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The Netherlands as a European Study Hub: What Counselors Should Know



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Why the Netherlands?



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Peace of Mind

Quality assurance: Accreditation by NVAO

Dutch degrees recognized abroad: portable credential

Everyone speaks English

340+ bachelor programmes taught in English

Safe and inclusive country



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Student Experience

Warm welcome: orientation weeks

Many student clubs and associations

International classroom experience

Doorstep of Europe

Student support





Career Opportunities

Government encourages students to stay and work:

- European passport: no visa required to work
- Non-European passport: Orientation year

Major multinational companies:

- ASML, Heineken, Philips, Unilever
- Opportunities in microchip industry

Many NGO's:

- International Criminal Court, UN, NATO



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Cost of Attendance

Value for money

Fees based on passport:

European: EU, EEA, Switzerland subsidized

Non-European



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What can you study?



Educational philosophy

Everyone has a *right* to higher education, fit for their specific interests and talents.

Consequences:

- Different types of higher education
- Most programmes are non-selective. If you meet the diploma requirements, you can enrol.
- Admission requirements are often , but not always, lower.
- Selection *after* the gate, Binding Study Advice



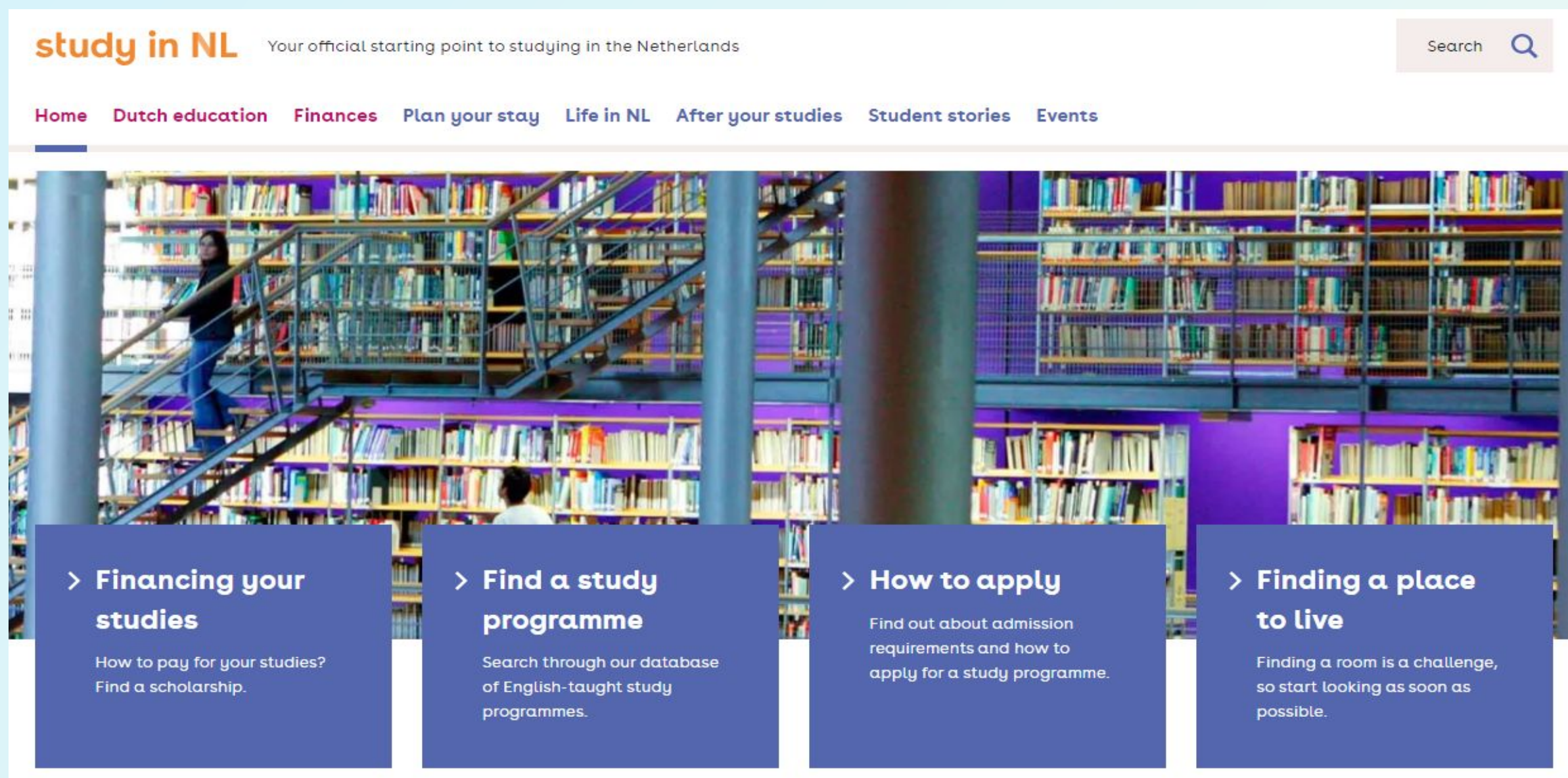
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Types of degrees?

