



# Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Handbook incoming exchange students

**2017**  
**2018**

**exceed** expectations



**ROTTERDAM  
UNIVERSITY**

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APPLIED SCIENCES

## Do you want to exceed expectations?

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool Rotterdam) is located in the western part of the Netherlands, which is also home to the biggest harbor in Europe. Rotterdam University hosts approximately 30.000 students at this moment. Numbers are still rising and you could be part of that!

Next to bachelor degrees, Rotterdam University also offers master degrees and exchange programmes. There are 13 different faculties, the so-called 'Schools', offering a wide range of programmes and the University has 7 different campus locations throughout the city of Rotterdam.

The students of Rotterdam University can use the wide range of facilities offered by the university on every location, such as access to free computer and internet, excellent library services and student cafeterias.

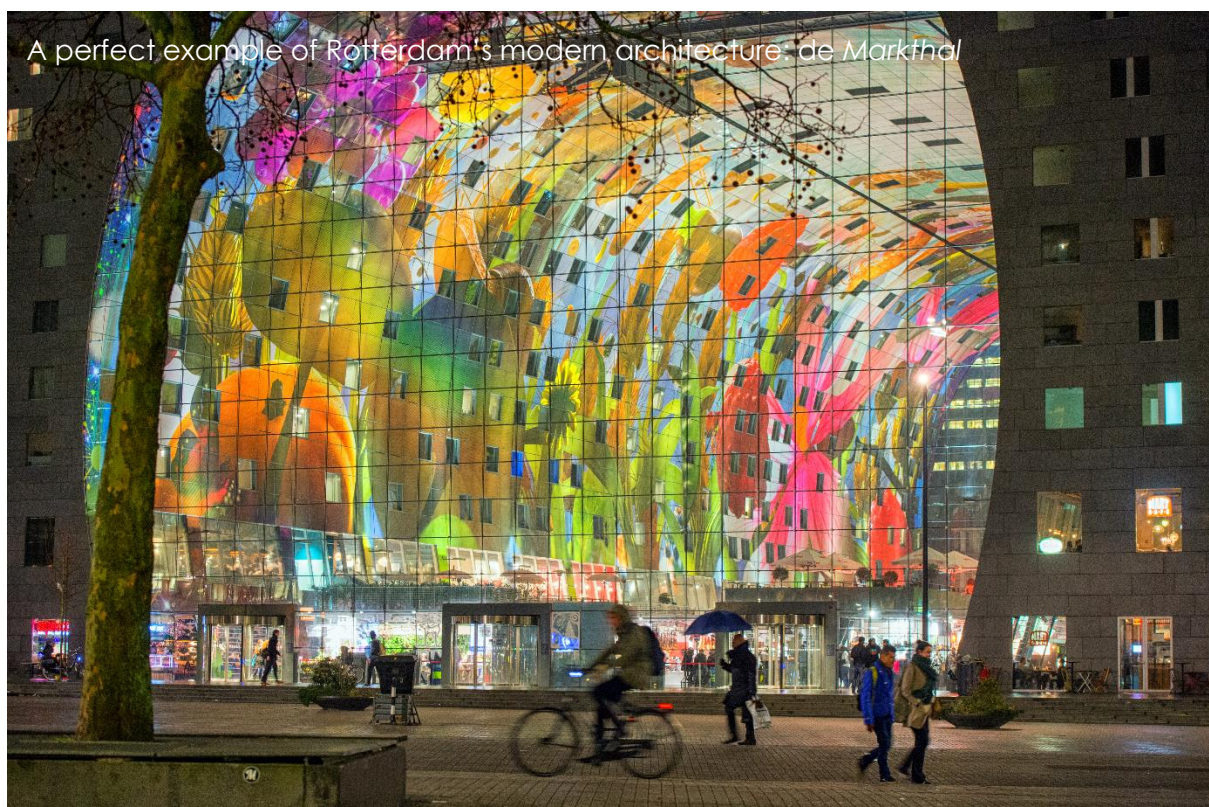
In addition to this, the city of Rotterdam is very attractive for students. It is a dynamic city bustling with activity. Attractions, festivals, concerts, theatre performances and events take place the whole year round in the modern city centre. Rotterdam has a wide range of museums, cafés, restaurants and other places of entertainment, what makes it a perfect university city.

Are you ready to join us? Read more about the programmes offered by Rotterdam University and about the Netherlands in general in this handbook.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences!

