



Before 1 May: Orientate and start preparing

- Read information about studying in the Netherlands at www.studyinholland.nl
- Visit HAS University's [Open Days or Orientation Days](#) (in the winter and spring).
- Choose between our [three](#) English-taught Bachelor programmes.
- Check if you meet the [admission requirements](#).
- Collect the required documents for your application
- Register and [apply](#) for your study programme of choice before the 1st of May.
- Work on your language preparation. See our [English requirements](#).
- Ensure you have sufficient [funds](#) to support yourself.
- Apply for grants and/or scholarships for international students, please visit: www.grantfinder.nl

1 May till 1 July: Prepare yourself for your studies at HAS

- Find a room in our Accommodation Portal (available from 1 June) for rooms in Den Bosch or find your own place to live. Check our practical tips to find housing in ['s-Hertogenbosch](#).
- Inform the International Office before 15 May if you need support in finding a room in Venlo. Check our practical tips to find housing in [Venlo](#).
- Prepare the necessary documents for your [visa and/or residence permit before 15 June](#) (for non-European students only). Make sure your passport is valid for the time that you'll be staying in the Netherlands.
- Collect the necessary documents for your [registration at the municipality](#). If you will be living in the Netherlands for more than 4 months it is mandatory to register at the Dutch municipality that you are going to live in.
- Are you sufficiently insured? Please use this [insurance checklist](#) to see whether your insurance meets the requirements. If not, make sure to arrange your [healthcare \(and other\) insurances](#). For example with [IPS insurance](#).
Please note non-European students pay for the IPS insurance to HAS.
- Decide how and when to get to the Netherlands (book tickets (if applicable)). Check when you can arrive with regard to your room.
- Pay your [tuition fees](#).
- If applicable, finalise your application. Upload your diploma or English ability proof through Studielink and inform the International Office through international@has.nl.

Before you get to HAS

- Make a list of your local contact details for those at home.
- Authorise someone at home to take care of your (financial) affairs in your absence. For



instance, for your bank account: if you lose your bankcard, it will be easier if someone in your home country is authorised to arrange a new one for you.

- Ensure you have enough cash (in euros) to cover your expenses for the first couple of days in the Netherlands.
- Check the information for [new students](#) on our website once more and go through the programme of the mandatory Welcome Day(s) in 's-Hertogenbosch and Venlo.
- Be properly [insured](#) (you are by law obliged to be insured in the Netherlands)
- Download the [Hoi Holland App](#). This game is your first step towards mastering the Dutch language.
- Make sure your passport/ ID-card is valid when entering the Netherlands.

What to pack before departure

Essential

- Your passport
- Proof of your health insurance
- Tickets (if applicable)
- Journey details to your room
- Phone number landlord/lady of your room
- Credit card and some cash money
- Clothing for temperatures between -5°C and 25°C (between 23°F and 77°F)
- Toiletries bag
- Medications (if applicable)
- Emergency phone number
- Mobile phone
- Laptop

Optional

- Your (international) driver's license
- Passport photos (you will need a few during your first days in the Netherlands)
- Camera
- Travel adapter
- Music player
- Sportswear / swimwear
- Extra contact lenses or spare pair of glasses
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella (it rains quite often in the Netherlands)
- Towels
- Travel guide
- Dictionary
- International Student Identification Card
- First Aid Kit

After arrival in the Netherlands

Essential

- Attend our Welcome Day(s) in 's-Hertogenbosch or Venlo.
- Make an appointment to register at a Dutch municipality. For 's-Hertogenbosch, you can make an appointment to register [online](#). For Venlo you can call 14077 to make an appointment.
- Register yourself at a general practitioner and dentist.



- Get your Student ID card (you will receive this during the first week of lessons)
- For non-European students: Pick up your residence permit (you will receive an email once it is ready) and send a copy to international@has.nl.
- Take a tuberculosis check (if applicable; for [some non-European students](#) only)
- Register your Dutch address in [Studielink](#)
- Fill in your personal information in the [Emergency Database](#). In case of an emergency we can contact your relatives.
- Open a Dutch bank account (possible after registration at the municipality and applying for a [citizen service number](#) (BSN number))

Optional

- Buy a bicycle
- Buy an [OV-chipkaart](#) (public transport chip card)
- Apply for the Dutch language lessons in term two through international@has.nl
- Buy a mobile phone or Dutch SIM card
- Become a member of ISA (International Student Association). Ask student [Wes](#) information on how to join.
- Buy a sport card at [Sportiom](#) with a student discount

You can read more about the topics covered in the checklist on the website under *study at HAS*