- Focused degrees (BSc, BA, LLB)
 - One discipline
 - Become a specialist
 - In-depth Bachelor's followed by specialized Master's.
- Multi- and interdisciplinary (BSc, BA)
 - Multiple academic disciplines
 - Flexibility in curriculum, for example: Liberal Arts & Sciences, PPLE
 - Specialization after Bachelor's in Master's



Find your programme



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Find your programme – www.studyfinder.nl

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Find your study programme

Independent and up-to-date overview of English-taught programmes in the Netherlands

Find a study Search

1990 programmes (of 1990 programmes)

< Use the filters on the left Sorted by: Relevance

Type of programme

- ☐ Bachelor 484
- ☐ Master 1287
- ☐ Other 41
- ☐ Short or summer course 178

Field of study

- ☐ Agriculture and environment 69
- ☐ Economics, commerce, management and accounting 288

Creative Business

 Inholland University of Applied Sciences

 Bachelor  Den Haag  4 years

Contemporary Literature and Arts: Cultural Interventions and Social Justice

 Maastricht University



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Dutch education system

**Universities of Applied
Sciences**

Professional higher education

**Research
Universities**

Academic education



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Research Universities

Research University

- Academic education
- 3 year Bachelor's program, often followed by 1 or 2-year Master's program
- Final research thesis required
- Learning style: fast-paced, in-depth, high volume of material, learning the why's and theories of how, independent learning

More than 200 English-taught programmes, including:



University Colleges: Liberal Arts & Sciences



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University of Applied Sciences

Universities of Applied Sciences

- Professional higher education: training for the labour market
- 4 year Bachelor's programs (some 3-year accelerated tracks possible)
- Includes one or more internships
- Learning style: hands-on, applied, less academic/theoretical, less independent learning and more class time

More than 200 English-taught programmes, including:

Comprehensive
Institutions

Music
Conservatories

Hotelschools

Fine Arts
academies



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What's right for you?

- In many cases, the subject determines your opportunities
- Good fit for Research University:
 - You enjoy gaining in-depth knowledge
 - You like critical thinking and in-depth discussion
 - You are able to work well independently
 - You are considering completing a Master's degree or even PhD
- Good fit for University of Applied Sciences:
 - You thrive when you are learning by doing
 - You succeed in environments with more structure and guidance
 - You are interested in entering the labour market directly after your Bachelor's



Tips for the binary system

Universities of Applied Science

- Focus on learning by doing - NOT vocational
- For students who enjoy hands-on learning such as in CAS in the IB

Research Universities

- For students who love to know why things happen/work/are the way they are - i.e. those who enjoyed TOK in the IBDP
- Students with an affinity for in-depth knowledge and discussion, academic rigor, critical thinking and an independent streak
- University Colleges: an interest in being part of a community, academic high fliers, motivated for LAS



How to apply?



Diplomas generally accepted...

...by Research Universities

- International Baccalaureate (full) Diploma
- 3 A-levels, minimum grades of C or higher
- American High School Diploma, with 3-4 AP exams with minimum score, possibly minimum GPA required
- and many others

...by Universities of Applied Sciences

- IBDP and IBCP
- GCSE in 4 subjects (A* to C or 9 to 4) AND GCE with 2 relevant subjects at AS level (A* to C), including English and mathematics; OR
GCE with 2 relevant subjects at advanced level (D-E), including English and mathematics.
- GCSE in 3 subjects (A* to C or 9 to 4) + GCE with 3 relevant subjects at A - level (A* to C)
- American High School Diploma



Further requirements?

Check if the program has further admission requirements:

- Specific subjects required?
- Minimum scores required?
- English language requirements:
 - TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge accepted
 - Some diploma's give exemptions
- And other possibilities. These can differ per university and per program!