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A perfect example of Rotterdam's modern architecture: de Markthal

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## Welcome to the Netherlands!

*Groot geworden door klein te blijven*

This is what the Dutch say and what can be translated into 'Become big by staying small'. Although the Netherlands is small in size, it has a rich cultural tradition and is today one of the world's most prosperous countries.

For decades the country's historical ties with other parts of the world has brought foreigners to settle in the Netherlands, bringing some of their own ideas and cultures. This makes the Dutch generally open-minded and tolerant. The Dutch society is now home to over 190 different nationalities.

### Facts & Figures

Surface area:	41.528 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	17 million
Capital city:	Amsterdam
Official language:	Dutch
Currency:	Euro
Highest point:	323m (Vaalserberg)
Lowest point:	-6,7m (Nieuwerkerk aan den IJssel)

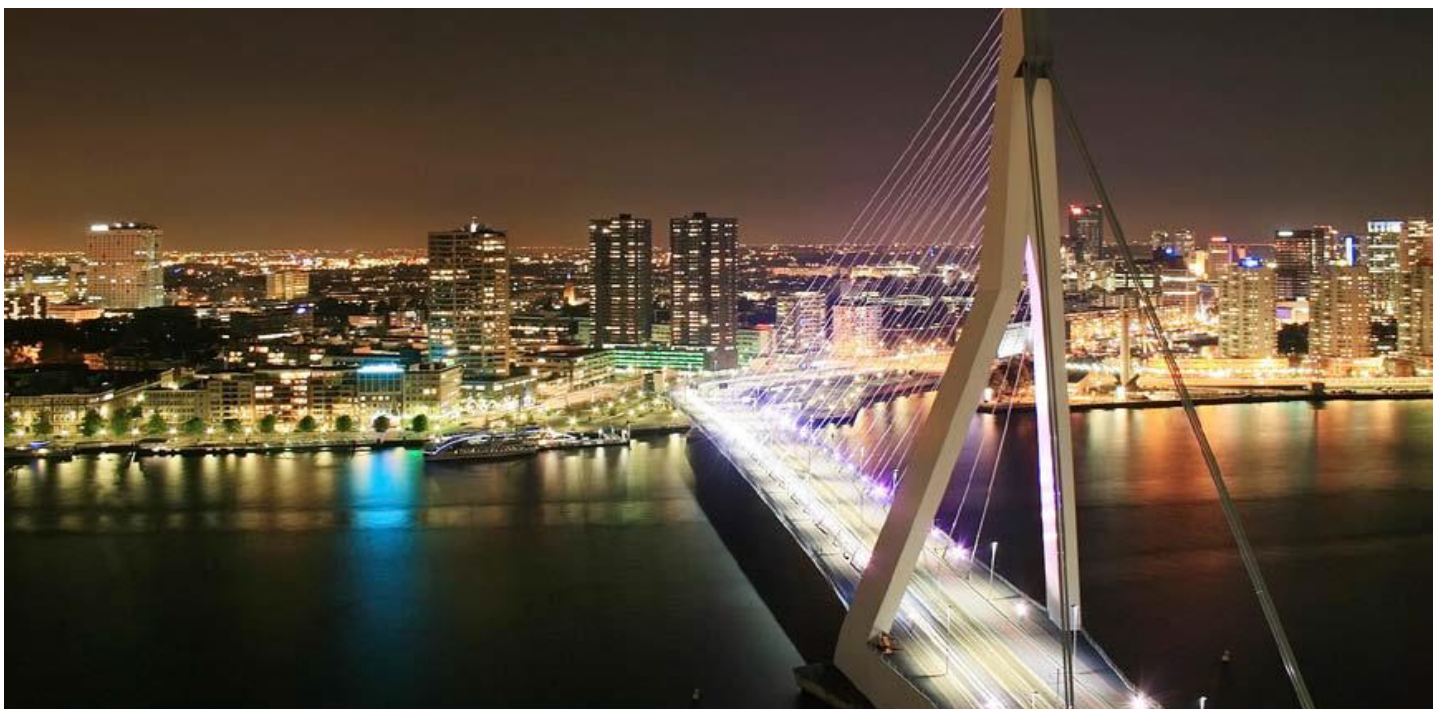
### Rotterdam

Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe and a multicultural city in the western part of the Netherlands.

It is the second largest Dutch city with more than 600.000 inhabitants.

