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Student story

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Study in the Netherlands



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We are HAS green academy

HAS green academy is the university of applied sciences for agriculture, food and the living environment in 's-Hertogenbosch and Venlo. We've been focusing on the world of tomorrow for more than 75 years. We offer 15 higher professional study programmes, including two international programmes. You will be collaborating with your fellow students from day one, focusing on current topics affecting businesses and organisations. With your acquired knowledge and experience, you will develop practical solutions that contribute to a healthy environment and ensure food security. Both in the Netherlands and abroad. We'll ensure you develop into an open minded, entrepreneurial professional. Do you want to follow your 'green' heart? Then discover what we have to offer!



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all kinds of stories from our students!





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"The lecturers have extensive practical experience and integrate this into their teaching methods."

Jessica, student Food Innovation



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

PRACTICAL

University of applied sciences

A university of applied sciences (in Dutch: 'hogeschool') offers programmes that focus on the practical application of science and art.

Getting practical work experience through internships (in the Netherlands and abroad) is an important part of the higher professional study programmes offered at these institutions.

- ✓ Professional / Practical
- ✓ 4-year bachelor (with 1 year supervised practical training)
- ✓ Competency-based
- ✓ 450,000 students

THEORETICAL

Research university

A research university is mainly responsible for offering research-oriented programmes in an academic setting.

Many programmes at research universities also have a professional component and most graduates actually find work outside the research community.

- ✓ Scientific / theoretical
- ✓ 3-year bachelor (no practical training)
- ✓ Modular
- ✓ 260,000 students

Did you know HAS is a
University of applied sciences?





REASONS TO STUDY IN HOLLAND

Did you know that 1 in 10 students in the Netherlands is an international student? The Netherlands has more than 90,000 international students and that number is increasing every year. So why should you study in the Netherlands?

The Netherlands? Holland? About the country!

Holland, also known as the Netherlands, is a small country in the north-west of Europe, with a rich cultural tradition, great higher education and open-minded and pioneering people. Its relatively small area of just over 41,000 square kilometres is home to more than 17 million people.

Holland or the Netherlands?

The country's formal name is the Kingdom of the Netherlands – Netherlands for short. The name refers to the flatness and low level of the land. Much of it is at or below sea level.

The Netherlands is also often called 'Holland', which refers to the 2 western coastal provinces, North and South Holland. In the 17th century this was the most powerful area of the Dutch Republic.

Safety and diversity

The Netherlands is a place with a lot of diversity. In the major cities, you find people from different religions, different country of origin and different sexual orientation. The Netherlands is famous for its progressive stance on equality and diversity. Everyone in the Netherlands has the right to be who they want to be and to be with who they want.

The Netherlands is a safe country by international standards. Violence and street crime levels are relatively low. Just take the usual care, like not putting your phone in your back pocket and making sure you always lock your bike. In case something does happen, you should feel confident about approaching the police. They are there to help you and are friendly and open.

REASON 1

Wide range of English programmes

Dutch universities offer the largest number of English-taught programmes in continental Europe. About 2,000 programmes are taught entirely in English.

REASON 2

Big international community

The many international students in the Netherlands come from more than 160 different countries. Dutch society is diverse and inclusive. It is strongly connected to other cultures, the business community and the world. The Dutch are open-minded and direct, so it is easy to meet them and exchange ideas.

REASON 3

Good value for your money

The quality of Dutch higher education is well-recognised. The tuition fees and cost of living are considerably lower than in English-speaking countries.

REASON 4

Excellent career opportunities

The Netherlands is the 18th largest economy in the world. Some of the world's biggest multinationals, including Unilever, Philips, Heineken, KLM, and ING, are Dutch. The Netherlands is a world leader in many areas of expertise, including agriculture, water management, art & design, logistics and sustainable energy.

REASON 5

Great place to live

The Netherlands is one of the safest countries in the world, according to the Global Peace index and belongs to the top 10 happiest countries in the world. Read more about the good Dutch standard of living in the OECD's Better Life Index.





