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Welcome to the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC). We would like to inform you about the upcoming start of the International Bachelor Arts & Culture Studies (IBACS). Please read this information carefully.

Eurekaweek: August 21 – August 24

The Eurekaweek is an introduction week for all new students at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. During the Eurekaweek you will get to know your fellow students, the Erasmus University Rotterdam, student/sports organisations and Rotterdam. You will be divided into small groups of students of your own programme, and accompanied by second or third year students. We highly recommend participating in the Eurekaweek! For more information see: <https://www.eur.nl/eurekaweek/eurekaweek2017/>

IBACS introduction: September 4 – September 8

The new academic year at ESHCC starts with the Faculty introduction day. This introduction day is mandatory. We also organize a bootcamp on 7 and 8 September. See appendixes.

On **Monday the 4th of September**, we welcome all first year IBACS students. We will provide you with practical information about the programme and create mentor groups and tutorial groups. Thereafter, your lecturers will introduce themselves and their courses. There will be an introduction activity on campus so that you get to know your mentors and fellow students. In the evening as from 16.30 Erasmus University organises the HeartBeat Festival on our campus for all students. The HeartBeat Festival is *not* mandatory, but a very enjoyable way to get to know the university!

We end the introduction week with a "bootcamp" on **Thursday and Friday, the 7th and 8th of September**, organised by our very own student mentors! This is *not* mandatory but a lot of fun and a perfect way to get to know each other! For registration please see: http://www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/ibacs/current_students/bachelor_1/bootcamp/

Programme schedule

Courses start on Monday 11 September. During the first year you will participate in tutorials (with around 20 students) and lectures. For the course schedule please see: <http://www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/welcome/>
Kindly note that there are sometimes last-minute changes to the timetable.

Mentor programme

For all first year IBACS students we organise a mentor programme during the first term of your first year. Mentors will help you adjust to student life in the Netherlands. Based on their own experience, they can give you advice about studying. Mentors also organise social

activities so that you can get to know your fellow students better. With the help of your mentor you will get to know Erasmus University and the city of Rotterdam quickly!

Literature

It is important to purchase the compulsory literature before the start of the courses. The compulsory literature can be found in the course descriptions. Via https://www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/ibacs/current_students/bachelor_1/schedule1718/ you find the study schedule of the first year of the International Bachelor Arts and Culture Studies. If you want to learn more about a specific course or want to see the current time table or the compulsory literature, fill out the course code in the course guide: <https://courses.eur.nl/#/>

Order / buy books for first term

If you become a member of the ACE student association (see the attached document) you can order the books with a 10% reduction. Books can be ordered via <http://www.ifaace.nl/booksale/> as from 1 August. You are not obliged to order and buy your books via ACE. Of course you can also buy them in the shop, for example via the online bookstore of StudyStore (<http://www.studystore.nl>).

Facebookgroup

Become a member of your Facebookgroup International Bachelor Arts and Culture Studies, class of 2017-2018:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1656886794613099/>

Hopefully we have informed you sufficiently about the start of your new study.

In case you are unexpectedly unable to attend the introduction activities, please inform me by e-mail.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of September!

Kind regards,

Drs. Mariëlle van Leeuwen
Student Advisor Arts and Culture Studies

More information for new students:

<http://www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/welcome/>

Course schedule, important dates, introduction programme, academic calendar.

<https://www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/practical/>

Important practical information for international students.

<http://www.eur.nl/english/essc/>

Erasmus Student Service Centre; general questions, registration, studielink, payment tuition fee.

The Erasmus supports students with a functional impairment such as ADHD, impairment in hearing, in movement, in vision, dyscalculia, dyslexia etc. For more information about the possibilities please visit the website

https://www.eur.nl/english/essc/advice_counselling/swd/

Please also contact your student advisor!

Access to ICT-facilities and the ERNA account

A number of ICT provisions of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) are made available to EUR students for the duration of their studies. When they first register, all students are given the so-called ERNA access code (user name/password combination) so they can use these provisions. This ERNA code provides students with access to the EURnet, a 24EUR7 mailbox, calendar and network storage on the basis of the ERNA code mentioned above.

The ERNA password can be changed, if desired, via

<http://www.eur.nl/english/erna/>

We advise you to bring your ERNA credentials during the introduction day to be able to access the educational systems.

Campus map:

<https://www.eur.nl/english/contact/maps/woudestein/>

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