Rotterdam was founded in the mid 13th century after a dam had been constructed in the river Rotte on the site of the present Hoogstraat. Rotterdam received municipal rights in 1340 and over the centuries Rotterdam grew from a fishing village into an international centre of trade, transport, industry and distribution. At the beginning of the Second World War, on 14 May 1940, virtually the entire city centre was devastated by German bombs. This explains why there are scarcely any pre-war buildings in this part of Rotterdam. After the war, reconstruction of what had been destroyed was given the highest priority.

Now, almost seventy years later, a new, modern city centre has risen from the ashes. Rotterdam has become a dynamic city bustling with activity. The avant-garde architecture is famous at home and abroad. In 2017 numerous international media outlets (CNN, Vogue, The Huffington Post, New York Magazine) have published articles about Rotterdam, advising to visit it and calling it "Europe's next capital of cool".



## Higher education in the Netherlands

The higher educational system in the Netherlands consists of two types of higher education: Research Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences. The education at a Research University has a more theoretical approach whereas a University of Applied Sciences combines theoretical with practical work to enforce a good foundation for working life and preparing students directly for specific professions.

### Rotterdam University

Rotterdam University is a University of Applied Sciences and ranked among the top five of such universities in the country in terms of size. It is a truly multidisciplinary University which is able to offer the most important courses in every sector (with the exception of agricultural studies). No matter what exchange programme you choose, there will always be a clear emphasis on practice.

There are set assessment periods at Rotterdam University. Usually a final grade consists of an average of grades given for project work, presentations and tests. Resits are possible at the end of the semester. If you receive a grade lower than 5.5 (out of 10) you have failed the course and you need to take a resit.

### ECTS

The student work load is measured by ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). An annual workload of 1.600 hours is worth 60 ECTS credits. A student will be awarded with 60 ECTS per year, 30 ECTS per semester or 20 ECTS per term (in a trimester system) when the student has passed all the modules.

### Dutch grading system

The grading system has remained unchanged for several decades: the scale ranges from 1 (very poor) to 10 (excellent).

The lowest passing grade for a module is 5.5. Credits are linked to passed modules and are awarded only once. If a module consists of partial modules, the average of the partial modules must be 5.5 or higher. In project education the results of all tasks must be sufficient.

Grade	Explanation
1	Very poor
2	Poor
3	Very insufficient
4	Insufficient
5	Almost sufficient
5.4	Not passed
5.5	Passed
6	Sufficient
7	More than sufficient
8	Good
9	Very good
10	Excellent

In addition, alphanumerical study results are used at Rotterdam University.

Grade	Explanation
G	Good
V	Sufficient
T	Almost sufficient
O	Very insufficient
ZS	Very poor
VRY	Exemption
VLD	Fulfilled
ND	Not participated
NVD	Not finished or failed

## Study abroad at Rotterdam University

Rotterdam University is located in the centre of Rotterdam. The 7 main university sites are all close to the metro line, which crosses Rotterdam from east to west. Our University offers a wide choice of well-equipped and modern theoretical and practical courses.

Over 75 programmes are offered in total, in almost all major professional sectors; chemical and technical engineering, building and architecture, media and ICT, economics, financial management, business studies, education, health care, social work and arts. In all their variety, the programmes share a common educational vision, focusing on interaction between the programmes and interdisciplinary educational programmes. The University wants to be firmly rooted in society and educates students who combine knowledge and professional skills with social responsibility. Education at Rotterdam University is, therefore, closely intertwined with specific issues facing the international and multi-cultural business and port city of Rotterdam.

### Application information

The application periods are twice a year:

- Spring semester: 1 October – 1 November
- Fall semester: 1 April – 1 May

You can apply for the exchange programmes on the website of Rotterdam University, but only after you've been nominated by your home university first. Please note that the online application form is not available after the deadline.



## Exchange programmes

In the table you can find the exchange programmes which are offered at Rotterdam University.

If you want a more detailed explanation of the programmes please go to the following Rotterdam University link:

<https://www.rotterdamuvas.com/programmes?cat=Exchange>

## Language requirements

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences requires a good level of English, as all exchange programmes are conducted in English. International students are required to have a good command of the English language level, e.g. similar to CEFR B2 (or B1 after consultation), IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL (550 / iBT 80 / 213 cBT).

Students with a Chinese nationality must provide a Nuffic Certificate to be eligible for a Dutch entry visa and enroll in an English-taught study programme. For more information on this subject, please read our [website](#) and [Nuffic's](#) carefully.

