Ten reasons for choosing Radboud University

1. **International recognition**
   You will be studying at one of the fastest rising Dutch universities in the international university rankings. Moreover, the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to a professor connected to Radboud University. You will be studying at a truly excellent institution.

2. **Personal approach**
   Our personal style of teaching offers you plenty of opportunity to work closely with leading researchers and excellent teachers in interactive, small seminars, ensuring a high-quality Master’s degree. Teachers and professors are easily approachable to discuss your study subjects.

3. **Extensive freedom of choice**
   You decide which specialisation and subject choice is most appropriate for you. We offer you a great deal of choice and in many cases, you can put together your own made-to-measure programme based on your own interests. This has resulted in stimulating research and interesting study choices.

4. **Excellent services**
   Radboud University strives for the highest quality, also with its services. This has even been acknowledged by the European Commission, who recently stated that Radboud University has ‘an impressive range of activities for outgoing and incoming students and a high sense of concern for quality’.

5. **Valuable diploma**
   After successful completion of the programme, you will be awarded a Master’s degree from an outstanding university and you will have gained critical skills and an insight into research and practice within your own subject area.

6. **Build a valuable network**
   By studying at Radboud University, you ensure yourself of the opportunity to build a powerful professional network of valuable contacts. Naturally, you become part of our alumni network to stay closely connected to your fellow classmates and professors.

7. **Career prospects**
   As a student, you will benefit from the presence of numerous Dutch and international companies and institutions, such as NXP and the Radboud Medical Centre. After graduation, you will have a strong, clearly identifiable professional profile for the job market, increasing your chances of finding employment.

8. **Historically and culturally rich city**
   Studying in Nijmegen means living in the oldest city of the Netherlands, where you can find Roman ruins and modern architecture side by side.

9. **Greenest campus in the Netherlands**
   The Radboud campus in Nijmegen is considered to be the greenest and most beautiful in the Netherlands. Also, it is one of the very few study locations in the Netherlands where you can live on campus.

10. **Prime location**
    You can take advantage of the favourable location of Nijmegen. Major cities in the Netherlands are just a train ride away and via Düsseldorf Weeze Airport (RyanAir), only 40 minutes away by bus, you are well connected to the rest of Europe.
Information Guide 2015-2016
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, STAFF AND GUESTS

This is the Radboud University Information Guide. It contains all kinds of information for students, staff and other guests who spend time at our university. You will find descriptions of all the faculties, as well as practical information that will be useful for any visitor. Although all the information in this guide has been checked carefully, it may be subject to change. We hope this information is useful to you and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Radboud University.
Welcome to Radboud University

As Rector Magnificus of Radboud University, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our university.

Radboud University is a student-oriented research university. The quality of our curricula is always a top priority. We believe in creating an open and personal environment where everyone is encouraged to interact and share. We particularly facilitate knowledge sharing across disciplines, resulting in new and surprising insights that drive scientific progress even further. Thus, researchers and students at Radboud University contribute explicitly and conscientiously to expanding the limits of knowledge in the interests of science and society as a whole.

As its first edition proved such a great success last year, another inspiring Radboud Summer School will take place in the summer of 2015. Our summer school offers a wide range of courses and an attractive social programme to both students and PhD candidates from all over the world.

Internationalisation is an ongoing, crucial development in higher education. We are convinced that spending time abroad enriches the lives of our students and staff. At the same time, international students and staff who visit Radboud University bring us new insights as well, and help us create a truly international environment. In our view, you, as our guests play an essential and valuable role in this process.

Furthermore, as we want you to enjoy your stay as much as possible, we aim to create a lively campus where both Dutch and international students and staff feel at home. Our modern on-campus Radboud Sports Centre is open to everyone and offers a great variety of sports. We also organise social activities, excursions and welcoming events, such as the orientation programme for international students and the Dutch Day for new international staff members. We look forward to meeting you on one of these occasions.

Finally, I would like to express my wish to keep in touch with you after your stay here in Nijmegen, as we consider you to be our best ambassadors. I truly hope that, after a both pleasant and successful stay in Nijmegen, you will remain closely involved in our academic community.

Professor Theo Engelen
Rector Magnificus
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1.1 Radboud University

Change perspective
Science is about discovering new borders: borders to cross or to respect and safeguard. At Radboud University we do this every day. With our multidisciplinary approach and blend of cultures, ages, disciplines and beliefs, we are aware of the relevance of developing new and different perspectives. We therefore invite you to change your perspective.

