



STUDENT GUIDE TO

THE NETHERLANDS

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ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS

- The Netherlands has **12 provinces**, with **Amsterdam** as the capital.
- Home to around **18 million people** and one of the highest counts of **English-taught** degrees in Europe.
- A leader in **engineering, business, agriculture and design**.
- **Dutch** is the official language, but most master's are **taught in English**.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



ROTTERDAM



INDIA TO THE NETHERLANDS

CURRENCY Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 8h 30m	the Netherlands
Mumbai	≈ 9h 15m	the Netherlands
Bengaluru	≈ 10h 15m	the Netherlands
Chennai	≈ 10h 30m	the Netherlands
Hyderabad	≈ 9h 45m	the Netherlands



FACTS

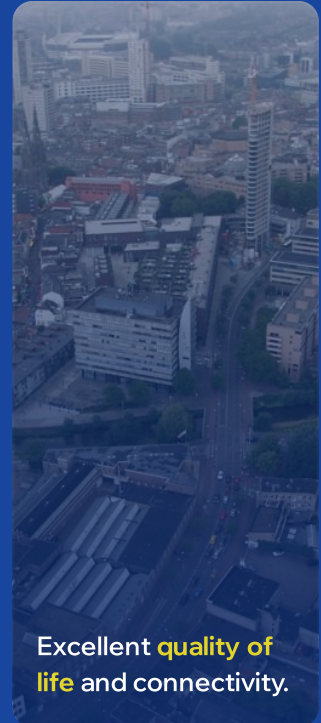
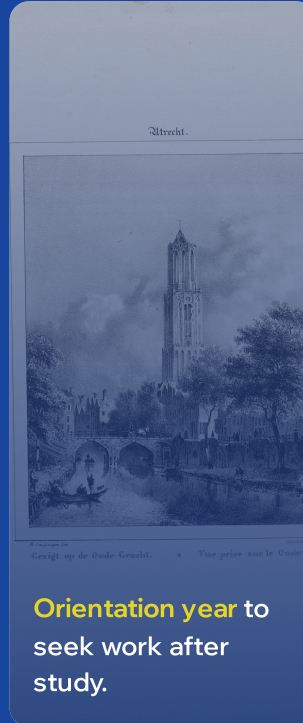
- Capital: Amsterdam
- Flight distance: ~6,400 km
- Time zone: CET (UTC+1)
- Tuition (non-EU): €8,000–20,000 / yr
- Proof of funds: ~€13,200 / yr
- Main intakes: Sep · Feb

Dutch public universities charge non-EU students full institutional tuition — not tuition-free. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS?



Problem-based teaching and strong employability.



The Netherlands offers **English-taught, career-focused degrees** at strong public universities.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Dutch higher education splits into research universities and universities of applied sciences.
- They fall into three broad groups:



RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

Academic, research-led degree programmes.



UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Practice-oriented, industry-linked degrees.



INSTITUTES

Specialist and design institutions.

teachmean
Campuses across and like Eindhoven.

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- the Netherlands hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

University of Amsterdam**AMSTERDAM**

Broad research strength across disciplines.

Delft University of Technology**DELFT**

World-leading engineering and technology.

Eindhoven University of Technology**EINDHOVEN**

Engineering, data and design.

Utrecht University**UTRECHT**

Sciences, humanities and life sciences.

Erasmus University Rotterdam**ROTTERDAM**

Business, economics and medicine.

Leiden University**LEIDEN**

Law, sciences and international studies.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- The Netherlands is strong in fields taught **in English** with global demand.



ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

World-class technical universities.



BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Top business and economics schools.



DATA SCIENCE & AI

Strong analytics and AI programmes.



DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

Renowned Dutch design tradition.



AGRICULTURE & FOOD

Global leader in agri-food science.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

International relations and psychology.

TUITION & COSTS

- Public universities charge **non-EU students full institutional tuition** — the Netherlands is not tuition-free.

Undergraduate (non-EU) per year	€8,000–15,000
Postgraduate (non-EU) per year	€11,000–20,000
Universities of Applied Sciences per year	€7,000–12,000
Statutory (EU rate) reference	~€2,700
Proof of funds for visa	~€13,200 / yr



The **Holland Scholarship** and university grants can reduce first-year costs.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **€1,000–1,300 per month**; Amsterdam is the costliest.

Accommodation student housing or shared flat	€500–900
Food & groceries	€250–300
Transport student OV / bicycle	€40–80
Health insurance	~€120
Phone & leisure	€120–180
Estimated monthly total	~€1,100

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Scholarships help offset non-EU tuition, especially in the first year.

Holland Scholarship

GOVERNMENT

€5,000 first-year award for non-EU students.

Orange Tulip Scholarship

FOR INDIA

Awards for Indian students via Nuffic Neso India.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit and excellence awards.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Grants for eligible study periods.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling; some courses expect strong maths.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL for English-taught courses.
- Motivation letter and, sometimes, an entry test.
- Direct application to each university.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** (no band below 6.0).
- GMAT for some MBA/business programmes.
- Motivation letter and CV.

INTAKES

- **September** — the main intake for most programmes
- **February** — a second intake for selected courses
- **Deadlines** — apply early — many close by spring

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

ADMISSION LETTER

Secure your acceptance from a Dutch institution.

2

UNIVERSITY APPLIES

The university applies for your entry visa (MVV) and permit.

3

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around €13,200 for living costs.

4

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange suitable health cover.

5

COLLECT MVV

Collect your entry visa at the embassy/VFS.

6

REGISTER

Register with the municipality after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Non-EU students may work **part-time with a permit** (arranged by the employer) during study.

Orientation Year

1 YEAR

A search year to find work after graduation.

Highly Skilled Migrant

SKILLED ROUTE

A fast, employer-sponsored work permit.

EU Access

MOBILITY

A Dutch degree is recognised across the EU.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Technology, engineering, logistics and finance.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and English-taught programmes.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, motivation letter and CV.

3

APPLY

Apply directly to each university (via Studielink).

4

ADMISSION & FUNDS

Accept your offer and arrange proof of funds.

5

ENTRY VISA

The university applies for your MVV and residence permit.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange housing and prepare to travel.



Your the Netherlands study journey — one step at a time.