

# About Holland

Holland or the Netherlands? Referring to the same country, both names have been used interchangeably throughout history. For centuries, Holland has been known for its international orientation and open-minded culture. It ties to other parts of the world have brought many foreigners to settle in the Netherlands, bringing their own ideas and cultures.

Even though most people in Holland speak English, you may want to learn some Dutch. You also might be surprised to learn how many Dutch words have been borrowed by other languages. The Dutch word *baas* (boss), can be traced back in 57 languages spread over all continents and is therefore the most widely adopted Dutch word. Here are some short phrases to get you started:

Hello	<i>Hallo/hoi</i>
What's your name?	<i>Hoe heet je?</i>
I am ...	<i>Ik ben ...</i>
How are you doing?	<i>Hoe gaat het met je?</i>
I am fine	<i>Het gaat goed met mij</i>
Bye	<i>Doei</i>

Want to know more about Holland, the Dutch and their language? Please visit [www.studyinholland.nl/living-in-holland](http://www.studyinholland.nl/living-in-holland)

## Bachelor's or master's degree?

Holland offers a large variety of study programmes in different disciplines, including degree programmes, short courses, summer courses and training modules. The charts on the right illustrate the fields of study according to the bachelor's or master's programme offered. You can find an overview of all study options on [www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl).

### Admission requirements

Contact the Dutch institution offering the programme of your choice for information about admission requirements. Generally, the main requirement for admission to a bachelor's programme is a secondary-school diploma at the appropriate level. For admission to a master's degree programme, applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. IELTS and TOEFL are commonly accepted language tests. If you meet the requirements, follow the institution's procedure for admission.

### PhD

PhD degrees are only offered by research universities. PhD candidates in Holland are regarded as professional researchers rather than as students. The majority of the PhD candidates are employed, which strengthens their status as professional researcher. Visit [www.studyinholland.nl/phd](http://www.studyinholland.nl/phd) for more information.

## Dutch higher education system

Holland has two main types of higher education institutions: universities of applied sciences and research universities. A third, smaller branch of higher education is provided by institutes for international education. You can find all English-taught programmes at [www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl).

### Universities of applied sciences

Programmes offered by universities of applied sciences (in Dutch: *hogescholen*) focus on the practical application of knowledge, preparing students for specific professions. Holland has 39 government-funded universities of applied sciences.

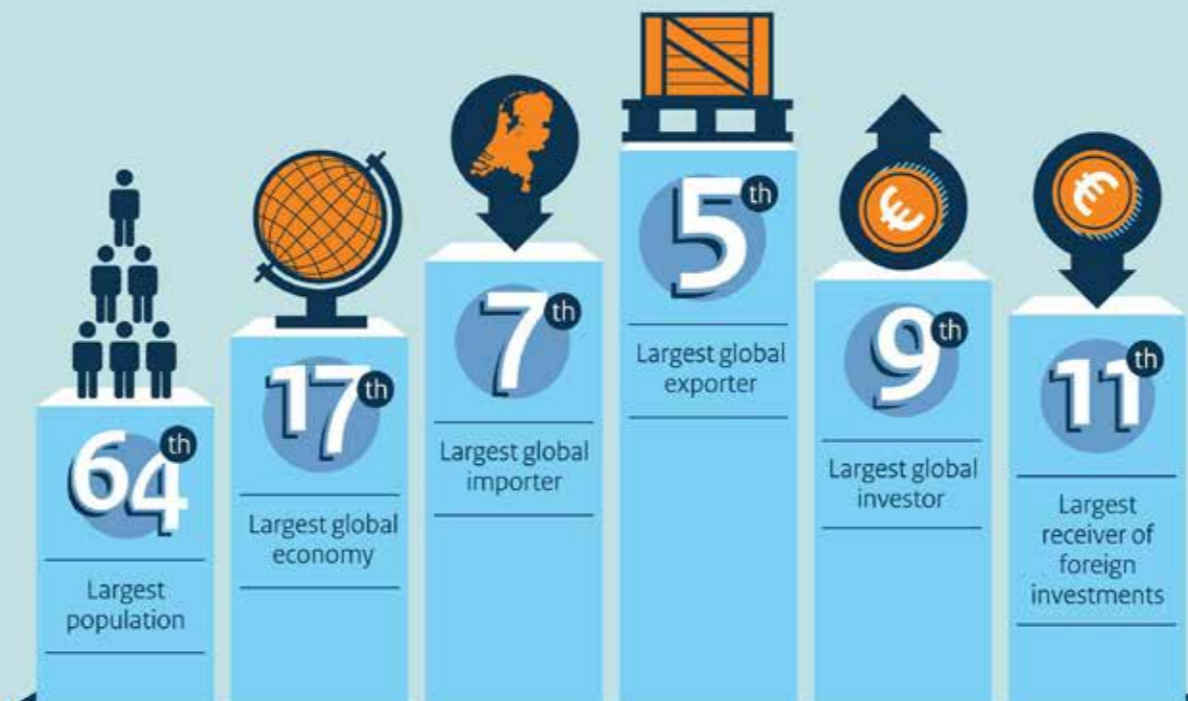
### Research universities

There are fourteen government-funded research universities in Holland. These institutions train students in academic study and research, although many study programmes also have a professional component.

