Erasmus University Rotterdam
At a glance
The history of EUR dates back to 1913, when Rotterdam merchants founded the Netherlands School of Commerce for professional business education. These local leaders regarded the proper education and development of future generations essential in ensuring that the port and city would continue to flourish. In 1939, this private school was transformed into the Netherlands School of Economics (NEH). The NEH gained worldwide fame for its education and research in the fields of economics and econometrics, including the work of one of its professors, Nobel Prize winner Jan Tinbergen. The merger of the NEH and the Medical Faculty Rotterdam (1966) resulted in the formation of Erasmus University Rotterdam (1973).

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) is a research university with a strong orientation that is evident in its people, programmes and research. Our academics and students endeavour to solve global social challenges, drawing inspiration from the metropolis Rotterdam.

EUR research and education spearheads knowledge in the domains of:

**Wealth**: sustainable economic growth to benefit society

**Health**: from molecule to human to society and back

**Governance**: the organisation of companies and society

**Culture**: media, connection, happiness and identity in contemporary urban society

Rooted in the Rotterdam business community
Education: dynamic and solution-oriented

Erasmus University Rotterdam is an internationally respected, innovative and vibrant university that is driven to make an active contribution to society. We integrate high-quality academic research into our challenging and inspiring Bachelor, Master, PhD and executive programmes. Helping students develop into critical-minded world citizens is central to our educational vision. Our research-based education stimulates students to think further than their assumptions: to explore other perspectives, search for new solutions and discover different insights.

We offer a wide range of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes on four locations: Woudestein Campus, Hoboken Campus (for Medicine) and Erasmus University College in Rotterdam and International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague. Internationalisation is one of the major forces spearheading Erasmus University Rotterdam’s continual drive towards excellence. This is reflected in the number of English-taught, accredited degree programmes that attract more and more international students each year, and also in the increasing number of joint educational programmes with prominent international partner universities. Year after year Erasmus University welcomes more foreign students and lecturers (over 5,000 in 2017), as well as increasing numbers of Dutch students attracted by the international programmes EUR offers. The global character of our campus validates EUR’s international allure: we attract students, staff and researchers from more than 115 nationalities.

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Our University College
In addition to our Woudestein campus, EUR has a broad Liberal Arts and Sciences Bachelor programme at Erasmus University College (EUC). The College, located in the Rotterdam’s city centre, offers small-scale, intensive, problem-based education that is anchored in the real life of Rotterdam – a complex, dynamic and diverse city that represents a microcosm of the grand challenges facing the world. Learning at EUC is a unique experience, where students can concentrate fully on their work but are never far removed from the realities and ‘noise of urban life’. We want our students to learn about the issues facing multicultural cities first-hand, and to use their knowledge to help develop solutions.

Ongoing education
With our focus on relevant research, it is no wonder that continuing education is an area in which Erasmus University excels. We offer around 80 such programmes, including advanced courses, post-experience masters, executive master classes, and in-company training programmes. Many (international) corporations, ministries and other governmental bodies send their staff to these programmes, such as our top-ranked MBA and EMBA, programmes in Maritime Economics and Logistics, Development Studies, Health sciences, LL.M. Business and Trade Law, Housing and Urban Studies, Financial Management, and Public Administration amongst others.
Global challenges

The scientific research at Erasmus University has a strong social orientation, and is deeply embedded in international research networks across many fields. One of Erasmus University’s priorities is to recruit, train and top young academic talent.

EUR’s socially relevant research is increasingly carried out by multidisciplinary teams, often comprised of international scholars. Our underlying areas of research expertise can be grouped into four domains: Wealth, Health, Governance and Culture. The three core themes that guide all the activities of EUR are: Smarter choices for better health, Dynamics of inclusive prosperity, and Vital Cities and Citizens.

Through our scholars’ published research, our educational programmes, and our environment – Rotterdam, a city that demands innovation and offers a wealth of real-life data – EUR addresses questions related to these three cross-faculty themes, such as: How can we keep our healthcare system affordable in the long term? Who is entitled to care? How can we ensure prosperity in terms of quality of life, sustainability and inclusive growth for all stakeholders?

Cooperative venture: Leiden-Delft-Erasmus

EUR, together with Delft Technical University (TU Delft) and Leiden University, has formed a regional partnership, in the form of a strategic alliance: LDE. Eight multidisciplinary centres were launched by LDE: BOLD Cities, Education and Learning, Frugal Innovation in Africa, Global Heritage and Development, Metropolis and Mainport, Safety and Security, and Sustainability. Through innovative teaching and research, LDE seeks to contribute to solving the major and complex social issues of our time. The alliance works with societal partners and seeks to form a basis for further academic and public-private partnerships.

Two examples:

Smart Port 2.0

Rotterdam has grown into Europe’s largest, and the world’s fifth-largest port. This brings prosperity as well as challenges. In response to the Port of Rotterdam’s need for robust knowledge, Erasmus University and TU Delft have bundled their maritime and port-related research and education.

Medical Delta: life sciences, health and technology partners

Medical Delta is a consortium which comprises excellent universities, medical schools, business parks, business incubators, companies and the regional government of the Western Netherlands. Medical Delta stimulates the development of health innovations through its various projects. Two recent successes for Medical Delta: a cheap, mobile MRI scanner for African countries, and technological solutions to improve infant viability and neonatal care.