Radboud University is a student-oriented research university, located in Nijmegen, in the southeast of the Netherlands. Established in 1923, it is now one of the country’s leading academic communities, with over 19,000 students in seven faculties and more than 120 Bachelor’s and Master’s study programmes. In outlook and scope, Radboud University is a truly international institution with more than 27% staff members from abroad and over 1700 international students. There are many international courses and programmes in which Dutch and foreign students participate together. There are more than two hundred courses offered in English. The different backgrounds of those who study and teach at the university help to reinforce our common objective: to achieve the highest possible quality in education and research.

1.2 Internationalisation

Radboud University’s new policy paper on internationalisation for the years 2014-2018 aims at enhancing the quality of Radboud University’s core activities: research, education and operational management. The university’s internationalisation strategy is therefore based on three pillars: the fostering of a more international educational environment, the promotion of international research collaboration, and the creation of an international campus. These goals are also incorporated into Radboud University’s Strategic Plan.

Stimulating the mobility of students and academic staff
Radboud University encourages students to spend part of their studies or internship abroad. Students can do so through European encouragement programmes such as Erasmus+ or through programmes that are geared towards specific countries. Radboud University has about 130 bilateral agreements with other universities and more than 640 exchange agreements with EU partners. The university stimulates PhD candidates and teaching staff to participate in educational programmes of foreign institutions, such as training or teaching, to further their international involvement. We also invite visiting lecturers to teach in Nijmegen, as this contributes greatly to the international classroom experience as well.

For more information on the new Erasmus+ programme at Radboud University, please go to www.ru.nl/io/english or contact our Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator: Mr Rob van Leeuwen, MA T: +31-(0)24-3613096 E: erasmus@io.ru.nl

Radboud Summer School
As its 2014 edition proved such a great success, another first-rate academic Summer School will take place in the summer of 2015. Both Dutch and international students will have the opportunity to boost their knowledge by choosing courses from a unique academic programme and participate in a range of exciting social activities. Excellent and inspiring lecturers and researchers from Radboud University and Radboud University Medical Centre will offer more than 30 interesting courses in the fields of Arts and Languages, Brains and Behaviour, Business and Economics, Health Care, History and Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Science, and Social Sciences. Radboud Summer School is intended for students at the Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD levels. Some of the courses also accept postdocs and professionals.

For more information please visit: www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool
Radboud Excellence Initiative

At Radboud University we believe that international partnerships between researchers and leading academics worldwide are of vital importance. The Radboud Excellence Initiative promotes these partnerships by enabling talented academics to conduct top-level research as a fellow or professor at Radboud University or the Radboud university medical center.

Fellowships and professorships

The initiative extends to all fields of study and is open to all researchers, whether they are at the beginning of their academic career or are already established authorities in their fields. Talented beginning academics are eligible for fellowships, while more established academics can be nominated for a professorship. Such a fellowship or professorship enables the recipient to work in one of the Radboud research groups and thus contribute to our research.

Nomination process

Nomination and selection takes place twice per year. Candidates can be nominated by members of Radboud University’s academic staff who are holders of a Vidi, Vici or ERC grant, Spinoza prize winners, members of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), members of the Academia Europaea, or have been awarded equivalent international prizes/grants.

More information can be found on the website: www.ru.nl/excellence

International network IRUN

The International Research Universities Network (IRUN) is an international network of broad-based research universities, which was founded by Radboud University. The aim of IRUN is to further improve and develop the quality of teaching and research at the member universities involved. Nowadays, research and education have a strong international dimension. Both students and staff are encouraged to go abroad for study, internships or research. The IRUN network serves as a platform for exchange, joint project applications, conferences, symposiums and seminars. Such a network is essential when applying for European subsidies.

Moreover, participation in a network is essential for future developments with respect to international accreditation and reviews. Students can use the IRUN network to go on exchange, to contact the Career Services of other universities for international career counselling, or to visit a summer school at one of the IRUN universities.