International Food & Agribusiness

The world is facing an enormous challenge - feeding more people in a rapidly changing world. Do you want to be part of the solution? Our mission is to inspire you to become a gamechanger in global agri-food systems. Together with young professionals from across the globe, you gain relevant knowledge of the complex and interesting food & agribusiness sector. You also develop and apply essential skills to address opportunities and challenges that agri-food systems are facing worldwide.

- + Create scenarios for sustainable future proof food systems.
- + Design international business models driving change.
- + Discover your talents and develop personal leadership



THE FIRST YEAR

Courses

Personal leadership • global food systems • agri-food business • biobased economy

Educational activities

(Guest) lectures, tutorials, problem based learning (PBL), group assignments, excursions and internships

Study Fees

Visit our website to check the current tuition fees. Indication of costs books & excursions in year 1: **€ 350***

*check website for actual fees



"For me the most important criteria while looking for universities was that it should have a balance of theoretical and practical experiences as well as be located in an international friendly country."

Sayonika

Second year student International Food & Agribusiness

Admission Requirements

The level of your diploma will be assessed after you have uploaded your diploma and transcript of records in Studielink. To find out how your secondary school diploma is valued in the Netherlands, check the Country Module for your country of origin on nuffic.nl/en. Curious to know if the programme really fits you? Request the study choice check to your Study Advisor, which is required to complete for the International Food & Agribusiness programme.

English Language Requirements

Students who have completed their previous education in English are exempted from this requirement. However, all other students must demonstrate their proficiency in the English language. HAS recommends taking the IELTS language test from www.ielts.org, with a minimum overall band score of 6.0 for academic programmes. For more information about alternative tests such as TOEFL and Cambridge ESOL Certification, please visit our website.

Career Prospects

- Business developer
- Account manager
- Sustainability manager (CSR)
- International entrepreneur
- International trade specialist
- Business consultant/advisor



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"The best part of the study is the wide range of possibilities and the freedom to choose your own path."

Suzan, student Applied Biology



INTERNATIONAL FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS

"The perfect mix of theoretical and practical knowledge."

Laura

From: Bolivia

Studies: International Food & Agribusiness

Culture shock?

Not a major shock, but one of the biggest differences is the food culture. In Bolivia food brings people together. Powerful flavours that spice up our dishes contrast with the Dutch plain salads or sandwiches. In the Netherlands people tend to focus less on food, while in my country it's essential for strengthening family and social relationships.

Why the Netherlands?

I chose the Netherlands because the country is one of the world's leaders when it comes to agriculture and technology. The Netherlands focuses on sustainability and good agricultural practices.

Why this study programme?

I chose International Food & Agribusiness because this study programme provides practical and theoretical learning methods. The programme has an international setting, which adds different experiences regarding how to change the way we do agriculture using innovative techniques.





Horticulture & Business Management

Did you know the Netherlands is the second largest exporter of vegetables, flowers and other agricultural products? It makes sense, therefore, that other countries would like to learn from our expertise in the field of horticulture. In the English-taught bachelor's programme Horticulture & Business Management you will learn all about cultivation and business to become an allround professional in horticulture. All this is set in an international environment, with students from all over the world.

- + Focus on high-tech open and protected cultivation based on the Dutch situation and developments.
- + Building your professional network through projects in collaboration with companies in the horticultural sector.

"The practical approach and hands-on mentality of the University of Applied Sciences were the main reasons for making the big step to study in the Netherlands."

Ali
Second year student Horticulture & Business Management



THE FIRST YEAR

Courses

Plant biology • cultivation • entrepreneurship • economics • marketing

Educational activities

Lectures, tutorials, guest lectures, excursions, problem based learning (PBL), group assignments and internships

Study Fees

Visit our website to check the current tuition fees. Indication of the costs of books and excursions in year 1: **€ 500***

*check website for actual fees

Admission Requirements

The admission requirement is a secondary school diploma which is equivalent to a Dutch havo/vwo diploma with the final-year subject mathematics and chemistry. To find out how your secondary school diploma is valued in the Netherlands, check the Country Module for your country of origin on nuffic.nl/en. Curious to know if the programme really fits you? Request the study choice check to your Study Advisor, which is required to complete for the Horticulture & Business Management programme.