Study area	Exchange programmes	Semester
Business	Business Pressure Cooker ( <i>former IBEX – Pressure Cooker</i> )	Fall & Spring
Business	Business Project Management	Fall
Business	Hey, good story! Creative Branding & Management	Spring
Business	International Business and Career (IBaC)	Fall & Spring
Business	International Business and Languages (IBL)	Spring
Business	International Business and Management Studies (IBMS)	Fall & Spring
Business	International Management and Consultancy	Fall
Business	Trade Management for Asia (TMA)	Fall & Spring
Business	Working World Wide: the international competence	Fall
Business&Engineering	Create our future city! ( <i>former Managing the Rotterdam Metropolitan Region</i> )	Fall & Spring
Communication	#Get connected: interactive communication	Fall
Design&Innovation	Designful Innovation for one billion people	Fall
Education	School of Education: tailor-made programme	Fall & Spring
Education	Special Education Needs	Fall
Healthcare	Pain Basics for Healthcare Professionals	Fall
Healthcare	Beyond Borders: Reducing Healthcare Inequalities	Fall
Informatics	Data Science/Big Data ( <i>former Big Open Data</i> )	Fall
Informatics	Security Lab	Fall
Logistics	Logistics and Economics	Fall & Spring
Tech&Management	Technology Management	Spring
Transport	Logistics and Transport Management	Fall & Spring

## Academic calendar

Introductions for the Fall semester will most likely take place at the end of August/the beginning of September (One week before the start of the programme/ semester). For the Spring semester this most likely will take place in the first week of February. However, please note that some programmes organise their own introduction and dates may vary. **Specific dates will be announced in the Letter of Acceptance, so please check the dates carefully before making travel arrangements.**

### Classes 2017/2018

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

28 August 2017 – 10 November 2017

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

13 November 2017 – 2 February 2018

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

5 February 2018 – 20 April 2018

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

23 April 2018 – 7 July 2018

*Note: Business Pressure Cooker Fall and GetConnected finish end-December 2017. Business PC Spring finishes mid-June 2018.*

## Holidays 2017-2018

### Fall break

16 – 20 October 2017

### Christmas break

25 December 2017 – 5 January 2018

### Spring break

26 February 2018 - 2 March 2018

### Good Friday

30 March 2018

### Easter

1 & 2 April 2018

### King's day

27 April 2018

### May break

30 April 2018 – 4 May 2018

### Ascension

10 May 2018

### Whit Sunday / Pentecost

20 & 21 May 2018

### Summer break

6 July 2018 – 24 August 2018





## Facilities of Rotterdam University

Rotterdam University offers a lot of facilities to the Dutch students. The incoming exchange students can also benefit from all these facilities.

### Rotterdam University Library

Every location of Rotterdam University has its own library. You can use your student card to borrow books and use the database to search for useful information. Exchange students who study at the location Kralingse Zoom can even use the library of the Erasmus University at the campus Woudestein.

### Other Libraries

The Municipal Library has a vast collection of books, audio-visual materials, periodicals and newspapers. You can also reserve one of the many study rooms (including a piano study room) where you can study undisturbed and in peace for a few hours. At the Erasmus University campus Woudestein Library there is a computer catalogue linked to the catalogue of the Municipal Library.

### Computers

Upon arrival in Rotterdam you will receive a computer account. With this account you will be able to log in on all the computers in the Rotterdam University buildings and you can make use of email and internet. You can also log in on the system from your home or another place outside the university buildings.

### Copiers

The copiers in the buildings are available to all users and payment is by means of a bank Card or student card. At each location of Rotterdam University there is also located a copy shop -called Xerox Centre. For printing theses, reports, A3 copies, colour copies, overhead sheets, etc. you can contact the Xerox Centre to save time and money.

### Student cafeterias and restaurants

Each location of Rotterdam University has its own student cafeteria, restaurant or even its own *café* and the payment is by means of a bank card or student card. A *café* in the Netherlands is what the British call a pub, and the Americans a bar. Rotterdam has hundreds of *cafés*, spread all over the city. The diversity is enormous. You can spend your evening in a so-called *bruin café* (pub), in one of the *grand cafes* or in any other kind of *café*. People from Rotterdam go to a *café* to meet friends and acquaintances, to make new friends, to play cards or billiards or simply to chat all evening. During the summer most people go to a *café* with a terrace, to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful evening.

