

# WELCOME TO HU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES UTRECHT

An ambitious university in the heart of the Netherlands



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## IMPACT YOUR FUTURE

**HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht is an inspiring place where exceptional things happen. We are centrally located in the Netherlands, within the vibrant Utrecht Science Park and in the heart of society.**

HU is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in the Netherlands, offering a wide range of education programmes for students aged 17 to 67 years. We look outward as well as forward. We believe in cooperation as well as individual growth. At HU, education, research and the corporate world come together to impact the future, your future. We look at issues from multiple angles to find innovative solutions for the city of tomorrow.

### **Four fields of expertise**

The city of tomorrow: our metaphor for the fast changing and complex urban environment we live in. An environment that challenges us in many different fields. HU operates from four fields of expertise to meet the most important of these challenges. Our Sustainable Together expertise group focuses on sustainability in a physical sense. Our Healthy Together expertise group is committed to reducing problems related to the health and well-being of

people in the region, increasing their self-reliance and improving their lifestyle as well as their social and physical safety. Quality education is crucial for our well-being and for the continuity of a strong, regional knowledge-based society. Our Learning Together expertise group is committed to providing such high-quality education in the Utrecht region. Digitalisation affects all areas of our lives; how we live, work, and interact with each other. Our Digital Together expertise group is committed to a process of digitalisation that is human-centred & data-driven.

### **Creating innovative solutions together**

The challenges in these fields cannot be met by looking at them from one perspective. They demand cooperation. Creating impact at HU campus. Our campus is designed to facilitate this cooperation: between students, teaching and research staff, institutions, governments and corporations. We believe we need to innovate to create impact. That is why we prefer to learn and conduct research across fields of expertise. Unexpected co-productions create unexpected and innovative results. This ensures we have a direct impact on our urban environment – and well beyond. Because the issues we are facing here are relevant around the globe.

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### **HU and Internationalisation**

Internationalisation is an important aspect of education and research at HU. The Dutch economy, politics and law are increasingly influenced by the rest of Europe, as well as by developments in other regions.

Innovation of professional practice can only take place in an international context: by making use of the available knowledge, worldwide. In the multicultural society of the Netherlands and the Utrecht region it is natural that we teach our students intercultural skills. HU has students of around one

hundred different nationalities. We see this diversity as one of our strengths, since it forms an integral part of our education and research and all operational and logistic services supporting this 'core business'.

HU welcomes academic and professional partners from abroad, to help us achieve our shared internationalisation goals. International cooperation can come in many different forms: from collaborative research projects and student and staff exchanges to joint study programmes, international exchanges through e-learning and intensive courses.

## **HU FACTS AND FIGURES**

- HU was founded in 1995 through the merger of several previously independent institutions.
- HU is state-funded.
- Our university has over 35,000 students with more than 100 different nationalities.
- Most of our European students come from Belgium, France, Germany, Bulgaria and Spain. Most of the students from outside Europe come from Iran, Surinam, China, South Africa and Nigeria.
- Over 1,300 international students are currently studying at HU.
- 88% of the graduates from Dutch universities of applied sciences find a job within the first year.
- HU offers over 92 degree programmes. Some of these programmes are taught entirely in English.
- We offer degree programmes in the following areas: Economics & Management; Media, Communication & IT; Health & Social Care; Science & Technology; Education & Pedagogy
- HU participates in the largest summer school in Europe with over 3,500 students from all over the world.
- HU is located in two cities: Utrecht and Amersfoort (25km from Utrecht).

# UTRECHT



Utrecht is located in the heart of the Netherlands and is the country's fourth largest city (with 368,000 residents). Utrecht is well-known for its institutions of higher education and as home to some 70,000 students, it is a real student city. Utrecht is centrally located in the Netherlands and it is at once dazzlingly modern and impressively old. It has the intimacy of a small town, but the amenities and ambitions of a big city.

Utrecht is one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands and has unique medieval shipyards. You can stroll along the canals, wharf quays and visit bars and restaurants in the cellars that once formed a medieval port complex like no other in the world. Another highlight is the Dom Tower, which is the highest church tower in the country. Utrecht's population is relatively young and this is reflected in the many activities organised around the city. In the old town you will find many interesting shops, cinemas and pubs. Utrecht has student organisations of all shapes and sizes and the opportunities in the field of culture, sports and entertainment are endless.

Because of its central location and easy accessibility, Utrecht is a meeting place for the whole of the Netherlands. International Companies like Cap Gemini, Rabobank, Fortis and Origin all have their head offices in Utrecht. Utrecht has also developed into a pool of talent that the city nurtures and invests in, so that it can continue to grow as a centre for knowledge and culture.

# THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands is located in the heart of north-west Europe. The Netherlands literally means 'low countries' and that is indeed the case because more than a quarter of the country's territory lies below sea level. Over many centuries, the Dutch have constructed a remarkable system of sea defences to protect themselves from flooding, and about one-fifth of all Dutch land has actually been reclaimed from the sea, lakes or marshland. Many of the Netherlands' windmills - for which the country is famous - drive pumps that keep this land drained and useable.

Despite all the newly reclaimed land, the Netherlands is one of the most densely populated countries in the world: its 17 million people live in an area of just 41,500km<sup>2</sup> (404 per km<sup>2</sup>). In recent decades, immigration has boosted the population still further; people of over 200 different nationalities now live in the country. The official language is Dutch, but some three-quarters of the population also speak English. An open attitude towards people from other countries has always been a trademark of Dutch culture.

The nation's capital is Amsterdam, although The Hague is actually the seat of government. The country is a member of the European Union and, like many other member states, its currency is the euro. Several important international institutions are based in The Hague, including the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. The Netherlands realises that excellent higher education is vital to a successful modern economy, and so it has made higher education a key policy priority. We have been given the task of training the professionals of tomorrow, both for the Netherlands and internationally, and schools like HU are in the vanguard of this knowledge revolution.