English Language Requirements

Students who have completed their previous education in English are exempted from this requirement. All other students need to provide proof that they are proficient in the English language. HAS advises the IELTS language test (ielts.org). Overall band score (academic programme) must be at least 6.0. Other accepted tests by HAS are TOEFL and Cambridge ESOL Certificate, see our website.

Career Prospects

- Plant researcher
- Cultivation consultant
- Quality/export manager
- Plant breeder
- Entrepreneur



"During the whole second year, we carried out an experiment as part of our cultivation project. We compared the growth of peppers in rockwool and an alternative, more sustainable substrate made out of wood. We are still analysing the results, but they look promising!"

Francisco
Second year student Horticulture & Business Management



The Dutch way of teaching: teamwork!

Dutch education focuses on teamwork, which makes it easy to meet other international students. For a large part of your studies you will be working in groups to analyse and solve specific problems. You will also get a chance to get practical work experience through internships or do experiments in laboratories, depending on the field of study.

MY FIRST DUTCH WORDS

DO IT

Play memory against yourself! Cover the right side (Dutch translation), and find out how many Dutch words you already know.

Hello	Hallo	Good morning	Goedemorgen	Good afternoon	Goedemiddag
Good evening	Goedenavond	Bad	Slecht	See you	Tot ziens
Good	Goed	Cosy	Gezellig	Nice	Leuk
Excuse me sir / madam	Pardon meneer / mevrouw	Where is ...	Waar is ...	Please	Alsjeblieft
Thanks	Bedankt / dankjewel	Railway station	Treinstation	The bank	De bank
Supermarket	Supermarkt	Cheese shop	Kaaswinkel	Bike shop	Fietsenwinkel
Bakery	Bakker	Pub	Kroeg	How are you?	Hoe gaat het met je?

HORTICULTURE & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



“A highlight of the study so far has been the numerous visits to companies across many domains of the sector.”

Ali
From: Jordan

Culture shock?

The largest difference for me was how easy it was to move around. In Jordan it is nearly impossible to get around without a car. The public transport in the Netherlands is perfect!

Why the Netherlands?

Firstly, for any native English speaker, it is very appreciated that the country boasts one of the highest English literacy rates. Secondly being in an international hub for Europe and the broader world provides many interesting and diverse options for

both education especially in the life sciences, as well as many options for extracurricular activities in its bustling urban centres.

Why this study programme?

The reputation of the Dutch horticultural sector seemed like the perfect mix of practical knowledge with ample business exposure with different companies and stakeholders.

"A few do's and don'ts to survive your first year at HAS green academy."

Patrick Franklin
From: England, France, Zimbabwe

Do's

- ✓ Get out of the house and get involved in an extra activity.
- ✓ Shop around before buying anything.
- ✓ Ask help from a fellow student and if they can't help you, ask someone else.
- ✓ Try and get a group together to study at the same time. A study group makes studying easier and increases motivation.
- ✓ Hang around after lectures and go for a coffee or a drink with fellow students, instead of rushing home.
- ✓ Learn to enjoy yourself. The years you spend at university are meant to be some of the best years of your life. So, live and enjoy your time here!

Don'ts

- ✓ Try to work too much in terms of your studies or a part-time job.
- ✓ Restrict yourself to groups of friends you already know. Find some new ones.
- ✓ Lose contact with home (family and friends), they make the international transition easier.

A chat with Wes

From: United States of America



"I always had a soft spot in my heart for the Netherlands"

How did you end up at HAS green academy?

Recognising the great importance of food for the survival of every person, I decided I wanted to study crop production and agribusiness in an international study environment. I always had a soft spot in my heart for the Netherlands, since visiting in 2006.