### Sports

Arrangements have been made with the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) campus Woudestein at Kralingse Zoom; you can make use of their sport facilities by purchasing an Erasmus Sport Pass. The EUR offers more than 50 different sports. For more information and the prices (special offer HBO students), please visit the following website:

<http://erasmusport.nl/en/>

## Living in Rotterdam

The living expenses in Rotterdam and in the rest of the Netherlands are similar to the other countries of the Northern European region.

Your daily expenses include food, public transport, school books, clothes and leisure. But you also need to take into account the costs for housing and insurances. Experience has shown that students, who live and study in the Netherlands for one year, spend between €800 and €1.100 a month.

We advise you to make a budget before arrival. Some of the costs you have to take into account:

Food:	€200
Accommodation:	€350-550*
Leisure	€150
Transport	€40 -100
<b>Total</b>	<b>€740-1.000</b>

\* Price per month of the accommodation of Rotterdam University

Are you interested in more budgeting information? Take a look at:

[www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/daily-expenses](http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/daily-expenses)

### Accommodation

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) is able to cover part of the demand for accommodation by international students. We have reserved approximately 200 furnished rooms at the largest provider of student housing (SSH) in the Netherlands.

Please be aware that accommodation is on a "First come, first served" basis. The application will open mid-May, after your students have received their official Letter of Acceptance. For questions regarding housing, please contact our Housing Officer Mr. Ryan Gentle via [coia-housing@hr.nl](mailto:coia-housing@hr.nl).

Students will also need to register and to deregister with the municipality if they are renting a room in Rotterdam. You will receive more information about this

during the introduction. In case you decide not to arrange housing through the university (in collaboration with SSH), there are a lot of real estate agencies and other organisations to help you find accommodation. We have added the links of these companies at the end of this handbook.

### Easiest form of transportation

You can save a lot of money if you buy a bike upon arrival. Most people in the Netherlands use it because it is the easiest and fastest form of transportation in the city area.

We advise you to buy a second-hand bike to minimise the risk of theft and because of the minimum price of €25. Also, make sure to buy a good lock. There are various places where you can buy a second hand bike. A shop we recommend is Mega Bike located near metro station Oostplein. You can visit the shop or call Mega Bike and ask for used bikes:

Mega Bike Rotterdam  
Burgemeester van Walsumweg 2  
3011 MZ Rotterdam  
Phone: +31 10 4763743

There is also a bike shop right next to the central train station in Rotterdam (Rotterdam CS):

Rijwielshop Rotterdam CS  
Conradstraat 18  
3013 AP Rotterdam

There are several websites (Dutch) that you can check for used bikes:  
[www.marktplaats.nl](http://www.marktplaats.nl) or [www.2dehands.nl](http://www.2dehands.nl)

### Public transportation

Next to a lot of cycle paths Rotterdam has tram and bus lines running throughout the city and its surroundings. And Rotterdam has also 5 underground (metro) lines, running from north to south, from east to west of the city and between Rotterdam and The Hague. All locations of Rotterdam University are situated nearby one of these metro lines.

If you choose to use the public transportation in the Rotterdam area, you need to purchase an OV chip card.

For more information regarding public transportation and the OV chip card please visit:

[www.9292.nl](http://www.9292.nl) For timetables of the train, metro, tram, bus and other ways of transportation in the Netherlands  
[www.NS.nl](http://www.NS.nl) National railway website  
[www.RET.nl](http://www.RET.nl) Public Transport Rotterdam website  
[www.ov-chipkaart.nl](http://www.ov-chipkaart.nl) Information about the OV chip card

