

Erasmus School of
History, Culture and
Communication

International Exchange Programme



Erasmus University Rotterdam
Make it happen.



"I was absolutely amazed by the vibe of the city. The modern architecture, the river, its size and the citizens make Rotterdam one of the best cities I have ever been in!"
— Miguel, Spain

Welcome to Rotterdam!

Rotterdam is a young, dynamic, international city with a passionately beating heart. The city keeps reinventing itself at a rapid pace, redefining and expanding its already impressive skyline every time you visit and presenting new cultural and sporting events to surprise and delight you. As one of the world's largest commercial ports and a centre of commerce and services, Rotterdam offers unlimited opportunities and possibilities. The city is aptly called the 'Gateway to Europe' because of its favourable location, good infrastructure and well-developed transport network that provides access to the rest of Europe. You can travel to other major Dutch cities such as Amsterdam within less than an hour.

It takes only a little longer to get to Brussels, London, Paris or Berlin. You can fly from Rotterdam Airport to major cities in Europe and, from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, to any place in the world.

Rankings

The New York Times

52 places to go in 2014

The Academy of Urbanism

European City of the Year Award in 2015

Lonely Planet

Top 10 City Best in Travel 2016

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) offers a proven track record in excellent education and research. If you seek to link theory with practice through the involvement of industry and governments, then our university in Rotterdam is your education of choice. Here, you can make it happen. Here, internationally renowned teachers and researchers continuously encourage and inspire you to effectively address today's and tomorrow's challenges. A recipe for success: it's how we produced many global leaders in business, research and governments over the past century.

Rankings

Erasmus University Rotterdam strives to achieve academic excellence. This results in high positions in the international university rankings. Some examples:

Times Higher Education University Rankings 2016:
#4 in the Netherlands, #69 in the World

QS World University Rankings 2017:
#8 in the Netherlands, #147 in the World

Center for World University Rankings 2016:
#2 in the Netherlands, #91 in the World

More information:
www.eur.nl/english/eur/rankings/

Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication is a dynamic School, which offers five bachelor programmes, eleven master programmes and a research master programme. This thus offers exchange students a variety of courses in the fields of:

- Arts and Culture Studies
- History
- Media and Communication

The Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication might be one of the smaller faculties of the university, with around 1500 students. But with this it brings personal attention and smaller scale classes. Besides that, our student body consists of more than 90 different nationalities and all our departments offer complete **English-taught** Bachelor and Master programmes.

"Being part of an international environment was education in itself. Both the students and the professors were from all around the world which added so many rich perspectives." – Kelsey, USA

Practical Matters

Campus
Erasmus University Rotterdam is a home base for around 28,000 students. Most faculties and schools are situated at the Woudestein campus, which has a green and lively heart with the vibrant and cultural Erasmus Pavilion, residence for students, the Erasmus Food Plaza where dishes from various corners of the world are offered and a mini supermarket Spar University. Other facilities on this campus include a library, study facilities, cash dispensers, prayer facilities, a bicycle shop, coffee corners, a bookstore, a hairdresser and a sports centre.

Housing

It is possible to live on campus at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Application is on first-come-first-serve basis as not all students can be accommodated on campus. You could also choose to rent a private room or a private apartment.

For more information you can visit:
www.housing.eur.nl

Immigration Procedures

Most international students from outside the EU/EEA, studying in the Netherlands for more than 90 days, need to apply for an entry visa and/or a Dutch residence permit. Exchange students will be informed on immigration procedures after they are accepted into the exchange programme.

Financial information

Experience has shown that students living and studying in Rotterdam spend approximately €1,000 a month. This amount is needed to cover daily expenses, meals, accommodation, insurance, etc.



Student Handbook

A handbook for new international students arriving in the Netherlands can be found through the following website: www.eur.nl/english/essc/internationaloffice/

Once exchange students are accepted, they will receive more information about insurance, visa procedures, and more from the faculty's exchange coordinator.

Application

Semester dates

Fall Semester:

Sep – End of Jan

Spring Semester:

End of Jan – June

Application procedure
After nomination by the home university, students are invited to complete our online application form with the following

required documents:

- A copy of your valid passport
- Copy of your BA-diploma (only if you are currently a MA student)
- Motivation letter
- Transcript of records
- English B2 level Certificate (CEFR) or Equivalent
- A proposed study curriculum

All students should have completed at least one year of their Bachelor's degree programme before applying.

The online application form can be found via www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/exchange

Application deadlines

Fall Semester: 1 May

Spring Semester: 1 October

Full year: 1 May



Language requirements

English is the language of instruction at Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication. Exchange students are expected to have an English proficiency level of at least:

- B2 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- 92 Academic TOEFL
- 7.0 Academic IELTS

If your study programme is taught in English a statement from your home university is sufficient proof, which needs to be submitted with the application.