Are you enjoying things at HAS green academy?

Small class sizes make it easy to meet people and make new friends. The lecturers at HAS are all experts who have previously worked in the field. The HAS has a very intimate feel and I really get to know my lecturers academically, as well as personally.

What's the city of 's-Hertogenbosch like for students?

It's a very cozy and quaint city; you always see people you know when cycling/walking through the city. Even for a small city, there is plenty to see and do: there are many bars & cafes in the city centre and plenty of parks for a BBQ when the weather is nice.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

Looking for a room in 's-Hertogenbosch? Besides providing information on how to find a room yourself, HAS green academy offers mediation regarding the renting of furnished student rooms. If you have any questions about finding accommodation, you can contact HAS by email at international@has.nl or check our website at www.has.nl/en/housing.

Immigration

Depending on your nationality and the length of your stay, you may need an entry visa and/or a residence permit to be able to study in the Netherlands. The visa and residence permit application is a combined procedure. HAS green academy will apply for these documents on your behalf through a fast-track procedure. It's not possible to apply for this visa yourself.



LIVING EXPENSES

Living expenses for Bachelor students studying fulltime at HAS green academy are between 800 euros and 1,100 euros per month. A big part of these expenses will go to the rent of your room, this varies between 450 euros and 650 euros per month. Another part of your expenses will be food. You can eat in pubs, but the cheapest way is to cook yourself or together with other students. The remaining part of your expenses will be insurances, books, study trips, travel and leisure. Please be aware that the tuition fee (not applicable for exchange students) is not included in this amount.



More information about our accommodation service can be found on our website.



Facilities

Brightbox

At Brightbox, students work in a real city farming environment. This new way of producing food in an enclosed space, without daylight, is both innovative and exciting!



High-tech greenhouse



Brightbox



Laboratories



Paviljoen cafeteria

Paviljoen cafeteria

Looking for somewhere to have lunch and work together? In addition to the study center, HAS green academy has the Paviljoen cafeteria.



Garden

Laboratories

Laboratories are equipped with broadranging technologies that can be used by the study programmes Food Technology, Animal Husbandry, Applied Biology, Environmental Studies, Food Innovation, Horticulture & Business Management and International Food & Agribusiness.

Going abroad

Brussels, Belgium



A close look into the heart of European political decision-making: the European Parliament and the European Commission. A great opportunity for the students from our international programmes to visit these institutions, and to learn more about key EU (policy) issues that relate to the production, trade and consumption of food in Europe, as well as the functioning of the European Union.



In the second year, International Food & Agribusiness students go abroad to discover what foreign agriculture and food industry look like. In the past students have travelled to: Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam, Italy, Kazakhstan, Morocco and France. During this trip, students delve into the culture of the country via company visits, enjoying local foods and traditions and visiting landmark places within the country. Every year the international excursion is one that students look forward to.

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



Thessaloniki, Greece



Students from the English-taught study programme Horticulture & Business Management and the Dutch equivalent Tuinbouw en akkerbouw visited various companies during their international excursion to either Greece or Germany. These included both protected and open cultivation operations. And, obviously, there was also plenty of time for sight-seeing.

Student



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"During my studies, I discovered the direction I want to follow, the sector that interests me most, and I really saw my plans for the future come to life."

Jil, student Business Administration & Foodbusiness



Student story



Anita

From: South Africa

Studies: Horticulture & Business Management

"Overall, it's a very varied and fascinating course, with students from all over the world."

"Horticulture & Business Management gives you the perfect opportunity to learn about a broad range of topics and to apply your knowledge in real-life situations, including during practicals, projects and internships. The best part is that you often get to decide the topic or company for yourself. Overall, it's a very varied and fascinating course, with students from all over the world."

