

A young man with long blonde hair and a beard, wearing a light blue denim jacket over a black shirt and khaki pants, is leaning over a row of bicycles. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. He has a black backpack on. The background shows a clear blue sky with some white contrails, green trees, and a white building. The bicycles are parked in a row, and the scene is brightly lit by sunlight.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**AVANS UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

2018/2019

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL.

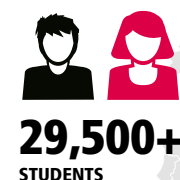


There is no victory without struggle.

Although this may seem like a big cheesy cliché you would find on a tile in your grandma's kitchen, your sisters Pinterest board or your daily Insta feed, it is also a cold hard truth.

And we at Avans believe in this truth wholeheartedly. That's why we expect a lot from our students. We expect you to be all in, keep working at it, constantly pushing yourself to be the best you can be and surprise yourself of what you are capable of.

In return, you will get top quality education and our undivided personal attention, support and dedication to help you find and unlock your true potential. So that after four years of striving and thriving you will not only have gained a Bachelor's degree with great prospects on the international job market, but you will also have an unshakable confidence and that sweet taste of victory.



27
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
PROGRAMMES

12
LOCATIONS

3 CITY
CAMPUSES
BRED
'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
TILBURG

80+

STUDENT
NATIONALITIES

800+
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS



250+
international
partners in

50+
countries



8

INTERNATIONAL
DEGREE
PROGRAMMES

20

SCHOOLS



QUALIFICATION:

- ★ Best University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands (Keuzegids HBO 2017)
- ★ University of Applied Sciences with the most top-ranked programmes (Elsevier 2016)
- ★ AISHE sustainability certificate for all schools. The second most sustainable University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands.

AVANS

For the past several years, Avans has been consistently ranked as the best in its class by Dutch weekly Elsevier Magazine and by Keuzegids HBO, one of the Netherlands' leading higher education guides. Avans is the first university of applied sciences in the Netherlands to offer only AISHE-certified full-time study programmes. This shows sustainability in education, research and business is a top priority at Avans. We will encourage and expect you to continuously challenge yourself and to strive for the best possible results. Our educational methods are intensive and our teaching style is hands-on. This means you will receive ample attention and targeted, personal guidance from our lecturers and advisors. We thoroughly prepare you for the rigorous demands of the international working world.



INTERNATIONAL

Avans has a strong international focus. We have more than 200 highly-ranked partner universities and organisations all over the world. In some schools, more than half of our teaching staff originates from outside the Netherlands, and we aim for an international classroom.

With our proximity to metropolitan cities such as Amsterdam and Brussels, Avans offers you a thriving international environment. This will enable you to benefit from knowledge exchange and teach you to view situations from different cultural perspectives. The intercultural environment will transform you into an open-minded professional with a global perspective.



OUR WAY OF TEACHING

Avans was one of the first universities in the Netherlands to implement the project-based learning method. This method centres on student interaction and teamwork. As a student, you will work in small groups on assignments and practical projects derived from the work field.

Our education prepares you for a specific profession. That is why we integrate the professional field into the programme when possible. Most lecturers bring their work experience into the classroom by using practical and timely examples from their field of expertise. Experts from the professional field give guest lectures and serve on advisory boards to make sure our study programmes remain up to date and connected to the professional field. You will spend a significant part of your bachelor's degree programme in the work field. You will perform a work placement and a graduation internship in different international organisations that are directly related to your study programme.

You will study at an institution that is also actively involved in practical research. In our centres of expertise we contribute to the innovation of the professional practice on specific themes via research projects. For example, our Centre of Expertise Biobased Economy sends students to our partner universities in Brazil for an internship or graduation project. Other students are involved in research projects with the centre and affiliate companies on topics such as reuse of waste streams and biobased energy.



CAREER

According to our most recent records, about 90% of our alumni found their first job within 3 months after graduating. Competitive starting salaries are offered to our students depending on the company and position. Hundreds of companies visit our campus twice a year. Many of the work placements and internships these companies offer enable our students to progress into full-time positions after graduation.

