

## **Destination Information**

Consider the following: the earth is home to 7.4 billion people, making the Dutch population of 17.05 million seem miniscule by comparison. These 17 million are only 0.232 percent of the world's population, and yet the Netherlands is still the world's seventh largest exporting country and Dutch higher education enjoys a worldwide reputation for its high quality. This is something you will also notice in the people's mentality; they are outgoing, open-minded, and internationally-oriented. The Netherlands was the first non-English-speaking country to offer courses taught in English – and better yet, most people on the street will have no problems speaking English with you as well. Rotterdam accommodates more than 630,000 people and no less than 174 different nationalities. Eighty percent of the population speaks English as a second language. Moreover, the city is a center for international interchange of art, culture, sport and science. And with one of the country's most impressive skyline, Rotterdam is often referred to as 'Manhattan on the Maas'. But it is also a gateway to the rest of Europe. All in all, it is a perfect destination for your exchange!

# Language requirements

We offer a wide range of English language courses for exchange students. To be successful in the studies at the Erasmus University students' level has to be on par with a TOEFL score 580 in the paper test, 237 in the computer based test or 92 in the internet based test or IELTS 7.0 overall.

## Academic Opportunities (courses & subjects)

Students can attend our programmes from their sophomore year onwards. Our course offer in Arts and Culture Studies, History and Communication and Media can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Course Load: 60 ECTS per year/ 30 ECTS per full semester / 15 ECTS per term (1 ECTS = 28 hours study load)

Dutch language: Optional Dutch courses offered before or during the semester at additional cost covered by the student. More information is available at the EUR website.

## **Academic Calendar & Application**

Semester 1	September – start of February*	Application Deadline: 1 May
Semester 2	start of February – end of June	Application Deadline: 1 October
Full Year	September – June	Nomination Deadline: 1 May

<sup>\*</sup> In case your semester at home starts in January, there are possibilities to finalize the semester earlier.

The exact dates of the Academic Calendar are available here

Check the website for the **Application Procedures** and instructions.



### **Practical Information**

**FINANCES** 

**Tuition**: No tuition to EUR **Housing**: ±€600 per month

Health Insurance: It is mandatory by Dutch law to have health insurance (±€55. For more information, visit the FUR website).

Additional Costs: Flight, books and materials, personal expenses, additional travel, spending money, and any fees associated with the host institution are not included in tuition fee. To get an idea of the cost of living in the Netherlands, visit the EUR website.

#### Housing

Both <u>on- and off-campus student housing</u> is offered. Accommodation is not guaranteed by the university, but students will be assisted to find housing.

#### VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT

A residence permit is required for international students from outside the EU / EEA who intend to stay in the Netherlands for more than three months. Costs and more information can be found on the EUR website.

## **University Life**

FACILITIES: Erasmus University Rotterdam offers a wide range of campus facilities and services ranging from the sports building to the <u>Language & Training Centre</u>, as well as catering facilities, shops, banks, a prayer room and several libraries. Recently the campus was renovated, now hosting atheatre, oncampus housing, and a <u>food court</u>. Further construction will take place to build a better campus.

EXCURSIONS / ACTIVITIES: Besides the introduction activities organized by the faculty, students can enjoy numerous activities throughout the year such as social drinks, trips to various places in the Netherlands, music sessions etc. organized by ESN-Rotterdam as well as SG Erasmus.

EXCHANGE MENTOR PROGRAMME: Exchange Students will be assigned a buddy.

#### Contact

WEBSITES

ESHCC Incoming Exchange EUR University (general) EUR University (international students)

