

Internationalization in higher education in the Netherlands: key figures

(academic year 2009-10)

Higher education

- 14 research universities (231,838 students enrolled, excl. Open University).
- 39 universities of applied sciences (402,210 students enrolled).
- Total number of students enrolled: 634,048.
- 1,539 English-taught programmes: 1,095 degree programmes, 444 non-degree programmes.

Foreign students in the Netherlands

Number of foreign students: 76,750*

- 32,950 EU+EFTA¹ students enrolled.
- 18,200 non-EU+EFTA diploma mobile students.
- 8,150 students within Erasmus or with residence permits for internship.
- 17,450 other inbound diploma and credit mobile students**.

Countries of origin

1. Germany	21,700**
2. China	5,100
3. Belgium	2,550**
4. Spain	2,000**
5. France	1,850**

Degree cycle of enrolled foreign students

At research universities: 45%

- 53% bachelor's cycle
- 47% master's cycle

At universities of applied sciences: 55%

- 96% bachelor's cycle
- 4% master's cycle

Popular subject areas of enrolled foreign students

Research universities

1. Economics
2. Behaviour & Society
3. Technology
4. Language & Culture

Universities of applied sciences

1. Economics
2. Language & Culture
3. Behaviour & Society
4. Health care

* rough estimate
** at least

This is a general summary and figures are approximate. Enrolment refers to government-sponsored study programmes. Please refer to *Mapping Mobility 2010: International Mobility in Dutch Higher Education* for further detail (www.nuffic.nl/mobility).



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Dutch students abroad

**Dutch students abroad (2006-07):
41,800***

- 11,800 enrolled within the EU.
- 2,900 enrolled outside the EU.
- 5,700 exchange students.
- 21,400 other outbound credit mobile students*².

Destination countries

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1. United Kingdom | 5,000* |
| 2. Belgium | 3,650** |
| 3. Germany | 1,950** |
| 4. United States | 1,600** |
| 5. Sweden | 1,150** |

Subject areas where credit mobility² is popular

Research universities

1. Agriculture
2. Technology
3. Health care

Universities of applied sciences

1. Agriculture
2. Economics
3. Health care

Credit mobility: for study or practical training?

Research university students

- study: 26%
- practical training: 63%
- both: 11%

University of applied sciences students

- study: 19%
- practical training: 61%
- both: 20%

Trends

Diploma mobility²

Inbound: up

Outbound: up

Credit mobility²

Inbound: no data

Outbound: stable

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- 1 EFTA: Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.
- 2 Diploma mobility: to complete a study programme abroad; credit mobility: to gain credits abroad for the study at home.

