questions, about lectures, books and more. We're happy to answer those questions for you.



How do I find out what my schedule is and which books I need?

We're making things easy for you. In the course of the summer, after you have enrolled at THU, we'll send you a package which contains all information you need to kick off your studies in style.



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? Will there be lectures, or are those only on the agenda at research universities?

You will most certainly have lectures; in fact they are one of our most common teaching methods. We make a distinction between lectures you just listen to, where the teacher presents the subject matter to the class, and project groups, where a group of students carries out an assignment.

? How many students are there in each class?

That depends on your year and your programme. Your classmates will always be the same; on average there will be 20 of them. But lectures may be attended by up to 100 students, while for a practical group assignment there may just be four of you.

? Who will monitor my study results?

You'll have a personal study/career counsellor. This will be the person you can turn to with any questions or problems relating to your studies.

? How is the academic year organized?

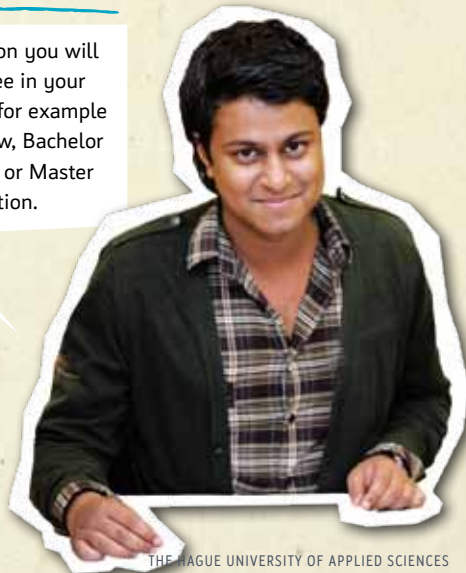
Again, this depends on your year and your programme. In general, our academic year starts in September and ends in mid-July. You'll have six weeks off for the summer holiday and two weeks at Christmas. Each semester is split into two half terms of six weeks each, with a week-long break in between. The breaks are in February/March, May and October.

? How do work placements fit into the programme?

Each Bachelor programme curriculum includes at least one work placement, but depending on your study programme there may be more. At THU we are very practice-oriented. Any practical experience you acquire during your studies can only be an advantage in the future.

? What will the title be on my graduation certificate?

Upon graduation you will receive a degree in your field of study, for example Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Engineering or Master of Communication.



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Before you can start on your studies in earnest, there are a few more things you need to sort out. You'll have to get your paperwork in order and find an affordable place to live.

? Do I need a visa?

Good news for students arriving from the European Union, the European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, the USA and Vatican City: you don't need a visa to enter Holland. But there's good news for arrivals from other countries too: THU will apply for your visa on your behalf. Visas are only granted if you meet certain requirements, for example have sufficient money to support yourself for a year and pay the tuition fee.

? Do I need a work permit?

Provided their employer applies for a work permit, foreign students with a valid residence permit are allowed to work either full-time for three months in the summer or part-time for a maximum of ten hours a week. These limitations do not apply to students from Switzerland, the EEA and the EU, who don't need a work permit. However, if you come from Bulgaria or Romania, a permit is required and different regulations apply. For more info please visit our website thehagueuniversity.nl or contact our International Office by calling +31 70 445 8505 or via e-mail: internationaloffice@hhs.nl.

? A place to live?

THU itself does not provide student accommodation, but we're happy to help you find a room through DUWO, a housing agency specialized in renting reasonably priced furnished rooms to international students. Like anywhere else, room prices are dictated by size, location and facilities. Newly arrived students starting a study programme are the first to qualify for a THU-reserved room. For more info please visit our website thehagueuniversity.nl/accommodation or contact our International Office by calling +31 70 445 8505 or via e-mail: accommodation@hhs.nl.

? Do I need a residence permit?

Residence permits for international students must be applied for by THU. Students from the EU, the EEA and Switzerland do not need a residence permit.

Upon arrival in Holland, all students must get registered in their municipal database. When you present yourself at your municipal office, you will be given a Burgerservicenummer (BSN), a unique number you will need in your contacts with the Dutch authorities. Our International Office periodically organizes the registration of foreign students living in The Hague.



Difficult words and acronyms

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What's competency-oriented education? What precisely is a Bachelor, a Master, a major and a minor? And what on earth does BSA mean? And ECTS?? When you're looking at study programmes at a university of applied sciences, you come across all kinds of words that need to be explained. We'll help you to understand what some of them mean.

Competency-oriented education This is our way to get you ready for a flying start in your future profession. Studying books and passing exams get you part of the way there, but every area of work also requires a particular mindset and particular skills. For example, a social worker has to be a good listener, while a technician must be able to work very accurately. Thanks to competency-oriented education, you're not only going to acquire a lot of knowledge, but you'll also have the right qualities to actually start working.

Major/minor Your major is what your study programme is based on – it is the direction in which you're heading. A minor provides a personal touch to your studies, because it is an additional subject of your choice. There are two options open to you: either you study an aspect of your major in greater depth, or you broaden out by scouting around another professional field. A minor can also serve as an orientation for further studies, perhaps for a Master at THU or another university.

Bachelor/Master The titles Bachelor and Master have been imported from America. Thanks to the European Union they are now also widely used in Holland and the rest of Europe. This has the advantage that everyone – both in Europe and beyond – now knows the value of these degrees. Most of our students are following Bachelor programmes. At THU these take three or four years, while at the traditional research universities the standard duration of a Bachelor is three years. If you'd like to further improve your career prospects, you may want to consider taking a one-year or two-year Master at either an applied sciences university or a research university. If upon completion of a THU Bachelor you'd like to move on to a research university, bear in mind that you may be required to take additional courses.

ECTS A positive consequence of European unification is that universities throughout the Union use the same credit points system. Twenty-eight hours' study earns you one ECTS credit (ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer System). This means that you can accumulate 60 ECTS credits per academic year.

BSA BSA (Binding Study Advice) is an acronym that puts the wind up many first-year students. The reason is that at the end of the first academic year, THU establishes whether you have enough ECTS points to continue your studies. The required number of credits is imposed by the OER (Education and Examination Regulation). If you don't make the grade, you receive a negative study advice, which means that you have to leave the programme. This may sound heavy, but don't forget that it's up to you to do what you can to ensure you receive a positive study advice at the end of the year.

How to contact us

Whether you're just checking out various study options or are ready to enrol, we're available to help you make the right decision and guide you through the process. Perhaps we can meet up at an education fair near you, or you can come to us. You're invited to drop in on one of our open days, or attend a trial study day. We also welcome all visitors to our virtual world: our website, our Facebook group and our chat sessions.



It's quite possible that we'll be present at an education fair near you, or that our representative has included your home city in his itinerary. Alternatively, you may have a chance to come to The Hague and visit one of our open days. We'd like to receive you in our lofty atrium, where teachers, students and alumni are on hand to discuss any programme that may interest you and answer questions about life in Holland. Feel free to explore our wonderful building on your own – or we can arrange a guided tour.



To truly get an idea what it's like to be part of our international student community, you may register for a trial study day. You attend lectures, meet other students and find out what our practice-oriented study methods are about.



If it's impractical for you to visit us, online communication can also point you in the right direction. All our study programmes are clearly described on our website thehagueuniversity.nl. Our Facebook group shows a different side of our study options and our people. You can also ask students direct questions via an online form. Simply go to the programme page on our website and click on the button which says 'E-mail student'.

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