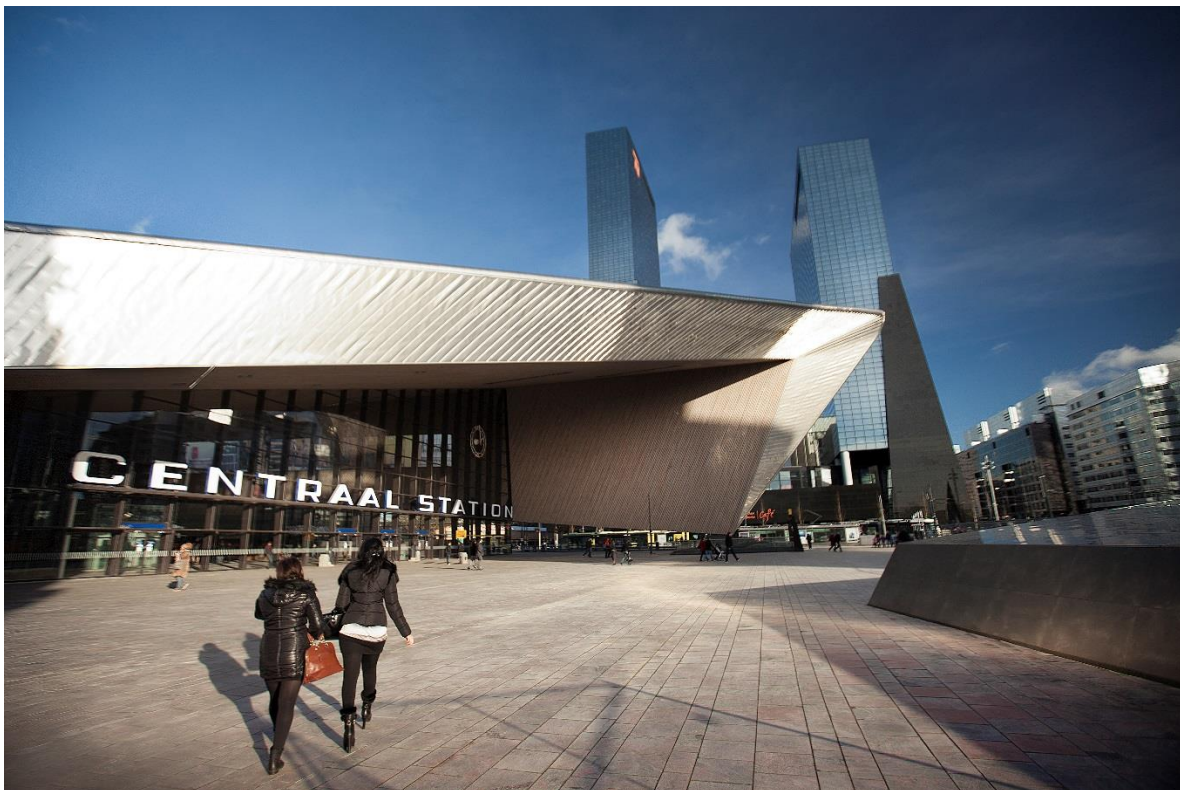


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## Practical information

If this handbook strengthened your enthusiasm and you are truly interested in studying in Rotterdam, there are some things you'll need to arrange and some information that is very useful to know.

### Residence permit

If you are a citizen of a non-EU/EEA country and you would like to stay in the Netherlands for a period longer than 3 months, you have to arrange a residence permit. The department Student Support from Centre of International Affairs will help you with this. After you have applied online for an exchange programme, you will receive all the necessary documents you have to fill in and return before the following deadlines:

- For the Fall semester the deadline is set on 15 June
- For the Spring semester the deadline is set on 15 December

### Registration municipality

When you are staying for more than 4 months you will have to go to the municipality to register as a new resident of the city where you are living.

Required documents:

- Valid passport
- Original legalised birth certificate\*
- GBP application form
- Rental contract (huurcontract) and tenancy agreement (verhuurdersverklaring)
- Residence permit (if applicable)

*You will receive the last three documents upon your arrival.*

*\*Needs to be translated in English, French, German or Dutch and legalised or with [apostille](#).*

### Bank account

Students who want to open a bank account are free to choose a bank in the Netherlands. Yet we advise our international students to open an account either at the ING or ABN AMRO.

Officially you need to bring:

- A valid passport
- Your Dutch social security number (you will receive this after registering with the municipality)
- Official proof of your address, e.g. tenancy agreement

### Bank card

Once you'll go shopping, you will notice the Dutch use their bank cards a lot. So for you, it could also be very useful to open a bank account. Students opening a bank account will receive a bank card and a PIN code from the bank in order to make payments.

### Student card

The student card is a valid identification within our university and is also your proof of enrollment. You will have to show your student card upon request from staff, e.g. when using university facilities. The student card can also be used in order to make payments at our university e.g. at the cafeterias. Furthermore, you can get discounts with your student card outside the university.

### Health Care

The Health Care system is very well organised in the Netherlands. In case you have a health insurance as an European Citizen your basic health insurance will be valid in the Netherlands. For this you should obtain an E111 form from your health service in your own country and bring it with you. If you don't have one yet or you have a non-EU nationality, you should arrange a health insurance in your home country or in the Netherlands. Students can also apply for an insurance through ColA. The university is working together with the insurance company AON. For more information, please contact our ColA - Student Support team.

