Erasmus University Rotterdam at a glance
Erasmus University Rotterdam is a research university with a pronounced social orientation in its education and research. Academics and students at our institution endeavour to solve global social challenges, drawing inspiration from the metropolis Rotterdam.

The spearheads of our research and education are:

- **Wealth**: sustainable economic growth
- **Health**: from molecule to human to society and back
- **Governance**: the organisation of companies and society
- **Culture**: media, happiness and identity in the modern urban society

Rooted in the business community

The history of Erasmus University Rotterdam dates back to 1913, when Rotterdam merchants founded the Netherlands School of Commerce, a university for professional trade education. They regarded the proper education and development of the generations to come as essential to ensure that the port and city would continue to flourish. In 1939, this private school was converted into the Netherlands School of Economics (NEH). The NEH gained worldwide fame for its education and research in the fields of economics, business economics and econometrics, including the work of 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 takes its name from the great philosopher, theologian, and humanist, Desiderius Erasmus. A man who had a great influence on the intellectual and cultural climate of his time, using the new means of communication of his time: books. Erasmus, regarded as one of the world’s foremost thinkers, was born in Rotterdam on October 28th, in 1466 or 1467. He was one of the great minds of the Renaissance, a new era in the history of humankind.

Erasmus identified himself as Desiderius Erasmus Rotterdamius, although he left Rotterdam when he was a toddler and became a true cosmopolitian. ‘I don’t want to be a citizen of a particular city, but one of the entire world’ (civis totius mundi). He stayed in Paris, London, Oxford, Cambridge, Freiburg im Breisgau and Louvain. He also lived in Italian cities. He died in Basel, in 1536.

He tried to convince the leaders of that time to work together to bring peace. He fearlessly defended freedom of speech and thought. He was highly esteemed among kings and learned persons because of his appeal for individual freedom and tolerance, drawing his inspiration from ancient Greek and Latin literature and the Bible. A learned society unified by a common belief was his ideal.

Erasmus of Rotterdam
The entire world is my home

Erasmus University Rotterdam

The scientific research at Erasmus University has a strong social orientation, drawing inspiration from the issues facing the metropolis Rotterdam. It is deeply embedded in international research networks and one of Erasmus University’s priorities is to recruit and train top academic talent.

Socially relevant research is increasingly carried out by multidisciplinary teams. That is the case, for example, on themes such as the Economics of Health, Social Innovation, Transport and Logistics, Cognitive Psychology, Corporate Engagement, Sustainability, and the demographic study Generation R. The underlying areas of expertise can be grouped into four domains in which the leading research conducted by Erasmus University can be seen: Wealth, Health, Governance and Culture.

Wealth covers the theme of sustainable economic growth and encompasses research groups in the fields of econometrics, finance and decision science. Health can best be described as ‘from molecule to human to society and back’. It embraces leading research groups in the biomedical sciences, in the clinical domain and in health sciences. Governance is concerned with the proper organisation of companies and society, covering topics such as labour and organisational psychology, the legal sciences and public administration. Culture focuses on media, happiness and identity in modern urban societies. It covers research groups in the fields of sociology, history, culture and philosophy.

External evaluation and quality assessment
Eighty per cent of research at Erasmus University is carried out in research schools and graduate schools. An EUR-wide network of graduate schools has been established to increase the quality and impact of research and to fully integrate talented, international postgraduate students. To guarantee the high quality of scientific research after every six years the performance of the research staff is assessed according to internal procedures and accredited by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). International peer reviews are part of the procedure.

Research for society

Nobel Prize winner
Jan Tinbergen
(1903-1994)

The first Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded in 1969 to prof. Jan Tinbergen, professor at NEH, and his Norwegian colleague Ragnar Frisch. Tinbergen was a professor at EUR for 40 years. In 1966 he was one of the founding fathers of the Econometric Institute. Tinbergen gained international fame for his pioneering work on an econometric model building and as international advisor to a lot of organizations and governments of various developing countries.

