

Dear Student,

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our university. Please find in this IFA Welcome Letter including relevant information for your introduction period:

1. Arrival in the Netherlands
2. HAS Welcome days for all international students
3. IFA Introduction week including practical information to start the academic year

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1. Arrival in The Netherlands

We expect you to check pandemic measures carefully in August to ensure you arrive in The Netherlands in time to participate in the HAS welcome days starting Wednesday 24 August 2022 (for international students) and the IFA introduction week starting 29 August 2022 (for all students starting the IFA-programme).

2. Welcome days for all international students: 24 – 26 August 2022

The HAS International Office team will organise the welcome days: from Wednesday 24 August until Friday 26 August 2022. Attendance is compulsory for all new international students. The latest information can be found on our website. International Student Association “ISA” is organising an event including food truck on Friday afternoon 26 August 2022, and all new IFA-students are invited to join that event.

3. IFA introduction week: 29 August – 2 September 2022

The IFA team is looking forward to welcoming you all for the IFA introduction week, which will start Monday 29 August. The IFA introduction activities are for all students starting the IFA programme per September 2022. The introduction week is a great way to get to know each other and everyone involved in IFA. The introduction week activities are mandatory for all first year IFA students.

The final programme will be posted on our website mid-July. Activities include:

Date	Activities	Location
Monday 29 + Tuesday 30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcomed by IFA Programme Director + staff ▪ Meet your coach + classmates ▪ Curriculum information + timetable ▪ Teaching methods ▪ Introduction to ICT, library, and lab facilities ▪ Workshop intercultural communication 	HAS University
Wednesday 31 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Morning departure for 3-day excursion to the Dutch island of Texel ▪ Teambuilding ▪ Company visits 	Texel
Friday 2 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Late afternoon arrival from the excursion 	HAS University

Academic year

One [academic year](#) has 4 terms of 10 weeks. Each week you have a study load of 40 hours, of which 30% is contact hours in the first year. Lectures, tutorials, project meetings and other class-activities can be scheduled from 8h30 to 18h00 each day, requiring your availability for your studies app. 40 hours a week.

Timetable and online classes

End of August the timetable will be published on HAS Intranet. During the introduction we explain where to exactly find your schedule(s), how to read and import these into your digital calendar. Next to that, we will give you further instructions on how the online classes work in practice and what applications we use.

Laptop, HAS Student e-mail address + login codes

There are no computers available for self-study at HAS University. We expect you to bring your own device. The minimum requirements for this device can be found here: <https://www.hasuniversity.nl/study-at-has/information-for-new-students/technical-requirements-laptop>. End of August you receive your account information such as your HAS e-mail and login codes. There are tutorials on how to access and install the required software. Please ensure to at least have a laptop with Microsoft Office including MS-teams available prior to the start of Monday 29 August 2022.

Costs for study materials, literature, and excursions

Expected costs for books and excursions in year 1 are around € 750.-. Each course has a course manual informing you about required study materials and excursions; these course manuals are available prior to the start of the course. Study materials may include:

- Book(s)
- Digitally available articles/books
- Reader(s) digitally available including the course manual

We will ask you to buy a limited number of books prior to the start of courses; reference materials that will be used for the entire duration of the IFA-programme. Books can be ordered online/at any bookstore. Other study materials are made available digitally at the start of a course. Please find below the required books IFA year 1.

Literature list International Food & Agribusiness, year 1

Term 1			
Course	Title	Author	ISBN Code
Personal Leadership	StrengthsFinder 2.0, Discover Your CliftonStrengths	T. Rath	9781595620156
Introduction Food	Project Management, A practical Approach	R. Grit	9789001575625
Introduction Food	Doing research - the hows and whys of applied research (4th edition)	N. Verhoeven	9789462364820
Term 2			
Course	Title	Author	ISBN Code
AgriFood Business	Marketing and the Customer Value Chain	T. Fotiadis e.a.	9781138394490
Term 3			
Course	Title	Author	ISBN Code
Business Economics	The Basics of Financial Management; 5th edition	W. Koetzier e.a.	9789001738334

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU

Should you have any questions and/or remarks, please do contact us. **Please be informed that HAS University is closed for the summer break as of Friday 15 July 2022 and will open its doors again on Monday 22 August 2022.**

If your questions are study and planning related, please contact me (E.vLieshout@has.nl).

If your questions are related to visa, housing, etc., please contact our International office (international@has.nl).

Looking forward to meeting you on Monday 29 August!

On behalf of the entire IFA staff,

Kind regards,

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