Nobel Prize winner

Jan Tinbergen (1903–1994)

The very first Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Professor Jan Tinbergen (and his co-recipient, the Norwegian econometrist Ragnar Frisch) in 1969. Tinbergen was a professor at EUR for 40 years, and was one of the founding fathers of the Econometric Institute in 1956. Tinbergen gained international fame for his pioneering work in the field of econometric model building, and as an advisor to international governmental and non-governmental organisations in a variety of developing countries.

After his death Erasmus University Library became responsible for safekeeping his archive. The correspondence from the period 1927–1955 has been digitized and is available: https://tinbergenletters.eur.nl/.
Global impact

Founded in 1913 by Rotterdam businessmen, Erasmus University’s scope has always been the world. Nowadays, Erasmus University Rotterdam supports its international ambitions by making considerable investments in its global research network, worldwide hubs of knowledge in our core fields of expertise.

Our schools and institutes are actively engaged in international research cooperation in their fields, and this lively scientific network means that delegations of scientists and administrators regularly visit our university. In fact Erasmus University has more than 70 institutional Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with top global institutions.

ISS and IHS team up in search for global impact

For more than 50 years the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) have been providing post-graduate education and consultancy services in the field of capacity building in countries outside Western Europe. Both institutes are concerned with building human and institutional capacity to improve quality of life. The IHS specializes in housing issues and problems in relation to urban management. The ISS concentrates on global development issues and questions of social equality.

Alumni

EUR cherishes its thriving, growing alumni community, which includes some of the most influential actors in business, education, government and policy. With over 100,000 alumni in more than 100 countries across the world many of our alumni find their way to the corporate boardroom or take on high profile public functions. According to the Global Employability University Ranking of Times Higher Education Erasmus University is ranked number 95 of the top 500 universities of the world and has position 22 in Europe.

Endowment Fund

EUR aims to continue to be a leading international university that, through its research and education, finds solutions to the societal challenges of the 21st century. However, the University can’t do this on its own. Finding new answers to societal challenges is never an easy undertaking. It requires a lot of research, and the associated funding. That is why Erasmus University Rotterdam and Erasmus Trustfonds aim to create a new Endowment Fund totaling €100 million by 2025. This independent income stream will enable the University to perform ground-breaking research that benefits society, draw world-class scientific talent to Rotterdam, and support the best students with scholarships.

Woudestein Campus

Enjoy studying and working in a dynamic modern environment

Erasmus University’s campus Woudestein offers visitors and residents all the convenience and comfort of a modern and sustainable environment. This ‘mini-city’ within Rotterdam includes student housing, sports facilities, a food court and supermarket, hairdresser, bookstore and bike shop, among other handy amenities. The new campus centers around the Erasmus Pavilion, which contains a theatre and a large terraced ‘grand café’. The Erasmus University Library is a great resource for students and researchers alike, and is considered one of the most modern libraries in the Netherlands.
The City of Rotterdam is a modern metropolis built around the largest port in Europe. Home to citizens representing more than 160 nationalities, 50,000 students and many multinational companies, Rotterdam is a microcosm of the world, a young dynamic city that keeps reinventing itself. The city, which has been flagged as a ‘must see’ in the New York Times, Lonely Planet, and the Guardian, offers Erasmus University the ideal academic laboratory for developing its scientific knowledge and putting it into practice. The University plays a prominent role in Rotterdam by making substantial contributions in such areas as health care and the economic and socio-cultural development of the city and the region.

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Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Municipality of Rotterdam, Port of Rotterdam Authority (PoR) and Rotterdam Partners are joining hands to put Rotterdam more clearly on the map, both in the Netherlands and abroad, by unifying under the shared motto ‘Make it happen’. This perfectly reflects the mentality Rotterdam is known for, and shows what the Port, the City and her inhabitants stand for: hard-working, pioneering, entrepreneurial and no-nonsense. This ‘brand collaboration’ is aimed at raising the already-high profile of Rotterdam even further, helping to attract the highly educated, businesses, trade, visitors and engaged citizens.
Facts & figures

Erasmus of Rotterdam
The entire world is my home

Erasmus University Rotterdam takes its name from the great philosopher, theologian, and humanist, Desiderius Erasmus (Rotterdam 1466 – Basel 1536). Erasmus, born in Rotterdam, was one of the great minds of the Renaissance, a new era in the history of humankind. He had a great influence on the intellectual and cultural climate of his time thanks to his use of the new means of communication of his time: the writing, printing and distribution of books. As a traveler throughout Europe, Erasmus became one of the first true cosmopolitans: ‘I don’t want to be a citizen of a particular city, but one of the entire world’ (ego mundi civis esse cupidus, communis omnium).

Erasmus School of Economics
Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
Erasmus School of Law
Erasmus MC incl. Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management
Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences
Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication
Faculty of Philosophy

27,176 Students*  
*reference date October 2017

10,238 Master*  17,913 Bachelor*  
*including students doing two or more degrees

7,827 diplomas

395 doctorate conferrals  
173 males  222 females

3,043 employees  
1,442 males  1,601 females

462 professors

588 M€ annual turnover

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