"I developed into a better version of myself"

"Before joining the International Food & Agribusiness study programme I was a random manager of a shop in London. After I started at the HAS, I developed into a better version of myself. I also met a welcoming family of classmates and lecturers. I think that studying here helped me to discover who I really am and what I love doing. In a few years, I'll graduate and will then try to change the world by using the knowledge and skills I learn during my time here. I really enjoy being here and am sure I'll miss the HAS and s' Hertogenbosch after I graduate."



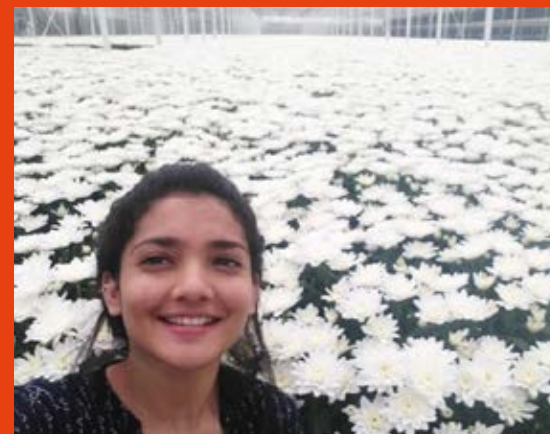
Francesco

From: Italy

Studies: International Food & Agribusiness

"Horticulture & Business Management, therefore, was a perfect match for me."

"I've always found studying biology very fascinating and have been interested in business management since high school. Being brought up with nature, I learnt to appreciate it at an early age and knew that I wanted to pursue it. Horticulture & Business Management, therefore, was a perfect match for me. The Netherlands is one of the leading countries with respect to horticultural development. Therefore, it seemed like a good option to study here and truly understand the Dutch technology and their crop cultivation methods."



Devyani

From: India

Studies: Horticulture & Business Management



EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

HAS green academy is welcoming more and more exchange students each year. With a growing network of partner universities and an increasing number of English-taught courses, the number of incoming exchange students is growing rapidly.

Our students represent a wide variety of nationalities from all over the world. Classes always contain a mix of international and Dutch students. Our HAS Ambassadors are available to personally assist our international students, to ensure their time at HAS gets off to a good start.

Exchange opportunities

HAS green academy offers exchange possibilities in all years. We offer a wide range of English-taught courses within the field of agro, food and living environment. For an overview and detailed descriptions of all the courses available to exchange students, check out our website at has.nl/exchange.

Applying for an exchange

Students from partner universities of HAS green academy can apply for an exchange directly with the International Office of their home university.



CONTACT DETAILS

Students who are interested in taking part in an exchange programme at HAS green academy, or require further information regarding the possibilities, costs and other practicalities should contact HAS by sending an email to studentexchange@has.nl.

“The lecturers are kind and open, and there’s no such thing as hierarchy. There’s a great relationship between students and staff.”

Viola



Students from non-partner universities wishing to apply for a so-called ‘freemover’ exchange should contact the HAS green academy by sending an email to studentexchange@has.nl.

Arranging accommodation

HAS green academy offers an Accommodation Service to help exchange students arrange a furnished private room. More details about this service can be found on page 19 of this magazine.

Fees and other costs

Exchange students, excluding freemovers, do not have to pay any tuition fees at HAS green academy. Students do, however, need to continue to pay tuition fees to their home university. More information about other living expenses can be found on page 19 of this magazine and on our website at has.nl/exchange.

Visas, medical insurance and other practicalities

Nationals from other EU countries do not need a visa to study in the Netherlands. Nationals from most non-EU countries will, however, need an entry visa and/or a residence permit to be able to study in the Netherlands. HAS green academy can help applicants with the visa process and give advice on medical insurance and other practicalities of studying and living in the Netherlands.



Quiz

HAS FACTS

QUESTION 1

What percentage of the Dutch speak English?

- a) 50%
- b) 80%
- c) 90%

QUESTION 4

Lots of international students study in the Netherlands. From how many different countries do students come to the Netherlands to study?

- a) about 120 countries
- b) about 140 countries
- c) about 160 countries

QUESTION 7

After graduating from HAS green academy, a student receives a bachelor's degree. What title does a student hold after completing the International Food & Agribusiness study programme?

