

study in NL



10 steps to study in the Netherlands

Would you like to study in the Netherlands? Great choice! But where to start with your preparations? This guide will take you through all the necessary steps. Start your preparations a year in advance.



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1 Get to know your options

Your first step is to learn more about the Dutch higher education system. Browse around on our website and get to know your options. We also invite you to visit stands of Study in NL and Dutch institutions at study-abroad fairs and join information webinars. If you have questions, connect with @StudyInNL on social media.

2 Choose an English-taught study programme

The Netherlands offers many different English-taught study programmes in any field of study. Browse our database to find available study programmes in your field(s) of interest: [Study in NL > Find a study programme](#)

3 Apply for a study programme

Check with the educational institution of your choice what the specific admission requirements are. Next, you can prepare your documents and apply. [Study in NL > How to apply](#)

4 Finance your studies

How are you going to finance your studies? Look for funding possibilities and scholarships on our website. Make sure to also contact your host institution, your local government, and your own institution's international office to ask about their funding and scholarship opportunities. [Study in NL > Financing your studies](#)

5 Get your immigration documents sorted

Now is the time to find out which immigration procedure applies to you and to prepare the required documents. Your host institution will apply for a visa on your behalf and will contact you to get the process started. Do you have a passport from an EU/EEA country or Switzerland? Then you don't need a visa. [Study in NL > Plan your stay > Visas and permits](#)



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6 Find housing

Finding a place to stay in the Netherlands is not easy. It's very important to start searching for housing very early on. Ask your host institution for help, ask other students on social media, and read up on our information about housing. Also, be aware of scams and know your rights as a tenant!

7 Get insurance

You need to make sure that you are properly insured during your stay. International students who study or work in the Netherlands are legally required to have health insurance. There are different rules that apply to different situations. Find out what situation applies to you via: [Study in NL > Plan your stay > Housing and insurance](#)

8 All done and ready to go!

You're ready to go! Pack your suitcase and important documents and connect online with other international and Dutch students. Don't forget to register for the introduction days of your host university!

9 After arrival

After arrival, there are some practical actions to take. Think of registering with the municipality (within 5 days after arrival), getting your citizen service number (BSN) and your DigiD, opening a bank account, registering with a general practitioner, purchasing an OV chip-card for public transport, and/or buying a (second-hand) bike. You can also start learning the Dutch language, look for a part-time job, and check whether you are eligible for housing allowance and Dutch student finance. [Study in NL > Life in NL](#)

10 After your studies

You may already wonder about what you will do after graduation in the Netherlands; continuing your studies or start working? Check our website for more information. [Study in NL > After your studies](#)



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