Cultural Geography and Tourism

A specialisation of the Master’s programme in Human Geography
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
In this Master’s specialisation, you will explore the meaning of places in a highly mobile global society. In this society, people develop and cherish feelings of attachment and belonging not just with the places where they live and work, but also increasingly with the places they visit as a traveller and tourist. This specialisation seeks to investigate the socio-spatial consequences for these places and for the people who inhabit and visit them. This specialisation is offered in cooperation with the Cultural Geography group at Wageningen University.

Why should you choose Cultural Geography and Tourism in Nijmegen?
Tourists travel to places which are different, attractive, challenging and special, and which provide them with a thrilling experience. Geographers study how these experiences actually evolve, how they are created and produced, how these experiences differ from group to group and how places can be designed accordingly. Tourism also has a profound effect on places, on the local economy, on the culture of the people who live there and on the ecology and landscape. Finally, not just places are affected, our global landscape is also hugely affected by the movements, flows and related streams of people, goods, money, information, images, and traffic. This is what will be studied in the framework of this Master’s specialisation.

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Four specialisation courses (24 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (24 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).

Prof. Huib Ernste
Chair of the Human Geography Department
‘How places are imagined, experienced and practically used is central for tourists and tourism managers as well as for those who design and develop places. Since we always seem to be ‘on the move’ both professionally, but also as dwellers and as tourists, I am also fascinated by the relationship between migration, tourism and dwelling and other forms of movement’.

Dr Adi Weidenfels
Visiting professor at the Human Geography Department
‘Dr Adi Weidenfels will teach about impact of urban visitor attractions on urban development, including impacts, iconicity and flagshipness. In addition, he will bring in his expertise about regional innovation systems in European cross-border tourism regions, such as mix of cultures, ethnicities, languages, border mobilities and proximity to borders’.
Admission requirements

You are required to have a Bachelor's degree in Human Geography or a closely-related discipline from a research university with a sufficient number of courses on research methods (both quantitative and qualitative). You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/cgt

Application deadlines

The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application.

If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?

Your application procedure depends on your previous education.

Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl.

International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

Changing perspective

You will follow a Master's programme in which you will learn to understand and interpret advanced theories and practices of leisure and tourism as well as the interaction between tourism and the social, cultural and physical environment.

You will learn to recognise the many fundamental geographical aspects to travel and tourism. Tourism occurs in places, involves movement and activities between places and is an activity in which both the characteristics of places and personal self-identities are formed by the relationships that are created among places, landscapes and people.

Career prospects

The specialisation prepares students for a professional career in a highly dynamic and international field. National and local governments - as well as semi-governmental and private consultancies and NGO’s are increasingly looking for expert knowledge on the opportunities as well as the social and environmental concerns that must be considered in managing the development of tourist places.

With the expertise gained in this Master’s programme, you can find employment in a wide range of jobs, both inside and outside the Netherlands. For example:

• City or landscape planner at a government agency
• Museum director
• Advisor at a development agency
• Researcher at a research institute
• City or region marketer at a cultural agency

Best traditional university

Radboud University is the best traditional university in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2016 edition of the Dutch university information guide ‘Keuzegids Universiteiten’.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Cultural Geography and Tourism at Radboud University?

Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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*Taught at Wageningen University

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