Please note that you have to pay for your treatment instantly and you have to send the bill to your insurance company to get your refund.

### Doctor & General Practitioner

Your first step will be to register with a doctor (*huisarts* in Dutch) or general practitioner (GP). It is important to register with a doctor or GP as soon as possible and not to wait until you become ill, as the practice might be full and not take in any new patients:

Below is a list of doctors and general practitioners for students living in Rotterdam:

M. Bikker Huisartsenpraktijk  
Noordsingel 23  
3035 EH Rotterdam  
010-4660486

M.M.P. van Meer Huisartsenpraktijk  
Rijnwaterstraat 10  
3063 HC Rotterdam  
010-4526363

Huisartsencentrum Kralingen  
Oudedijk 60 P  
3062 AE Rotterdam  
010-4124657

M.T. Slockers Huisartsenpraktijk  
Rijnwaterstraat 10  
3063 HC Rotterdam  
010-4526363

You can also search for a doctor or general practitioner on your own by visiting the [lk zoek een huisarts](#) website.

Students who are not insured with AON Student Insurance need to pay cash. Do not forget to ask for the receipts as your insurance company will need these.

### Making an appointment with a GP

You should call your GP directly to make an appointment. Some practices also have a consultation hour, usually early in the morning, where you can speak to your doctor without an appointment.

### Making an appointment with a specialist

If you wish to see a specialist you must be referred by a GP.

### Dentist

You need to register with a dentist (*tandarts* in Dutch).

Below is a list of dentists for students living in Rotterdam:

#### [Tandartspraktijk Uys](#)

Voorschoterlaan 130-a  
3062KV Rotterdam  
010-4132893

Tandartsenpraktijk Wijsman BV  
Oostzeedijk Beneden 21  
3062VJ Rotterdam  
010-4136414

Tandartspraktijk Dental Care Rotterdam  
Avenue Concordia 99-A  
3062 LE Rotterdam  
010-892 0121

You will need to pay cash. Keep the receipts as your insurance company will need these.

### Pharmacies

You will also need to register with a pharmacy (*apotheek* in Dutch).

Below is a list of pharmacies in Rotterdam:

Mediq Apotheek Charlois  
Boergoensestraat 78  
3082 KC Rotterdam  
010-4290983

Medsen Apotheek Westblaak  
Westblaak 34  
3012 KM Rotterdam  
010-4110370

Tarwezicht Apotheek  
Mijnsherenplein 14  
3081 CN Rotterdam  
010-2908008

### Hospitals

Unless it's an emergency, you will need a referral letter from your GP.

List of hospitals in Rotterdam:

Erasmus MC

[Havenziekenhuis](#)

[Ikazia Ziekenhuis](#)

[Maastad Ziekenhuis](#)

[Het Oogziekenhuis Rotterdam](#)

[Sint Franciscus Gasthuis](#)

### Emergency numbers

**Emergency number: 112**  
**(ambulance, fire brigade, police).**

You should only use this toll-free number for urgent assistance in life-threatening situations, or if you witness a crime. Please do not abuse this number.

**Non-emergency: 0900-8844 (police).**

You should use this number if it is not an emergency, but the police is required

Please let us know if you have any problems and we will try our best to assist you.



## The Dutch language

### Common Phrases

For now we have some basic phrases to help you during your stay in the Netherlands:

Common phrases	Formal	Informal
Hello	Hallo	Hoi
How are you?	Hoe gaat het met u?	Hoe is het?
Fine, thank you	Goed, dank u	Goed, dank je
What is your name	Hoe heet u?	Hoe heet je?
My name is ..	Mijn naam is ..	Ik heet ..
Goodbye	Dag	Doei
Good morning	Goedemorgen	Goedemorgen
Good afternoon	Goedemiddag	Goedemiddag
Good evening	Goedenavond	Goedenavond
Good night	Goedenacht	Goedenacht
Excuse me	Pardon	Sorry
Thank you	Dank u	Dank je
You're welcome	Alstublieft	Alsjeblieft
Nice to meet you	Aangenaam	Leuk je te ontmoeten
What's the time?	Hoe laat is het?	Hoe laat is het?
I don't speak Dutch	Ik spreek geen Nederlands	Ik spreek geen Nederlands
Do you speak English?	Spreekt u Engels?	Spreek je Engels?
I don't understand	Ik begrijp u niet	Ik snap het niet
Yes	Ja	Ja
No	Nee	Nee

## Understanding the Dutch

One thing you will notice about people in the Netherlands is their straight forward approach and open mindedness. The Dutch take pride in this way of life and respect from visitors towards it is appreciated.

