



# Applying to University in the Netherlands

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# Section 1

**Why study in the Netherlands?**

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- World-leading institutions with excellent links to centres of global business, law and science
- A wide range of courses offered in English, and standards of spoken / written English are high
- Diverse range of locations from city to countryside
- Study conditions: from the ultra modern to 'Hogwarts'
- One of the most inclusive and diverse societies in Europe
- Excellent, speedy and affordable travel links to the UK, France and the rest of the world
- EU resident and citizens: guaranteed rights to settlement, study, work and healthcare.
- Internship and travel opportunities are often built into courses.
- Affordable fees, relative to some other Anglophone options.





# Key facts about higher education in the Netherlands

- **Highly individualistic:** each institution, course, faculty will have different expectations and procedures. There is no centralised application process.
- **Education is specialised**, and so are the institutions:
  - **Universities** are huge with a large student body, large class sizes, great range of courses.
  - **University Colleges** - much smaller, prestigious, small class sizes, opportunity to tailor your course to your own interests. Similar to Oxbridge / private liberal arts college in the US.
  - **Applied Science Colleges** - focused on STEM subjects and often have strong links to industry.
  - **Hospitality Colleges** - world-leading institutions for those aiming towards a career in the travel and tourism industry. An industry placement is normally required as part of the course.





# Key facts about higher education in the Netherlands

- **Two different course types**, depending on which institution you apply to:
  - **General courses**: long deadlines (April / May, depending on immigration status)
  - **Numerus Fixus**: for the more competitive / popular courses, deadline in Dec / Jan. Early application deadlines and entrance interviews are the norm.
- **Fees** are often relatively low compared to other Anglophone providers
  - €1500 to €12000 pa, depending on the course and your immigration status / nationality.
  - Most courses will fall to the lower end of this range, especially for EU citizens
  - Admission fees may be charged: these are usually less than €100.





# Admission Requirements

## Maths Requirements

Many courses and institutions will require evidence of parity with a Dutch High School Diploma.

This means **you will need to have studied Maths in every year of Lycée**

If you have not done this you will need to check whether you will need to take a maths course or placement test offered by the University **before** making an application.

## Language requirements:

Many institutions will require proof of English proficiency. Some take the OIB as proof, some will except your status as a native speaker and some will accept your iGCSE.

Other institutions will insist that you take an English language test either through them or with an external provider. **If they insist on this there is very little we can do. Accept it with good grace and do the test.**





## Section 2

**Researching your options & choices**

# Research your choices: what do **you** want to do?

***Q: what do you want to do after Terminale? Travel? Work? Study? Maybe all three!***

Points to consider:

- What are you passionate about?
- What do you want to do for work after university and which courses will qualify you for that work?
- What obstacles stand in your way and how will you overcome them?

Think hard about **affordability** and **feasibility** when considering your plans after school.





# Using UNIFROG to research your options



Unifrog is an online platform which helps students to:

- research post-Bac study opportunities on English speaking courses throughout the world.
- organise themselves so that they can submit the strongest applications, on time and in the correct format.

**IMPORTANT! Unifrog is the primary way that the University Guidance Team will communicate with students. Make sure your access is working correctly and get used to using it!**

- Lost your Unifrog login? Reset it using your @csilyon.fr email address from the following link : <https://www.unifrog.org/reset-password>
- Never signed up? <https://www.unifrog.org/code> using the code **LYOI1er24** and your @csilyon.fr email address.
- Contact [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org) if you have any problems accessing your Unifrog account.



# UNIFROG Parent Accounts



Parents can set up a **parent account** on Unifrog

This can be used to research subjects, institutions, online courses etc and to try out the quizzes and other tools that are available.

It is **not** linked to your child's account and not intended to be used to 'track' their progress.

A **sign-up code** was sent out to all 1ère parents on 31/01/2023 to allow them to sign-up and create a parental account: this code will now have expired. If you missed your chance and want to sign up, please contact [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org).

NB: Please don't be tempted to set up a 'fake' student account. Our advisers actively use Unifrog to track individual student progress and the presence of 'fake' student accounts can cause confusion.



# Find out more about studying in the Netherlands

In its '**Know-How**' sections, Unifrog has guides to all aspects of living and studying in the Netherlands, including

- Student Life in the Netherlands
- Fees & funding
- Individual guides to various universities and other institutions
- Advice on making an application

**TIP:** When searching on Unifrog, all English language courses in Europe will appear. The Netherlands falls into the 'Western Europe' category.