Research rankings
Position of EUR worldwide

Erasmus University Rotterdam strives to achieve academic excellence. EUR is constantly ranked in the top 3% of the world’s best universities.

Times Higher Education
- position #72 global (500)

QS Top Universities Subject Rankings (2020)
- Medicine: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #27 global
- Accounting & Finance: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #28 global
- Economics & Econometrics: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #198 global

Top 100 position for: Law, Sociology, Psychology, Statistics & Operational Research

QS Top Universities Subject Rankings (2020)
- position #72 global (500)
- Economics & Econometrics: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #25 global
- Accountancy & Finance: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #25 global

Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) / Shanghai Rankings
- position #151-200 global (500)
- Economics & Business: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #28 global
- Social Sciences: position #2 in the Netherlands, position #44 global
- Medicine: position #1 in the Netherlands, position #51-75 global

National Taiwan University (NTU) Ranking
- position #73 global (500)

Centre for Science and Technology Studies/ CWTS, Leiden Ranking
position #45 global

For more EUR rankings visit www.eur.nl/english/rankings
Education: academic and career-oriented

Erasmus University Rotterdam offers a wide range of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes, up to data study facilities, extensive student support and an exciting and challenging city. Almost all Master’s programmes in the areas of expertise of Health, Governance and Culture, and several Bachelor programmes, are taught in English. The educational approach of Erasmus University Rotterdam is intensive, activating and practice-oriented. We meet the expectations of ambitious students who appreciate an academic and career-oriented programme. Our Bachelor pass rates are the highest in the Netherlands. Through online education, our Bachelor’s programmes in the areas of expertise of Management, and Public Administration.

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Academic and career-oriented programmes that enable international cooperation with prominent partner universities. Erasmus University Rotterdam has a very culturally student body, with some 3,000 international diverse students and researchers from over 100 countries.

Erasmus Honours Programme Erasmus University Rotterdam offers exclusive programmes to talented Bachelor’s students from all fields. The Erasmus Honours Programme gives excellent students the opportunity to encounter fascinating and highly relevant themes in an interdisciplinary way. Prominent professors challenge these students to look beyond the boundaries of their own field of study.

Erasmus University College In September 2013 Erasmus University Rotterdam launched its broad Liberal Arts and Sciences programme, Erasmus University College. The College – located in the city centre – provides small-scale, intensive and problem-driven education. Complex, dynamic and diverse cities like Rotterdam in fact represent a microcosm of the grand challenges facing the world. Rotterdam therefore has a lot to offer and is a unique base for a university college, where students can concentrate fully on their work but are never far removed from the noise of urban life. We want our students to learn about the problems a multicultural city faces, but also to use their knowledge to help find solutions for them.

Permanent education Another strong educational offshoot that elicits considerable enrolments is the approximately 80 post-initial programmes. Many (international) corporations, ministries and other governmental bodies send their staff to the advanced courses, post-experience masters, executive master classes or in-company training programmes taught at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Such programmes include for example MBAs, Maritime Economics and Logistics, Development Studies, Health sciences, LL.M. Business and Trade Law, Housing and Urban Studies, Financial Management, and Public Administration.

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 network, worldwide knowledge hubs in our core fields of expertise. Our faculty is actively engaged in international research cooperation in their field, and delegations of scientists and administrators regularly visit our university for shorter or longer periods of time. In 2013 Erasmus University Rotterdam had over 70 institutional Memoranda of Understanding.

International classroom Erasmus University Rotterdam has an excellent reputation throughout the world. Year after year Erasmus University welcomes more foreign students and lecturers (over 5,000 in 2013), as well as increasing numbers of Dutch students that feel attracted by the international programmes offered by the university. The atmosphere on campus confirms the university’s international allure; our classrooms include over 100 nationalities.