PROGRAMMES

Avans offers the following four-year international Bachelor's degree programmes. After successfully completing one of them, you can pursue a Master's degree, such as MSc, MA or MBA, in any university globally, or else start your international career.

Bachelor's degree programmes

- International Business and Management Studies prepares you for a managerial role in an international organisation. This programme has been ranked among the top 3 in the Netherlands for the last 5 years. Upon graduation you will receive the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA).
- International Financial Management provides you the knowledge of how to organise, implement and monitor the financial activities of international organisations. You will learn everything about finance, accountancy, management and economics. Upon graduation you will receive the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA).
- Environmental Science for Sustainable Energy and Technology teaches you all about analysing and solving environmental issues by performing activities such as investigating new energy sources or improving air, water or soil quality. Upon graduation you will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science (BSc).
- Industrial Engineering and Management teaches you how to maintain all kinds of technical systems that are part of, for example, aircraft, power plants or drilling platforms. Upon graduation you will receive the degree of Bachelor of Engineering (BE).

"The thing I especially like is the way applied science is taught at Avans. There is a good mix between theory and practical work. We get theory in class, take tests and exams. Simultaneously, we need to put our knowledge to work in project teams where we work on projects centred on various topics. Each project takes up to 10 weeks and is based on real-life global issues. This project work equips us with the knowledge and skills we need to work on big projects in the field of environmental science in the future." **Django Milner Vaas – British (ESSET)**



FACILITIES

Avans has 3 campuses, which are situated in the cities of Breda, 's-Hertogenbosch and Tilburg. All English-taught Bachelor's degree programmes are offered in Breda, home to our largest campus. Avans has very modern learning facilities, including technical facilities, research laboratories, extensive libraries, as well as group and individual work spaces.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must have prior qualifications equivalent to Dutch higher general education (havo) or pre-university education (vwo) level to be eligible for admission. In addition, you need to have English-language skills equivalent to IELTS 6.0. Please check our website for all details and specific requirements per programme.

STEPS OF YOUR APPLICATION

Registration
online via
Studielink

Submit
required
documents
online

Digital intake
assessments
and interview

Preparation
(housing,
insurance,
visa, books)

Welcome &
introduction

Practical
matters
(opening a
bank account,
registering at
city hall)

PRACTICAL MATTERS

There are a few important practical matters you will have to arrange before and upon your arrival in the Netherlands. You start by registering online via Studielink. For your application, you will have to submit the documents we require to complete your application file. If your application file shows that you meet the admission requirements you will be invited to take part in the intake assignments. These assignments show whether the study programme is the right fit for you. During an online interview you will have the opportunity to discuss your results with a faculty staff member and ask any questions you may have regarding the university or the programme.

As soon as you are officially accepted, the International Office starts the visa application procedures as soon as you have sent all the required documents. Make sure you have additional health insurance for your stay in the Netherlands. Please arrange accommodation with support of our International Office before your arrival. Make sure you bring your original birth certificate with you to the Netherlands. Upon your arrival, we will help you to open a bank account and apply for a residence permit if applicable.



TUITION FEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fee of the academic year 2018/2019 for EEA students is € 2,060 and for non-EEA students it is € 7,716. Avans offers the Holland Scholarship programme to non-EEA students. Please visit our website for more information.

FEELING AT HOME

At Avans, we are aware that studying abroad is a significant step. We believe it is our responsibility to help you feel at home as much as possible. The staff at the International Office is committed to supporting you during your stay in the Netherlands. The introduction programme will offer you the chance get to know your fellow Dutch and international students. You will also be introduced to a study buddy, who will help you find your way around Breda and can help you sort out practical matters such as opening a bank account, finding the nearest supermarket and buying a bicycle.

COSTS

The costs of text books vary between € 300 and € 750 for the first year, depending on the programme. Below you will find an overview of monthly living expenses. Please bear in mind that these figures are estimates for a single student.