Welcome

Introduction

At the beginning of every semester, the university offers several orientation programmes for new international students. For more information and registration go to: www.eur.nl/welcome.

Pick-up Service

On specific dates before the start of the semester you will be picked up from Amsterdam Airport by bus and brought to Rotterdam.

ESHCC Take-Off

Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication organises a welcome event for new exchange students each semester.





ESN Introduction Days

Take the chance to meet fellow international students, taste Dutch culture, get to know Rotterdam and experience its cultural highlights and nightlife.

Official Welcome Ceremony

The Official Welcome Ceremony is organised by the university for all international students and consists of two parts. The formal part is hosted by prominent university staff and student associations and will be followed by the second, more informal part of the evening. Here you will have a chance to experience true Dutch cuisine!

**“I have made some really close friends from those events!”
– Sylvia, China**

5 Must-Do's, according to former exchange students!

- 1** Get a bike! The city can easily be navigated, and it's an affordable and convenient way to get around!



- 2** Visit the Blaak Market on Tuesdays and Saturdays to buy cheap flowers and fruit. The famous Markthal is right there as well!

3 Go jogging or bike on the Erasmus Bridge – the best way to get a feel for Rotterdam!



4 Go for drinks on the Witte de Withstreet; it is the best place to hang out with friends, with different types of restaurants and bars



5 Have a picnic or take a stroll in one of the many beautiful parks Rotterdam has to offer, or go to the peaceful lake – Kralingse Plas

Courses

All programmes at the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication have the following features:

- Taught entirely in English
- Student population from all over the world
- International teaching staff

International Bachelor Arts and Culture Studies

This programme offers a unique approach to the world of arts and culture. During the course, students acquire a thorough understanding of how the cultural sector is organized, and gain insight into the socio-economic and political contexts that allow the arts to flourish. The contemporary cultural landscape requires creative professionals with analytical skills and in-depth knowledge of cultural policy, arts education, art markets, audiences, heritage, cultural organizations, creative industries and entrepreneurship in a global perspective.

Our courses are particularly suitable for students of Art History, Culture Studies, Creative Industries, Arts Management and Cultural Sociology programs.

International Bachelor History

This programme is centred around societal, economic, political and cultural themes and not (as with many other programmes) historical periods. This means that one day, you may be studying a 17th-century account of the travels of an employee of the Dutch East India Company, followed by an explanation of the impact of international treaties on the retention of cultural heritage the next day.

Our courses are particularly suitable for exchange students of History, International Relations and Politics programs.

International Bachelor Communication and Media

This programme takes a comparative, international approach to communication and media studies. A wide variety of courses covering the impact of media on political and cultural life, as well as on entire economies across the globe are included in our curriculum. At the same time we also reflect on how mediation has transformed international relations and business opportunities, but also citizenship and democracy, cognition and culture, as well as people's personal and working lives. Bringing a unique program that brings together the fields of Communication and Media.

Our courses are particularly suitable for students of Media Studies, Communications, Film Studies, Journalism, and Public Relations programs.

Master Students

There is also the option for master students to come on exchange to the Erasmus School of History, Culture, and Communication. Join courses from programmes in either Media & Business, Media, Culture, and Society, and Media & Creative Industries.

Examples of courses*

History

| Fall semester | Spring semester |
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| Economic Crises | Capitalism and Inequality |
| Economic History and International Relations | Emerging Economies and Global Labour |
| International Business and Nation-States | History Behind Writing |
| Social and Cultural History | Migration, Citizenship and Identity in Global Labour |
| Historical Representation and Imagination | Rethinking History |
| Total War | Urban History: Rotterdam in Global Perspective |

Arts and Culture Studies

| Fall semester | Spring semester |
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| Art, Culture and History | Arts, Culture and the Media |
| Art, Literature and Capitalism: Battling Histories | Arts Education |
| Creative Economy and Creative Organizations | Cultural and Creative Industries |
| Popular Music: Industry & Society | Cultural Policy |
| Sociology of Arts and Culture | Economics of Arts and Culture |
| The Art of Filmmaking | Sociology, Culture and Modernity |

Media and Communication

| Fall semester | Spring semester |
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| Business of Media | Cinema and Society |
| Corporate Communication | Communication Technologies and their Impacts |
| International Journalism | Consumer Behaviour and Marketing Action |
| Made in Holland: Dutch Creative Industries | Entertainment Media and Social Change |
| Media Entertainment and Popular Culture | Intercultural Communication |
| Media Industries: Trends and Strategies | Media, Children and Parents |

Students can also follow selected courses of:

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| International Business Administration | Pedagogical Sciences |
| Law | Philosophy |
| Management of International Social Challenges | Psychology |

* Note that this is just an indication. No rights can be derived from this overview. The up-to-date list of available courses for exchange students can be found via www.eshcc.eur.nl/english/exchange

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