

Dear Student,

In about six weeks you will start your study career at HAS University of Applied Sciences. It was great meeting some of you already during the Meet & Greet on Monday 4 July!

Please find herewith an update on what you need to know to start the International Food & Agribusiness programme. Read it through carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to us via WhatsApp should you have any questions prior to your start.

- 1) **Welcome days** for all international students take place from **Wednesday 24 August until Friday 26 August**.
  - 2) **ISA bite** for all starting IFA students: **Friday 26 August** at the HAS. The International Student Association ISA at HAS University organises a drink & bite for all starting students in the IFA Programme. You will also have the opportunity to meet other international students and staff members from IFA and HBM (Horticulture & Business Management) during this happening. To start preparing, could you please indicate your participation by responding on this e-mail?
  - 3) **IFA Introduction week**. We will be happy to receive you all live at HAS on **Monday 29 August at 9h00**, when we start the IFA introduction week. We will receive you at the entrance and guide you to the correct classroom. On **Tuesday 30 August** you will meet online with your coach for an individual talk and you have time to pack for the 3-day Texel excursion.
  - 4) **3-day excursion: Wednesday 31 August** you will all travel to the beautiful island of Texel, in the north of the Netherlands. You will stay during 2 nights in a dormitory at a 'camping farm group accommodation'; (simple meals are included. Please pack at least the following:
    - Proper + all weather outdoor clothes
    - Sportswear, sturdy sport shoes, bathing suit + towel
    - Comfortable walking shoes
    - Toiletries + towel(s)
    - Sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, umbrella / raincoat
    - Pillowcase and sleeping bag / sheet + blanket
    - Refillable water container (0.5-1 litre)
- Optional:
- Additional food/snacks/drinks (dietary wishes/allergies)
  - Medicines (if applicable, inform staff)
- 5) **WhatsApp group**. During the Meet & Greet on 4 July we started a WhatsApp groups-chat for all new IFA-students, in which we will share key information prior commencing the academic year, which will always be communicated via e-mail as well. The WhatsApp groups-chat is an easy and fun way to connect with future classmates, to meet up and/or help each other out. Feel free to join & leave at all times. Simply check your e-mail for the number to connect.
  - 6) **Information** shared with you previously (mail 16 June) can be found in the other PDF.

Feel free to reach out through WhatsApp in the case of questions.  
Enjoy the summer!

Looking forward to meeting you on Friday 26 August!  
On behalf of the entire IFA staff,  
Kind regards,

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