Rent: € 300 - € 600

Insurance: € 85

Food and drink: € 350

Mobile phone: € 20

"I chose Industrial Engineering and Management because I wanted to pursue a practically oriented study programme in a technical environment. I like the practical approach of the programme, which includes many company visits, projects and work placements at different corporations and in various industries. Due to the strong ties with the professional field the career prospects are excellent. After my work placement I continued to work as a Project Assistant for Management and Operations at DELTA Netwerkgroep, a company specialising in energy infrastructures."

Vilius Rasickis – Lithuanian (IEM)

LIVING

Most students in the Netherlands do not live on campus. Instead, they rent a shared apartment in the city where they study. This offers them the possibility to share accommodation with students from their own and other universities. There are a large number of student flats in Breda. Avans also has student accommodation available and can help you find a place to live. The favourite and most commonly used mode of transportation for Dutch people in general and students in particular is the bicycle. Even the Prime Minister of the Netherlands rides his bike to work. Also, the flat landscape and well-constructed infrastructure for cyclists make it easy to adopt the bike as the main mode of transportation in the city. The wind just adds to the fun.

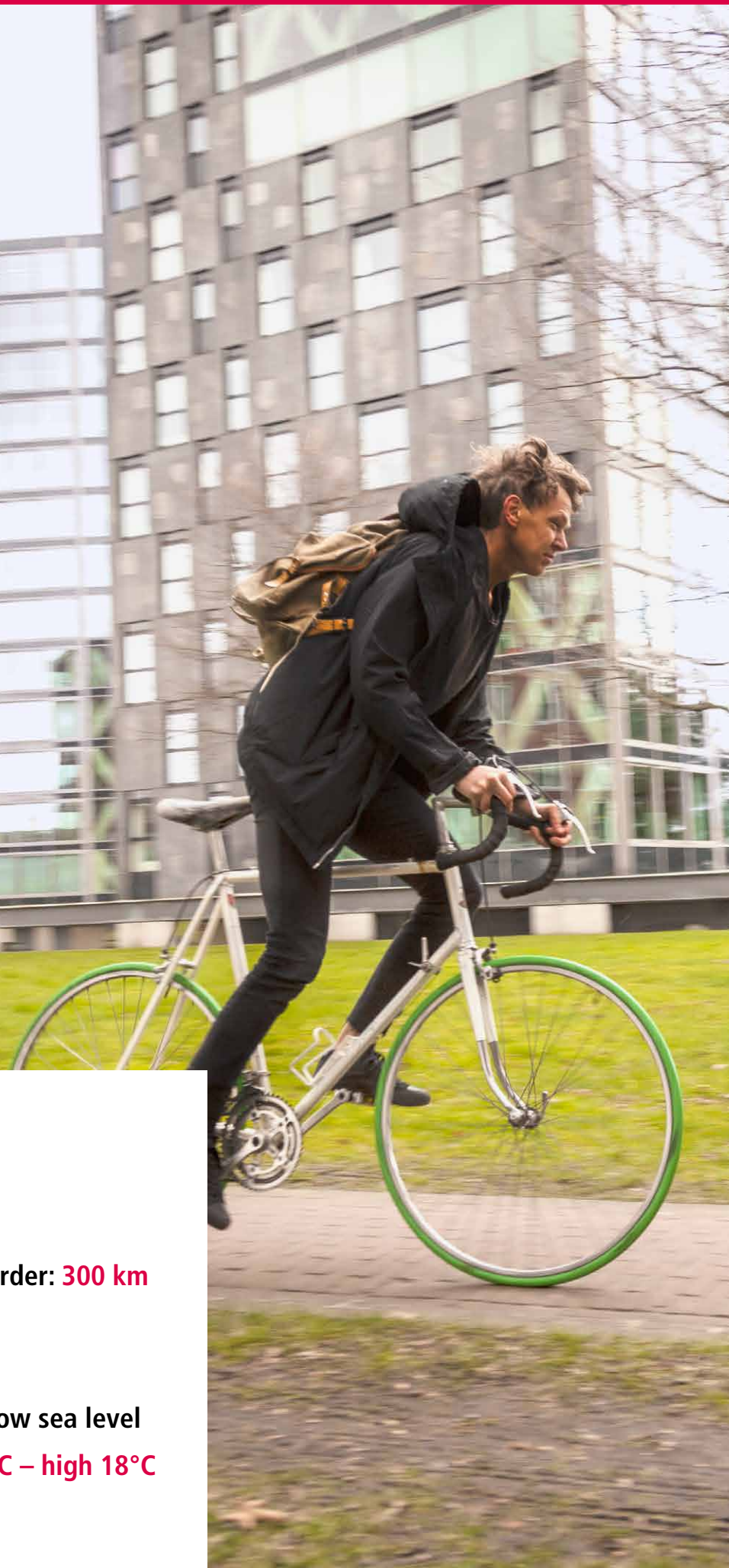
STUDENT LIFE

Breda boasts 2 universities and is home to the Dutch military academy. This attract many students, making it a vibrant student city. A number of Breda-based student associations bring students together for a range of exciting activities, including student excursions, sports events, freshers' activities and Christmas gala balls. Top places to socialise include Valkenberg Park, terraces on Grote Markt square, MEZZ concerts and various festivals such as Breda Jazz Festival, Redhead Days, Breda Live and Kingsday. Breda has a sports association just for students: BRESS. BRESS has its own student sports centre in Breda and also cooperates with sports clubs throughout the city, offering more than 30 sports to its student members.



FACTS AND FIGURES

- **17 million** inhabitants
- **19 million** bicycles
- **41,528 km²** total surface area
- Longest distance border to border: **300 km**
- Tallest people in the world
- Highest point: **323 meters**
- Lowest point: **6.76 meters** below sea level