### Institutes for international education

Institutes for international education offer advanced training courses taught in English. Problem-oriented courses and various types of programmes, including master's programmes, are offered in a wide range of specific fields.

## World ranking of The Netherlands



\*source: Ministry of Economic Affairs; CIA factbook, IMF, UNCTAD, WTO 2012

## Useful websites

[www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl)  
[www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl)  
[www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)  
[www.hollandalumni.nl](http://www.hollandalumni.nl)  
[www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)

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[www.youtube.com/studyinholland](https://www.youtube.com/studyinholland)

### Information in Bahasa Indonesia

[www.nesoindonesia.or.id](http://www.nesoindonesia.or.id)  
[facebook.com/NesoIndonesia](https://www.facebook.com/NesoIndonesia)  
[@StudyidiBelanda](https://www.instagram.com/StudyidiBelanda)  
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#### Universities of Applied Sciences

AIS Flight Academy	<a href="http://www.aisflightacademy.com/">http://www.aisflightacademy.com/</a>
Amsterdam University of the Arts	<a href="http://www.ahk.nl/">http://www.ahk.nl/</a>
ArtEZ Institute of the Arts	<a href="http://www.artez.nl/">http://www.artez.nl/</a>
Avans University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.avans.nl/">http://www.avans.nl/</a>
Business School Netherlands	<a href="http://www.bsn.eu/">http://www.bsn.eu/</a>
Business School Notenboom	<a href="http://www.notenboom.nl/">http://www.notenboom.nl/</a>
Codarts University of Professional Arts Education	<a href="http://www.codarts.nl/">http://www.codarts.nl/</a>
Design Academy Eindhoven	<a href="http://www.designacademy.nl/">http://www.designacademy.nl/</a>
Driestar Educatief University	<a href="http://www.driestar-educatief.nl/">http://www.driestar-educatief.nl/</a>
Dutch Open University	<a href="http://www.ou.nl/">http://www.ou.nl/</a>
Ede Christian University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.che.nl/">http://www.che.nl/</a>
EuroCollege University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.eurocollege-university.nl/">http://www.eurocollege-university.nl/</a>
EuroPort Business School	<a href="http://www.epbs.nl/">http://www.epbs.nl/</a>
Fontys University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.fontys.edu/">http://www.fontys.edu/</a>
Gerrit Rietveld Academie	<a href="http://www.gerritrietveldacademie.nl/">http://www.gerritrietveldacademie.nl/</a>
HAN University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.han.nl/">http://www.han.nl/</a>
Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen	<a href="http://www.hanze.nl/">http://www.hanze.nl/</a>
HAS University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.hasinternational.nl/">http://www.hasinternational.nl/</a>
HKU University of the Arts, Utrecht	<a href="http://www.hku.nl/">http://www.hku.nl/</a>
University of Applied Sciences Leiden	<a href="http://www.hsleiden.nl/">http://www.hsleiden.nl/</a>
HU University of Applied Science, Utrecht	<a href="http://www.hu.nl/">http://www.hu.nl/</a>
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.international.hva.nl/">http://www.international.hva.nl/</a>
HZ University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.hz.nl/">http://www.hz.nl/</a>
Hotelschool The Hague	<a href="http://www.hotelschool.nl/">http://www.hotelschool.nl/</a>
INHOLLAND University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.inholland.com/">http://www.inholland.com/</a>
THIM University of Applied Sciences for Physiotherapy	<a href="http://www.thimvanderlaan.nl/">http://www.thimvanderlaan.nl/</a>
Islamic University Rotterdam	<a href="http://www.islamicuniversity.nl/">http://www.islamicuniversity.nl/</a>
KPZ, Roman Catholic Primary Teacher Training College	<a href="http://www.kpz.nl/">http://www.kpz.nl/</a>
NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.nhtv.nl/">http://www.nhtv.nl/</a>
Reformed University of Applied Sciences Viaa	<a href="http://www.viaa.nl/">http://www.viaa.nl/</a>
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.hogeschool-rotterdam.nl/">http://www.hogeschool-rotterdam.nl/</a>
Saxion University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.saxion.edu/">http://www.saxion.edu/</a>
STC Netherlands Maritime University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.stc-nmu.eu/">http://www.stc-nmu.eu/</a>
Stenden University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.stenden.com/">http://www.stenden.com/</a>
Webster University	<a href="http://www.webster.nl/">http://www.webster.nl/</a>
Team Academy Amsterdam	<a href="http://www.teamacademy.nl/">http://www.teamacademy.nl/</a>
The Hague University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.thehagueuniversity.nl/">http://www.thehagueuniversity.nl/</a>
Theological University of Reformed Churches	<a href="http://www.tukampen.nl/">http://www.tukampen.nl/</a>
TIO University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.tio.nl/">http://www.tio.nl/</a>

