



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 [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 1st 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

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

- ☐ Find a room by making use of our [Accommodation Mediation Service](#) (available from 1 June) for rooms in 's-Hertogenbosch or find your own place to live. Check our [housing website](#) to inform yourself on housing in the Netherlands and to find a [list of useful websites](#) when looking for a room.
- ☐ 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.



Before you get to HAS

- ☐ **COVID-19:** Check the [rules](#) that apply to you (or your country) provided by our government with regards to travelling to the Netherlands.
- ☐ 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 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

- ☐ **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 fill out a [form](#) online. After you have filled out the form, the municipality will contact you to schedule an appointment to complete your registration. Don't forget to bring your [documents](#).
- ☐ Register yourself at a general practitioner and dentist.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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*.