- Average temperatures: **low 3°C – high 18°C**



THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands offers so much more than its beloved windmills, traditional wooden clogs and sprawling tulip fields. In fact, it is known for its high standard of living and a working culture that fosters first-class innovation and efficiency. As you approach the Netherlands by air, you can see the powerful, gigantic wind turbines at work and the vast, intricate canal system that has been constructed to prevent sea floods. Much of this technology is replicated all over the world. Despite its relatively small size, the Netherlands prides itself on the important role it plays in world politics and the global economy. Several household names, such as Shell, Philips, ING, Unilever, ABN AMRO and AzkoNobel, happen to be Dutch multinational companies. Furthermore, major global non-governmental organisations (NGOs) such as Greenpeace, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice are all based in the Netherlands.

THE DUTCH

The Dutch mindset of being open-minded and tolerant has deep historical roots. For centuries, the Dutch have been establishing longstanding trading networks and have welcomed foreigners into the fold of Dutch culture which is now home to over 200 different nationalities. Although Dutch is the national language, the level of English proficiency is very high. Many inhabitants also speak a third and fourth language, usually German and French. Additionally, strong Dutch traits are being forthright, open and frank: a Dutch person is never afraid to speak their mind and are not easily offended.



BREDA

Breda is a lively, historic city with 170,000 inhabitants located in the south of the Netherlands. The combination of a rich history, countless activities and the presence of many students make Breda a vibrant place to live. The top sights in Breda include the splendid Grand Church, the renovated Castle of Breda, the still inhabited Begijnhof Monastery, Ginneken square, Museum of the Image and the Castle Bouvigne.

Breda is located close to cities such as Paris (426 km), London (410 km) and Berlin (683 km), but it also surrounded by many forests and other scenic areas which provide you with abundant hiking and biking opportunities. Similar to the rest of the Netherlands, Breda has a relatively low level of violence and street crime. The police are friendly, helpful and committed to protect and serve Dutch society.



Gemeente Breda



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