Next step, check:

- Is there a (mandatory) matching procedure?
- Does the programme have a selection process?



Does your programme have a selection process?

- Talent-based selection
- Small-scale & intensive programs
- Numerus Fixus

Check the **requirements** and **deadlines** of the **study programme** on the university **website** !



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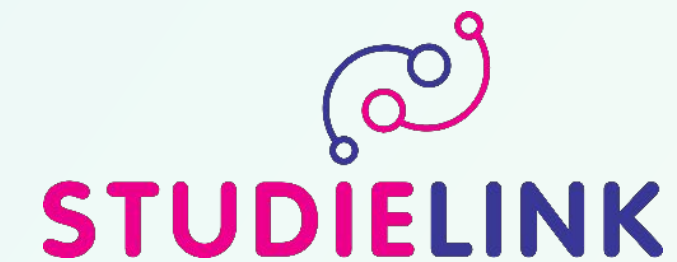
Application



No centralized procedures or deadlines

Every university has their own application process and deadlines

Centralized national student administration system:



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Application

How to apply?

1. Read the application instructions on the **programme website**.
2. Follow the instructions: complete and submit the application per programme.
3. Remember: total of 4 applications in Studielink, restriction of 2 NF



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Special note: Medicine and Psychology

- Very competitive, few places available

Psychology

- Clinical psychology a licensed profession in many countries, may not always practice in public health system of another country
- Master is required to be a therapist/counselor
- Limited number of masters in this area in English and many have few places
- Very difficult to find internships to complete practice hours

Medicine

Currently not available in English

****Check programme websites for details***



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Practicalities



Competitive tuition fees

Fees are based on nationality, not residency*

- EU/EEA – subsidized tuition fees; determined by Dutch government
- Non-EU/EEA – higher tuition fees but still competitive; determined by institution

Tuition fees 2027-2028 Academic year**

- EU/EEA: € 2,771
Exceptions: Some “small-scale and intensive programmes” have higher fees, up to €6,000
- Non-EU/EEA: € 7,000 - € 23,000

Few scholarships/funding available – check per programme

EU/EEA students who work 32+ hours a month are entitled to student finance.

* In some cases permanent EU residents qualify for EU subsidized fees; check with institution when applying

** fees are subject to change



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Living expenses

Students spend an average of € 900 – 2,210 per month*

Housing	€ 300 – 1,200
Food	€ 250 – 500
Transport	€ 40 – 100
Insurance / Healthcare	€ 80 – 120
Books / study materials	€ 50 - 60
Sports and social activities	€ 100 - 150
Other	€ 80

*depending on city and lifestyle



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Housing

Characteristics of the Dutch housing landscape:

- ***It is the student's responsibility to find housing****
- Housing is not owned or managed by universities
- Housing organisations/foundations or private landlords
- Many different types of facilities
- Dorms and meal plans are not typical
- Demand is significantly more than supply of rooms
- Costs vary significantly depending on city and facilities – €300-1200 Euro/month

**exception is residential programmes such as some University Colleges, and a small number of other programmes*



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Housing

How to start?

- Make an inventory of how housing works at the university/cities to which you are applying
- Follow their instructions and information provided
- Use all channels available to you – social media, housing platforms, other tips and tricks
- Consider short-term options and accommodation outside city centers – don't be picky!
- ***Start EARLY, make it your PRIORITY***

Important:

- ***Arrange your accommodation prior to arrival***
- Don't arrive homeless or without a minimum short-term solution already arranged



University Visits Scheduled:

- Maastricht
- Leiden University College
- Leiden University
- Hotel School of the Hague - Hague
- Hotel School of the Hague - Amsterdam
- Tio Business School
- University College Utrecht

Friday, March 27th - 3:00 PM - AIR EUROPA AUSPYK - Arrive AMS to Rotterdam

- 3:00 PM: Flight arrives from Madrid (likely at Schiphol/AMS).
- The Route: Follow signs in Schiphol to the "Trains." Buy a ticket to Rotterdam Daak (use the Intercity Direct for a faster 25-minute trip).
- Check-in: Motel One Rotterdam. It is a short walk or quick tram ride from the station. Motel One - Rotterdam Reservation number: 6207678226
- Evening: Grab dinner near the Markthal to see the architecture early.