Alumni With over 70,000 alumni in more than 100 countries across the world, Erasmus University Rotterdam cherishes a thriving international alumni community, embracing all of its members from the day they graduate and new challenges appear. Our alumni continue to share the Erasmus experience that does not end on graduation day. Having studied at Erasmus University, many of our alumni find their way to the corporate boardroom or obtain high profile public functions.

According to the ‘Global Employability Survey of the New York Times’, What the job market wants’ Erasmus University Rotterdam provides the best employable alumni within the Netherlands. Erasmus University Rotterdam is also the main supplier of CEOs in Dutch business.

IIS 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 (I-HS) 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. ISS specialises in housing issues and problems in relation to urban management. IHS concentrates on global development issues and questions of social equality.

Erasmus Pavilion is a theater. And the centre of the city is not far away.
A network university: connecting and combining strengths

Innovation and knowledge utilisation policy is linked to academic quality throughout EUR. But it is particularly visible in our areas of expertise – places where the science is strongest and the research profile is maximised. The universities of Delft, Leiden and Rotterdam have formed a regional partnership, in the form of a strategic alliance. In 2013, eight multidisciplinary centres were launched to focus on research and education relating to: the economic and financial crisis, global heritage, ports and airports in relation to their hinterlands, innovation in Africa, governance of complex societies and organisations, sustainability, safety and educational research.

The multi- and interdisciplinary, thematic partnerships conduct groundbreaking research and are engaged in answers to the questions which will shape tomorrow’s society. Three examples of interdisciplinary partnership:

**Smart Port: inter-faculty centre of excellence**
Ideally located in the delta of the rivers Rhine and Meuse, with an open connection to the sea and a deep waterway linking it with the hinterland. Rotterdam has grown into Europe’s biggest port. In response to the Port of Rotterdam’s need for robust knowledge, Erasmus University has bundled its maritime and port-related research and education in the inter-faculty centre of excellence Erasmus Smart Port Rotterdam.

**Medical Delta: better health care and economic growth**
Medical Delta is a consortium which consists of excellent universities, medical schools, business parks, business incubators, companies and the regional government situated in the Western part of the Netherlands, economically the most important and densely-populated area of the Netherlands. In 2006, Delft University of Technology, Erasmus MC, University Medical Center Rotterdam, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University and Leiden University Medical Center started a cooperative venture focusing on medical technology to address the challenges facing the health care system.

**Rotterdam Global Health Initiative: combining strengths in networks and alliances**
The Rotterdam Global Health Initiative (RGHI) is a virtual network designed to promote worldwide collaboration in education, research and advisory services in the fields of health systems research, access to health care, financial systems, health economics management and logistics, governance and law.

RGHI wishes to promote the interaction between global health researchers, practitioners, social entrepreneurs and policy makers to advance the health of people, fight against poverty and socio-economic health inequalities, contribute to good governance in health and provide access to good health care as a human right.

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**Knowledge transfer: making knowledge suitable and available**

The broad social orientation of research presents considerable possibilities for knowledge utilisation. In addition to education and research, knowledge transfer, particularly about economy and society, is regarded as one of the key tasks. The focus of the research profile (the societal issues of the metropolis) forms an excellent fit with this core task. Through the Erasmus Centre for Valorisation and the Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship, the university aims to support researchers in transforming academic knowledge into valuable products and policy.

The EUR Holding and the Erasmus Medical Center Holding are currently responsible for a substantial part of the these activities. The EUR Holding consists of 17 companies, with a total turnover of around € 32 million per year. The activities of the EUR Holding encompass training and education, contract research and consultancy. The Erasmus Medical Center Holding has a total turnover of around € 18 million in 2013.

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**Facts & Figures**

**Key statistics EUR**

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* Based on the Annual Report 2013

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* Including students with two or more studies

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**Erasmus University Rotterdam and the city**

The city of Rotterdam is a modern metropolis featuring the largest port in Europe and is home to more than 160 nationalities, 50,000 students and many multinational companies. A young, dynamic city that keeps reinventing itself. Rotterdam offers Erasmus University, the ideal academic laboratory for developing 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.