



## Before 1 May: Orientate and start preparing

- Read information about studying in the Netherlands at [www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl)
- Visit HAS University's [Open Days or Orientation Days](#) (in the winter and spring).
- Choose between our [two](#) 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 1<sup>st</sup> of May.
- Work on your language preparation. See our [English requirements](#).
- Ensure you have sufficient [funds](#) to support yourself.
- Apply for possible grants and/or scholarships for international students, please visit: [www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)

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

- Find a room in our [Accommodation Service](#) (available from 1 June) for rooms in 's-Hertogenbosch 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 municipality where you are going to live.
- Are you sufficiently insured? Please use the [insurance information](#) to see whether your insurance meets the requirements. If not, make sure to arrange [your healthcare \(and other\) insurances](#). For example with [AON Student Insurance](#).  
Please note non-European students pay for the AON Student Insurance to HAS.
- Decide how and when to get to the Netherlands (if applicable: book tickets). Check when you will have access to your room.
- Pay your [tuition fees](#).
- If applicable, finalise your application. Upload your diploma and/or English proficiency proof through Studielink and inform the International Office at [international@has.nl](mailto:international@has.nl).



## Before you get to HAS

- \*IMPORTANT - COVID-19:** Check the [Q&A about travel restrictions](#) for the Netherlands provided by our government.
- \*IMPORTANT - COVID-19:** Check the [rules](#) that apply to you (or your country) with regards to travelling to the Netherlands and possible quarantine measures.
- \*IMPORTANT - COVID-19:** Check the [general rules](#) related to the Coronavirus in the Netherlands (indoors, outdoors, (public) transport, when to wear a face mask etc.)
- 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 (online) Welcome Days.
- Be properly [insured](#) (you are by law obliged to be insured in the Netherlands)
- Download the [Hoi Holland! app](#). This app 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

- \*COVID-19: A face mask**
- Your passport
- Proof of your health insurance
- Tickets (if applicable)
- Travel directions 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)
- Toiletry bag
- Medications (if applicable)
- Laptop
- Emergency phone number
- Mobile phone

### Optional

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



## After arrival in the Netherlands

### Essential

- \*IMPORTANT - COVID-19: If you have symptoms such as a cold, cough, fever or sudden loss of smell or taste, [GET TESTED \(!!\)](#) to see if you are infected with coronavirus. You have to stay in quarantine. Please check the [website of our government](#).**
- Attend our mandatory (online) Welcome Days.
- Make an appointment to register at a Dutch municipality. For 's-Hertogenbosch, you can make an appointment to register [online](#). Don't forget your [documents](#).
- Register yourself at a general practitioner and dentist.
- Get your Student ID card (you will receive this during the first week of classes)
- For non-European students: Pick up your residence permit (you will receive an email when it is ready) and send a copy of the frontside and backside to [international@has.nl](mailto: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 emergency contacts.
- 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](mailto:international@has.nl).
- Buy a mobile phone or Dutch SIM card.
- Become a member of ISA (International Student Association). Send an email to [ISA](#) on how to join.
- Buy a sport card at [Sportiom](#) with a student discount.

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