# Find out more about studying in the Netherlands

The [Studying in Holland site](#) (created by the Dutch government working with higher education institutions) is very useful and includes:

- A course search function
- Individual student stories and experiences
  - Be aware that **housing** is often difficult to find in Dutch cities / towns. You will need to explore this aspect carefully when making your choices, and factor in the likely costs of accommodation.
- A guide to the Dutch education system, fees and funding
- Information on visas, residency permits and healthcare

An excellent University Fair is usually held each summer and early autumn (online and in person), with representatives from each major Anglophone providers. They are extremely kind and helpful, with no question being considered too trivial.





# Other more general research tools / suggestions

- **Look online**

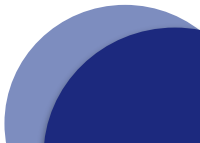
- University websites

- **Check out University League Tables and Rankings**

- [Worldwide university rankings 2023](#)
- Compare by different measures including student satisfaction

- **Visits & Social Media**

- If you are able to go to visit, or even a virtual tour of a campus, do so. It is a great way to get a feel for a place. Some universities are offering virtual tours because of the current situation. A lot of universities now actively engage with prospective students on social media, and we encourage you to follow your preferred colleges through these platforms.



# Studying in the Netherlands after Brexit

**British** (non-EU) citizens who were legally resident in France / the EU **BEFORE** the 1st January 2021 have the same right to access education as citizens from the EU member state where you are studying.

**British** (non-EU) citizens who became resident in France / the EU **AFTER** the 1 January 2021 may need to pay different fee rates (as a non-EU third-country national) if they are planning to study their whole degree course at a university in an EU member state.

**The above advice is very basic, and all British (non-EU) citizens are therefore advised to check directly with the institutions as part of researching your choices.** This also applies to all other non-EU citizens (US, Canada, ANZAC etc).





# Section 3

**Applying through Studielink:  
organisation, deadlines, applications**

# Applying through the Studielink system

All applications to higher education institutions in the Netherlands are processed through the **Studielink** portal.

- 1. You will need to create a non DigiD account**
  - You must have a valid form of ID (passport, carte de séjour) and it **MUST** be in date. Check ahead of time and renew you ID in good time if you need to.
- 2. Complete the form, insert your choices, upload your supporting docs and pay!**







# Applying through the Studielink system

## Potential problems and how to overcome them:

- The [Q&A section of Studielink](#) is very detailed and you will find most answer to your questions.
- The [Step-by-Step guide](#) is also very useful.
- You have NOT completed a degree: do bear this in mind when completing the 'previous education' section.
- You can only include two *numerus fixus* courses on your application. Choose these carefully, taking into account all the key factors including course competitiveness, housing and other costs, and fees in your decision.



# DECISIONS: what happens now?

## Accepted by your top Netherlands choice!

You need to:

- Accept by the deadline (sometimes as short as 10 days from the offer)
- Upload any additional docs
- Make plans to pay any fees as required up front by deadlines

## You didn't get accepted by one of your Netherlands choices.

You now have a free slot.

You can add on another course (if you want to).

As long as you meet the entry requirements and the deadline hasn't passed, you can make another application.

## You get accepted by another University outside the Netherlands, and that's where you decide to go.

You need to:

- Accept your other choice and complete all steps.
- Withdraw your application from Studielink.
- Inform us so we know to amend our records and not waste time chasing you for information!

# I'm going to study in the Netherlands!

**Non-EU citizens** (i.e. UK, USA, ANZAC and Canadian passport holders) will need to:

- Apply for residency in the Netherlands
- Potentially apply for a student visa in addition to the above.
- Apply for student health insurance

**All successful applicants** will need to:

- Sort out finance and funding for the course, and have all the supporting documents ready for these applications.

It will really help if you make sure that your **identity documents** are ready and well in-date.



# Recap & next steps...

- Think about what you want to do and research your options using Unifrog, Study in Holland and other sources of information.

Ideally **before the end of this school year** and **DEFINITELY at the start of Terminale.**

- Contact [university@csianglo.org](mailto:university@csianglo.org) to let us know about your plans and how we can help you take them forward to the application stage.