# THE DUTCH EDUCATION SYSTEM & THE ACCREDITATION OF HU PROGRAMMES

There are two types of higher education institutions in the Netherlands: research universities (universiteiten) and universities of applied sciences (hogescholen). HU is a university of applied sciences, meaning that it offers programmes to prepare students to work in a particular profession. In addition to lectures, seminars, projects and independent study, students also complete a work placement, during the second or third year of study, plus a final project or paper in the fourth year.

## Degrees

The higher education system in the Netherlands is based on three types of degrees: Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degrees, according to the three cycle degree system as outcome of the Bologna

agreement. A Bachelor's programme at a university of applied sciences involves the completion of 240 credits (normally over 4 years). The main stage of the Bachelor's programme consists of the 'major' degree subject (worth between 120 and 150 credits) plus a free choice component or 'minor' (worth 30 to 60 credits). The major is the compulsory component of the study programme for your chosen degree. The free choice component is designed to give you the opportunity to personalise your study programme by choosing additional courses worth 30 credits or more. After finishing a Bachelor's programme, students can continue their studies with a Master's programme.

For more information about Dutch Higher Education, read [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)



## ACCREDITATION

In the Netherlands, standards in higher education are guaranteed through a system of regulations and quality assurance. All degree programmes at HU are evaluated and approved through this accreditation system and meet the quality requirements set by the Netherlands' Ministry for Education, Culture and Science. Students at HU can therefore be confident that all its programmes meet high standards. All Bachelor's degree programmes at HU are funded by the Netherlands' central government.

More information: [www.nvao.com](http://www.nvao.com)

# EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

## 2024=2025

Here you can find a list of the programmes taught in English that HU offers its international students. The list is constantly being updated, so please check our website for the most recent list of programmes.

Communication Management	Fall	Spring	ECTS
International Communication	•		30 EC
<b>Communication and Media Design</b>			
Audio and Visual Design	•		30 EC
Brand Design	•		30 EC
Big Data and Design		•	30 EC
Immersive Design		•	30 EC
<b>Creative Business</b>			
Creative Business SEM 1	•		30 EC
Creative Business SEM 2		•	30 EC
Creative Expression	•	•	30 EC
Navigating China's Digital Landscape	•		30 EC
Media Psychology	•	•	30 EC
Mindful Communication	•	•	30 EC
<b>Business and Management</b>			
Business Innovation with Blockchain	•	•	30 EC
Globalising Business	•	•	30 EC
Business Management Analytics	•	•	30 EC
Brand Experience & Event Design	•	•	30 EC
International Advertising	•	•	30 EC
International Business Skills	•	•	30 EC
International Finance	•	•	30 EC
International Marketing Management	•	•	30 EC
Entrepreneurship	•	•	30 EC
Music Marketing & Management	•	•	30 EC
Dutch Beginners A1	•	•	5 EC
Dutch Intensive A2	•	•	5 EC
Strategic Thinking and Management & Organisation Development	•	•	30 EC
Sport & Entertainment Marketing	•	•	30 EC
Sports Management	•		30 EC
Responsible Business & Strategic Collaboration	•		30 EC

Education	Fall	Spring	ECTS
American Studies in Advanced English	•		30 EC
Beyond Borders: what it means to be a global citizen	•		30 EC
English Language and Culture	•	•	30 EC
Internationalise your classroom	•		30 EC
Teacher Training	•		30 EC
Art of Writing	•	•	30 EC
<b>Health Care</b>			
International Health Studies	•	•	30 EC
<b>Journalism</b>			
CampusDoc Documentary	•		30 EC
Cross-border Journalism	•		30 EC
Cultural Journalism		•	30 EC
<b>Law</b>			
EU Law and Human rights	•		30 EC
<b>Safety and Security</b>			
Criminal Justice Work		•	30 EC
<b>Social Work</b>			
International Development Work	•		30 EC
<b>Technology</b>			
Co-Design Studio	•	•	30 EC
Smart Sustainable Cities	•		30 EC
Social Robotics	•	•	30 EC

### English taught full degree programmes

- Creative Business (Bachelor)
- International Business (Bachelor)
- Teacher Education in English & German & Spanish & French (Bachelor)
- Teacher Education in English & German & French (Master)
- Next Level Engineering (Master)
- Data Driven Design (Master)
- Sustainable Business Transitions (Master)



## UTRECHT SUMMER SCHOOL

The Utrecht Summer School is organised jointly by HU and Utrecht University. Utrecht Summer School offers a broad selection of over 170 courses in virtually all disciplines. In previous years, Utrecht Summer School attracted over 3,500 students from over 120 different countries. The programme is characterised by its strong, academic courses in a variety of subjects.

HU offers summer courses in the fields of Law, Economics & Business, Life Sciences, Science and Social Science. European Credits (ECs) are awarded for most of the courses. The courses last from 1 to 6 weeks and are held during the months of July and August.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.utrechtsummerschool.nl](http://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl)

## HU and the Consortium on Applied Research and Professional Education (CARPE)

The Consortium on Applied Research and Professional Education (CARPE) is the first strategic alliance formed by a group of European Universities of Applied Sciences, and was launched in Utrecht in 2011. The partners aim to encourage cooperation in European research programmes and jointly develop educational programmes. CARPE will also offer mutual exchanges of students and staff. An important focus for this collaboration is constituted by the links between education, research, businesses and organisations, through which knowledge can acquire both social and economic value.

CARPE Partners are: Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Universitat Politècnica de València, University of Debrecen, The Polytechnic Institute of Porto, University of West of Scotland and HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.carpenetwork.org](http://www.carpenetwork.org)

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