### Drugs

Unfortunately the Netherlands is known for its "open policy" towards drugs. However, it is not as open as you think!

Go to the following website and learn more about this policy:

[www.government.nl/issues/drugs](http://www.government.nl/issues/drugs)

**At Rotterdam University we do not condone drug use and abuse!**

### Curiosities

The Dutch tend to be straight forward when they communicate. This might come across as rude, but it is certainly not intended this way!

You will always be welcome in a Dutch home, as long as you make an appointment. The Dutch use their agenda's a lot to make appointments. Why not blend in and buy an agenda?

### Dutch cuisine

As progressive the Dutch have been in history, as blend is the Dutch cuisine. In the morning and during the day we mainly eat sandwiches with various fillings, savory like Gouda cheese or sweet like peanut butter or chocolate sprinkles called *hagelstag*.

A typical Dutch meal consists of potatoes, vegetables and meat blended together, a so called *prakkie* or *stamppot*. We usually eat our *prakkies* during dinner around 6 pm.

Some typical Dutch food:

- Boerenkoolstamppot met worst
- Hutspot
- Haring

Some typical Dutch snacks are:

- Krokot
- Bitterballen
- Frikandel
- Knakworst
- Patat met mayo

Typical Dutch candy and sweets are:

- Drop
- Tompouce
- Stroopwafels

And don't forget to have some *poffertjes*, these are mini pancakes we eat with butter and powdered sugar.

A large variety of nationalities is living in the Netherlands and every nationality has brought their cuisine with them, so you can enjoy all these different cuisines. Be sure to try some great Surinam, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese or Italian food (amongst many other cuisines)!

### Did you know that ...

... the Netherlands and Holland are used to describe the same country?

... 26% of the Netherlands is below sea level?

... the Netherlands has at least 15,000 km of cycle tracks?

... the Netherlands was the first country that legalized gay marriage and gay adoption?

... the Netherlands still has about 1,000 traditional working windmills?

... Amsterdam has 1,281 bridges?

... the Netherlands has nearly 1,000 museums?

... when your plane arrives at Schiphol, it lands 4,5 meters below sea level?



## Useful websites

### Websites to Rotterdam University

[www.rotterdamuas.com](http://www.rotterdamuas.com) Website of Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

### Websites about the Netherlands

[www.holland.com/global/tourism.htm](http://www.holland.com/global/tourism.htm)

General information about the Netherlands

[www.visitholland.nl](http://www.visitholland.nl) General information about the Netherlands

[www.rotterdam.info](http://www.rotterdam.info) Rotterdam tourism board

[www.amsterdam.info](http://www.amsterdam.info) Amsterdam tourism board

### Websites to help in the everyday life

[www.justlanded.com/english/Netherlands](http://www.justlanded.com/english/Netherlands)

To help you manage everyday life

[www.studyin.nl](http://www.studyin.nl) Information about studying in the Netherlands

[www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters](http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters)

For all practical matters

[www.youtube.com/studyinholland](http://www.youtube.com/studyinholland) Study In Youtube Channel

### Housing websites

<https://www.rotterdamuas.com/study-information/practical-information/Student-Housing/>

Student Housing Office of Rotterdam University

[www.housinganywhere.com](http://www.housinganywhere.com) International housing platform

### Student organisations

[www.rbsrisa.nl](http://www.rbsrisa.nl) International student association

<http://erasmusport.nl/en/> Sports

organisation located next to the university's location *Kralingse Zoom*

### Health care

<https://www.aonstudentinsurance.com/students/en/> Student insurance

### Transportation

[www.9292.nl](http://www.9292.nl) For tickets, information about the OV chip card and timetables of the train, metro, tram, bus and other ways of transportation

[www.ret.nl/en/homepage.html](http://www.ret.nl/en/homepage.html)

Rotterdam transport organisation

[www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home](http://www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home) The national railway company

[www.marktplaats.nl](http://www.marktplaats.nl) Website for second hand bicycles and other things

[www.2dehands.nl](http://www.2dehands.nl) Website for second hand bicycles and other things

### Dutch news and regulations

[www.dutchnews.nl/](http://www.dutchnews.nl/) To check what's happening in the Netherlands

[www.government.nl/issues/drugs](http://www.government.nl/issues/drugs) Alcohol and drugs policy

### Discounts

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