#### Websites

#### Universities of Applied Sciences

University for Humanistics	<a href="http://www.uvh.nl/">http://www.uvh.nl/</a>
University of the Arts, The Hague	<a href="http://www.kabk.nl/">http://www.kabk.nl/</a>
Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.larenstein.nl/">http://www.larenstein.nl/</a>
Vilentum University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.vilentum.com/">http://www.vilentum.com/</a>
Windesheim University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.windesheim.nl/">http://www.windesheim.nl/</a>
Wittenborg University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.wittenborg.eu/">http://www.wittenborg.eu/</a>
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences	<a href="http://www.hszuyd.nl/">http://www.hszuyd.nl/</a>

#### Websites

#### Research Universities

Delft University of Technology	<a href="http://www.tudelft.nl/">http://www.tudelft.nl/</a>
Eindhoven University of Technology	<a href="http://www.tue.nl/en">http://www.tue.nl/en</a>
Erasmus University Rotterdam	<a href="http://www.eur.nl/english">http://www.eur.nl/english</a>
Leiden University	<a href="http://www.leiden.edu/">http://www.leiden.edu/</a>
Maastricht University	<a href="http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/">http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/</a>
Nyenrode Business University	<a href="http://www.nyenrode.nl/">http://www.nyenrode.nl/</a>
Radboud University Nijmegen	<a href="http://www.ru.nl/">http://www.ru.nl/</a>
Protestant Theological University (PThU)	<a href="http://www.pthu.nl/">http://www.pthu.nl/</a>
TIAS School for Business and Society	<a href="http://www.tias.edu/">http://www.tias.edu/</a>
Tilburg University	<a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/">http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/</a>
University of Amsterdam	<a href="http://www.uva.nl/en/home">http://www.uva.nl/en/home</a>
University of Groningen	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/">http://www.rug.nl/</a>
University of Twente	<a href="http://www.utwente.nl/en">http://www.utwente.nl/en</a>
Utrecht University	<a href="http://www.uu.nl/">http://www.uu.nl/</a>
VU University Amsterdam	<a href="http://www.english.vu.nl/">http://www.english.vu.nl/</a>
Wageningen University	<a href="http://www.wur.nl/">http://www.wur.nl/</a>

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#### Institutes for international education

Maastricht School of Management	<a href="http://www.msm.nl/">http://www.msm.nl/</a>
Royal Tropical Institute	<a href="http://www.kit.nl/">http://www.kit.nl/</a>
UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education	<a href="http://www.unesco-ihe.org/">http://www.unesco-ihe.org/</a>

#### Websites

This list is subject to change. Check [www.studyfinder.nl](http://www.studyfinder.nl) for the most up-to-date overview of all Dutch higher education institutions and their range of international study programmes, training modules, and short courses.

## Costs and funding

Annual tuition fees for a degree programme or course at a Dutch higher education institution start at approximately € 1,800 for EU students. The costs of programmes and courses for non-EU students are generally higher.

The average tuition fee for bachelor's programmes lies between € 6,000 and € 12,000, whereas the costs for a master's programme lie between € 8,000 and € 20,000. There are a number of funding options. Visit [www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl) for a complete overview of all current scholarship opportunities.



## Practical matters

When you make the decision to study in Holland, you will need to prepare for your stay. At [www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters](http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters) you can find information about visa applications, health insurances and accommodation.

To be sure you have arranged everything for your stay, take a look at our checklist at [www.studyinholland.nl/checklist](http://www.studyinholland.nl/checklist). Here you can also make your own personalised checklist to help you with every step along the way to a carefree stay in Holland.

## Quality assurance

Students are awarded recognised degrees only after completing an accredited degree programme. The higher education accreditation system aims to guarantee that study programmes meet the highest standards. Bachelor's and master's programmes that meet a specific set of criteria are accredited (i.e. officially recognised) by the NVAO (the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders). PhD programmes are not accredited by the NVAO: they are the responsibility of the individual education institutions. This also applies to programmes and courses leading to a certificate or a diploma, which includes specialised courses.

## Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct lays down standards for Dutch higher education institutions in their relations with international students. By signing the Code of Conduct, the institutions provide international students with a guarantee of the quality of their programmes and of their student recruitment, admission and counselling procedures. Only institutions that have signed the Code are allowed to recruit international students. All institutions whose study programmes are listed in the database of international study programmes and courses on our website have signed the Code of Conduct.

