

Information sheet Exchange at ESHCC

Destination Information

Consider the following: the earth is home to 8 billion people, making the Dutch population of 17 million seem minuscule by comparison. These 17 million are only 0.22 percent of the world's population, and yet the Netherlands is still the world's seventh-largest exporting country. Dutch higher education enjoys a worldwide reputation for its high quality. A trait 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. Better yet, most people on the street will have no problems speaking English with you as well.

Rotterdam accommodates more than 650,000 people and no fewer than 174 different nationalities. Around 85 percent of the population speaks English as a second language. Moreover, the city is a center for international interchange of art, culture, sport and science. And with one of the country's most impressive skyline, Rotterdam is often referred to as 'Manhattan on the Maas'. But it is also a gateway to the rest of Europe. All in all, it is a perfect destination for your exchange!

Language Requirements

English is the language of instruction at Erasmus School of History, Culture, and Communication. Exchange students are expected to have an English proficiency level of at least:

- IELTS Academic with a minimum score of 6.5 overall*.
- TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 90*.
- Cambridge C1 Advanced/Cambridge C2 Proficiency with a minimum score of at least 180.
- CEFR B2 for students of Erasmus+ partner universities

*Only language tests taken in an examination center are accepted. Online/Home Edition tests are NOT accepted.

Students whose native language is English and have obtained their diploma in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada (other than Quebec), New Zealand, South-Africa, Singapore, the USA, the UK or Ireland are exempt from the above requirements. For more information please check our [website](#).

Academic Opportunities (courses & subjects)

Students can attend our programs from their sophomore year onwards.

Course subject	We offer various courses in Arts & Culture Studies, History, and Communication & Media departments.
Course offer	The list of available courses can be found on our website under course offer.
Course load	Course Load: 60 ECTS per year/ 30 ECTS per full semester / 15 ECTS per term (1 ECTS = 28 hours study load)
Dutch language	Optional Dutch courses offered before or during the semester at additional cost covered by the student. More information is available at the EUR website .

Academic Calendar & Application

Semester 1	September – start of February	Application Deadline: 1 May
Semester 2	Start of February - June	Application Deadline: 1 October
Full Year	September - June	Application Deadline: 1 May

The exact dates of the Academic Calendar are available [here](#).

Check [our website](#) for the application procedures and instructions.



Practical Information

Finances:

Tuition	No tuition to EUR
Health Insurance	It is mandatory by Dutch law to have health insurance. (±€55. For more information, visit here).
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 here .

Housing:

In The Netherlands, student housing is not arranged by the university. You need to arrange accommodation yourself. Although Erasmus University Rotterdam has [reserved accommodation](#) for about 25 percent of our yearly incoming international students, most of our exchange students need to secure housing on the private market.

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. Costs and 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 a [sports center](#) to the [Language & Training Centre](#), catering facilities, shops, ATM, a prayer/meditation room, [library](#), [theatre](#), on-campus housing, and a [food court](#). Further construction will take place to build a better campus.

Excursions / Activities:

Besides the introduction activities organized by the faculty, students can enjoy numerous activities throughout the year such as social drinks, trips to various places in the Netherlands, music sessions etc. organized by [ESN-Rotterdam](#) as well as [SG Erasmus](#).

Exchange Mentor Programme:

All exchange students will be assigned a mentor– one of our own ESHCC students. This mentor, who is essentially a ‘buddy’, will help you get acquainted with living and studying in the Netherlands. Mentors are a great first contact to have before, as well as during, your studies in Rotterdam!

Contact

Websites:

[ESHCC Incoming Exchange](#)

[EUR University \(general\)](#)

[EUR University \(international students\)](#)

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