



Orientation & arrival

Information sheet

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Before arrival

Goin' to EUR

Connect with fellow incoming students before arriving through the Goin' app. Find peers from your home country, your study programme, or with shared interests. Chat, share tips, search for housing, and prepare for your move to Rotterdam. Check your student email or MyEUR for your access link to the exclusive EUR community.

[Go to MyEUR](#)

Secure housing

A significant aspect of your preparations for studying abroad involves securing safe and affordable accommodation. In the Netherlands, student housing is not provided by the university. You are responsible for arranging your own accommodation. A limited number of rooms is reserved for about 25% of incoming international students, however, most of you will need to find housing on the private market. Our website offers plenty of tips and advice to help you out.

[Find housing options](#)

Immigration procedures

Most international students from outside the EU/EEA studying in the Netherlands for more than three months, need to apply for an entry visa and/or a Dutch residence permit. After acceptance, you will be informed on all immigration procedures by our Team Immigration.

[Immigration at EUR](#)

Insurance

When living in the Netherlands, you are legally required to have sufficient health insurance. We strongly recommend arranging health, liability and travel insurance before your trip to the Netherlands. It is your responsibility to arrange insurance, ideally two weeks before your departure. This way, you are also covered during your journey and right after arrival. There are several insurance providers that offer health insurance for international students.

[Insurance details](#)

Cost of living

Your lifestyle determines how much money you will need as a student. We strongly recommend you to make a budget plan to manage your finances effectively when moving abroad.

[Budget and cost of living](#)

Upon arrival

Public transport

Erasmus University collaborates with Student Mobility to provide international students easy access to all forms of transport in the Netherlands. With Student Mobility you are able to receive a customized public transport card (+ an ISIC Student-ID) with special discounts for international students! You can use this card for train, tram, metro and bus.

[Transport for international students](#)

First registration in NL

If you're moving to the Netherlands, you are usually required to register with the municipality where you'll be living. This process is known as "first registration". Depending on the length of your stay, different rules may apply.

[🔗 Check your situation](#)

Dutch bank account

Opening a Dutch bank account might come in handy, sometimes your account from your home country won't suffice.

[🔗 When & how to open a bank account](#)

General Practitioner

During your time as student in the Netherlands, you may find yourself in the situation where you need medical care or professional support. Since your General Practitioner (GP) will be your first point of call in case of any health issue you may encounter, we strongly recommend you to register with a GP as soon as possible after your arrival in the Netherlands. We suggest Jans Huisartsen, they have a lot of experience with, and facilities for, international students.

[🔗 Health care information](#)

Sim card

If you are staying in the Netherlands for a short period, your most feasible option would be to get a prepaid SIM card. You can pick up a free Lebara SIM card at the ESN office on campus Woudestein. Another option is to get an e-sim.

Orientation programmes

At the beginning of every semester, the university offers several orientation programmes for incoming international students.

Eurekaweek (summer only)

The official 3-day introduction week of Erasmus University Rotterdam to meet fellow students, explore student associations, discover the campus, and the city of Rotterdam.

[🔗 Join Eurekaweek](#)

Faculty Orientation

Most faculties organise their own introduction programme to help students get familiar with their studies and classmates.

ESN Introduction Days

Organised by the Erasmus Student Network, these days are packed with social events to help international students connect and make new friends.

[🔗 Experience ESN](#)

International Office Activities

The International Office hosts events and activities to help international students settle into life in Rotterdam with a jump-start, such as the One Stop Shop, where you can take care of practical matters before classes start.

[🔗 Discover International Office events](#)



Facilities on campus

Most faculties and schools are located at the Woudestein campus, a lively environment with everything you need as a student. The campus features student residence halls, the vibrant Erasmus Pavilion and the Erasmus Food Plaza, which offers a variety of international cuisines. A mini-supermarket (Spar) is also available for daily essentials.

Other campus facilities include a sports center, library, study spaces, cash dispensers, a prayer room, a bicycle shop, coffee corners, a hairdresser, a student-led bar, a living room to relax and more!

Dutch courses

Looking to get the full Dutch experience? The Language & Training Centre (LTC) offers Dutch courses with a high discount.

[🔗 Learn Dutch with LTC](#)

Studying with a disability

Whether it's a physical or psychological condition, Team SMF is happy to explore all support options.

[🔗 Support for students](#)

Social and cultural activities

Throughout the year, you can take part in many activities, including social drinks, trips across the Netherlands, music sessions, and more. Events, organised by [ESN Rotterdam](#), [Studium Generale](#), [the International Office](#) or other associations offer great opportunities to meet fellow students, explore Dutch culture, and make unforgettable memories.

[🔗 Study in Rotterdam](#)

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