



INFORMATION SHEET EXCHANGE

Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)

Erasmus University Rotterdam



DESTINATION INFORMATION

Mention the Netherlands (or “Holland”) and many people will think of clogs, windmills, and tulips. The Dutch do not mind, but if truth be told, the Netherlands is traditionally a country of commerce and transport.

Consider the following: the earth is home to 6.4 billion people, making the Dutch population of 16 million seem miniscule by comparison. These 16 million are only 0.267 percent of the world’s population, and yet the Netherlands is still the world’s eighth largest exporting country and Dutch higher education enjoys a worldwide reputation for its high quality. This is something you will also notice in the people’s mentality; they are outgoing, open-minded, and internationally-oriented. The Netherlands was the first non-English-speaking country to offer courses taught in English – and better yet, most people on the street will have no problems speaking English with you as well.

Rotterdam accommodates 600,000 people and no less than 174 different nationalities. Eighty percent of the population speaks English as a second language. Moreover, Rotterdam is a center for international interchange of art, culture, sport and science. With one of the country’s most impressive skyline, Rotterdam is often referred to as ‘Manhattan on the Maas’. All in all, a perfect destination for your exchange period!

For more information on the Netherlands and studying in the Netherlands, [watch this video on Youtube](#).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We offer a wide range of English language courses for exchange students (see below). To be successful in the studies at the Erasmus University students’ level has to be on par with a TOEFL score 580 in the paper test, 237 in the computer based test or 92 in the internet based test or IELTS 7.0 overall.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES (COURSES & SUBJECTS)

Students can attend our programmes from their sophomore year onwards

Subjects are available in:

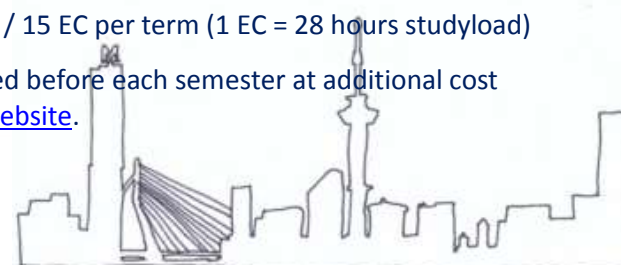
[Arts and Culture Studies](#);

[Communication and Media](#);

[History](#).

Course Load: 60 ECTS-credits (EC) per year/ 30 EC per full semester / 15 EC per term (1 EC = 28 hours studyload)

Dutch language: Optional intensive three week Dutch course offered before each semester at additional cost covered by the student. More information is available at [the EUR website](#).



ACADEMIC CALENDAR & APPLICATION

Semester 1	September – end of January	Application Deadline: 1 May
Semester 2	end of January – mid June	Application Deadline: 1 October
Full Year	September – June	Application Deadline: 1 May

The **Academic Calendar** is available [here](#)

Check the website for the **Application Procedures** for [Communication and Media](#) and [History / Culture Studies](#).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

FINANCES

Tuition: No tuition to EUR

Housing: €500-€600 per month

Health Insurance: It is mandatory by Dutch law to have health insurance (± €55. Which type of insurance is applicable can be found on [the Nuffice website](#)).

Additional Costs: Flight, books and materials, personal expenses, additional travel, spending money, and any fees associated with the host institution are not included in tuition fee. To get an idea of the cost of living in the Netherlands, visit [the EUR website](#).

HOUSING

Both [on- and off-campus student housing](#) is offered. Students will be assisted by university to find housing.

VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT

A residence permit is required for international students from outside the EU / EEA who intend to stay in the Netherlands for more than three months. More information can be found on [the EUR website](#).

UNIVERSITY LIFE

Facilities: Erasmus University Rotterdam offers a wide range of campus facilities and services ranging from the sports building to the Language & Training Centre, as well as catering facilities, shops, banks, a prayer room and several libraries. Currently there are constructions at university, building a better campus.

Excursions / Activities: Besides the introduction activities and international dinner organized by the faculty, students can take advantage of a number of activities throughout the year such as social drinks, trips to various places in the Netherlands, music sessions etc. organized by [ESN-Rotterdam](#).

Buddy Program: Media & Communication Exchange Students will be assigned a buddy (“IBCoMpanion”).

CONTACT

Relevant Websites
[Exchange pages Communication & Media](#)
[Exchange pages History and Culture Studies](#)
[EUR University website \(general\)](#)
[EUR Exchange pages](#)

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