Saturday, March 28th - Motel One Rotterdam
ROTTERDAM

- 2:00 PM: meet in front of Rotterdam business school, Daniela [Avramova](#)
- RUAS has an open day, and since we share a campus with Rotterdam Business School which is part of RUAS (at Kralingse Zoom/Woudestein Campus), it should be a nice opportunity to look around. Our facilities (aside from the sports centre) will still be closed, but we can get coffee at the Rotterdam Business School café)) University College (EUC), Location: Nieuwemarkt 1A (City Center).
- 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (RUAS)- Location: Multiple campuses, but most international business/arts programs are at the Kralingse Zoom or Wijnhaven locations.
 - Willem de Kooning Academy (part of RUAS) is right in the center at Wijnhaven.
- 6:00 PM: ISP Alumni Event at Stadshaven Brewery. Since you're heading to Stadshaven Brewery (M4H district) on Saturday, don't just take the Metro. Catch a Yellow Water Taxi from Leuvehaven to the brewery. It's a cheap, high-speed thrill with the best view of the skyline.
- Getting there: Take the Metro Line B toward Hoek van Holland and hop off at Marconiplein. It's a 10-minute walk from there.

Sunday, March 29th - Skotel The Hague: Check in: Sunday March 29th Check Out: Tuesday March 31st / 1 Room Double Occupancy Breakfast Included
Travel to MAASTRICHT

- Travel: Rotterdam Centraal to [Maastricht](#) (2 hours).
- 2:15pm at Wycker Cabinet with Vicky and Eric.
- Travel Back: Maastricht to [Den Haag Centraal](#) (2.5 hours).
- Check-in: Skotel Hotel Hague.

Monday, March 30th - Skotel The Hague: Check in: Sunday March 29th Check Out: Tuesday March 31st / 1 Room Double Occupancy Breakfast Included
HAGUE

- Anne Kuijs a.kuijs@luc.leidenuniv.nl (Leiden University College)
- Carolyn Barr c.j.barr@bb.leidenuniv.nl (Leiden University)
 - Take train to Leiden
 - 10:00-11:30 Leiden: meet with Deeksha in historical city center (if you would also like to see our Faculty of Science, we could meet earlier) LOCATION: Rapenburg 70
 - 11:30-1:30 On your own: experience the historical city of Leiden, have lunch and take the train to The Hague
 - 1:30-2:30 The Hague: visit with Anne at Leiden University College - LOCATION: Anna van Burenplein 301 in The Hague
 - 2:30-4:00 The Hague: visit Campus The Hague's Wijnhaven and Spui locations in the city center, with student ambassadors

Tuesday, March 31 (Hotel in Hague - Covered by Hotel School of the Hague) city centre The Hague next to Leiden university and train central station
HAGUE

- 11:00 School Visit Hotelschool The Hague Campus and Lunch
- TU Delft in the Afternoon

Wednesday, April 1: TIO Business School Amsterdam (Hotel covered by Tio)
Park Inn by Radisson Amsterdam City West
AMSTERDAM

- 10-12 am: TIO Business School Tour e.vanheijst@tio.nl
- The hotel is less than a 10-minute walk from our campus and is located right next to Amsterdam Sloterdijk station (Amsterdam's second-largest train station).
- 1 pm: Jose at Amsterdam Applied Sciences 316 42600362

- Corry Tendeloohuis (Fraijjemaborg 133, 1102 CV Amsterdam) next to Bijlmer Arena train and metro station. After entering the building, take a seat near the reception and I'll make sure to meet you there.
- Dinner at HotelSchool Hague fine dining (head to Hague in train)

Thursday, April 2 - Skotel Amsterdam: Check in: Thursday April 2nd Check Out: Friday April 3rd / 1 Room Double Occupancy Breakfast Included.
AMSTERDAM

- Kim Zwitserloot K.R.L.Zwitseroot1@uu.nl
- 2 PM - Visit: University College Utrecht (UCU) College Hall part of campus
- Route: From Utrecht Centraal, take Tram 20, 21, or 22 to "P+R Science Park."
- Check-in: Skotel Amsterdam (Hotelschool Amsterdam).

Friday, April 3 - CITIZEN M SCHIPOL HOTEL
AMSTERDAM

- Amsterdam Applied Sciences

Saturday, April 4: Fly back to Madrid, Madrid to PTY
7:20-10:05 AM - IBERIA PMW1V
Luggage 23kg + 15kg (89.78)

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