- a) Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- b) Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- c) Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

QUESTION 2

The Netherlands is a great country for bikes! You can cycle safely and easily everywhere. How many kilometres of bicycle paths are there in the Netherlands?

- a) about 8,000 kilometres
- b) about 15,000 kilometres
- c) about 37,000 kilometres

QUESTION 5

How long does it take to graduate from a university of applied sciences?

- a) 3 years
- b) 4 years
- c) 5 years

QUESTION 8

After graduating from HAS green academy, a student receives a bachelor's degree. What title does a student hold after completing the Horticulture & Business Management study programme?

- a) Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- b) Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- c) Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

DO IT

How much do you know about HAS green academy? Test your knowledge in this HAS quiz.

QUESTION 3

You can easily travel to the rest of Europe from the Netherlands. How long does the train journey from 's-Hertogenbosch to Paris take?

- a) 4 hours
- b) 5 hours
- c) 6 hours

QUESTION 6

At HAS green academy, students can follow two international study programmes. How many international students study at HAS green academy?

- a) about 110
- b) about 130
- c) about 150

QUESTION 9

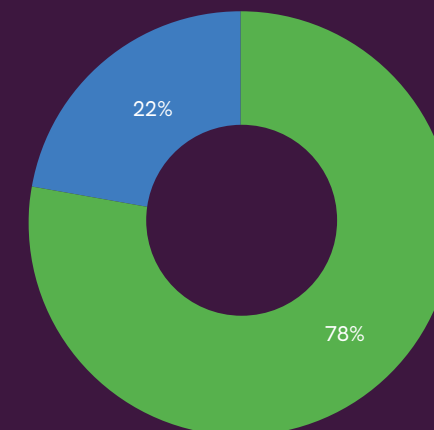
Who organizes fun and interesting activities for international HAS students?

- a) ISA – International Student Association
- b) GU – Gremio Unio
- c) Sustainagear

Answers: 1: C; 2: C; 3: A; 4: C; 5: B; 6: B; 7: B; 8: A; 9: A

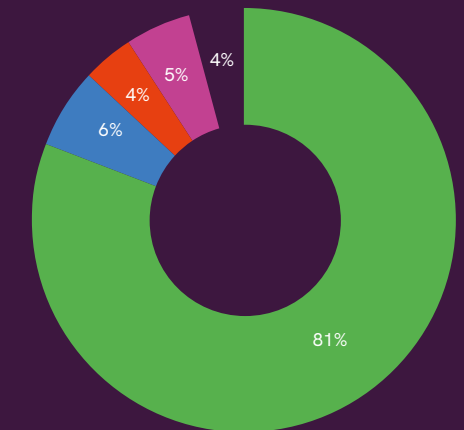
Career opportunities

Graduated? What next?



Work/finding a job	78%
Further study	22%

How quickly did you find a job?



Within 1 month	81%
Within 1-3 months	6%
Within 4-6 months	4%
Within 7-12 months	5%
Longer than 12 months	4%

Employment and gross monthly salary

The majority of HAS graduates start work after their studies. 80% work fulltime and a HAS graduate's average monthly starting salary before tax is € 3.111. Those who go on to further study usually opt for a master's programme at Wageningen University, Tilburg University or a university abroad.

Good job opportunities

Employment prospects at HAS green academy are extremely good; no fewer than 81% of our graduates find a job within a month. 75% find their first job at graduate level. 5% become an independent entrepreneur.

"The trainee programme at Rabobank is a great career start for me!"

Benjamin

Studied: Horticulture & Business Management
Works at: Trainee Food & Agri at Rabobank



Source: HBO-Monitor 2024, survey of graduates of HAS green academy, academic year 2022-2023, n=206



DISCOVER IT

Would you like to learn more about HAS green academy and our bachelor programmes?

We are happy to welcome you at our online events, open days and orientation days.

DO IT > has.nl/en/study-events