The following universities are participating in the IRUN network:

- Jagiellonian University (Poland)
- Peter Pazmany Catholic University (Hungary)
- Radboud University (Netherlands)
- University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany)
- University of Glasgow (Great Britain)
- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- University of Münster (Germany)
- University of Poitiers (France)
- University of Siena (Italy)

More information and an impression of activities can be found on: www.irun.eu

International alumni

Each year Radboud University welcomes many students from around the world who study here.
When claiming entitlement to European subsidies, for example framework programmes, such networks are absolutely required. Moreover, participation in a network is essential for future developments with respect to international accreditation and reviews.

When leaving Radboud University, our international students become a part of Radboud University’s growing community of international alumni. When we have their up-to-date contact information, international alumni will receive a regularly distributed digital International Alumni Newsletter and can also stay connected via Facebook by liking the Radboud University International Alumni page: www.facebook.com/ruinternationalalumni.

Alumni who want to expand their professional network can also join the ‘Radboud University Alumni’ LinkedIn group. As part of this group alumni can network with 7000+ international and Dutch alumni, find out who is working in their field or geographic area and start or join a discussion of professional interest to them.

We also encourage our international alumni to stay connected via the Holland Alumni Network (www.hollandalumni.nl), a national network of international alumni who studied at a Dutch higher education institute. Through this network international alumni can stay in touch with fellow Holland Alumni in their country, join Holland Alumni events either in their country or in the Netherlands, find career opportunities in Holland and much more.

Looking for more ways to stay involved? Alumni are Radboud University’s best ambassadors. The knowledge they have about our education programmes and life in Nijmegen can be passed on to others through both formal and informal channels. For example, international alumni can help recruit new students at a fair in their home country or give a presentation at their (former) home institution. To get involved, or just to find out more about what it means to become an international alumnus/alumna, send an e-mail to Freya Jensen at info@alumni.ru.nl.
1.3 A green campus in a safe, friendly city

Without any doubt, one of Radboud University’s main attractions is its green campus which is concentrated on the one square kilometre of the former Heyendaal Estate. On campus a wide range of facilities are offered to both students and staff. In recent years, the campus has undergone a metamorphosis. New buildings, such as the spectacular Grotius- building (Faculty of Law), Huygens building (Faculty of Science), the Guesthouse and the High Field Magnet Laboratory have made the green campus an ultra-modern and innovative centre of knowledge.

The campus was designed in close consultation with landscape architects, preserving the original character of the historical estate. As a result, it is a spacious, green campus with new and varied buildings surrounded by beeches, oaks, lime trees, birches, and many rhododendrons. The university is located close to the countryside and the downtown area: it takes less than fifteen minutes to reach the city centre by bicycle or by bus. A wide range of footpaths and bicycle tracks facilitate the on campus accessibility. Moreover, thoroughfares run alongside the campus, and the university even has its own train station, Nijmegen Heyendaal. Both the city and the university have an open and friendly atmosphere where students and staff feel safe and at home.

1.4 Education

Personal approach
Radboud University challenges its students to actively participate in the academic community and trains them to be critical and committed academics. Our personal style of teaching gives you the opportunity to work closely with leading researchers and excellent teachers in interactive, small seminars. Professors are easily accessible to discuss your study subjects.

Organisation of education

Lectures
A lecture is a broad introduction to the subject matter under consideration, where one lecturer
speaks to a large group of students. Sometimes there is an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session, which normally lasts for one hour and 45 minutes, including a 15-minute break. The lecturer will offer suggestions for further reading.

Seminars
A seminar is an interactive, in-depth discussion of the subject matter. A member of the teaching staff meets with a small group of 10 to 30 students. Active participation of the students is required. Sometimes students do an oral presentation for the group, the aims of which are to acquire knowledge and understanding of the topic under consideration as well as to gain confidence, assertiveness, and poise.

Tutorials
A small group of students studies and discusses selected topics with a member of the teaching staff. The discussions may be based on essential reading or on prepared written work. The topic is analysed in depth.

Papers
Papers or essays can vary in length from a few hundred to a few thousand words. Students are usually instructed on the maximum length of the paper well in advance. In a paper, students must show their insight into the topic under consideration and show that they have studied the essential literature; that they are able to analyse the topic, and that they can express themselves clearly and concisely. The lecturer usually sets a deadline for the paper to be handed in. Note: any material copied from books, lectures or articles must be properly referenced. Plagiarism is not permitted and will be punished.

Course work
During the semester, students are expected to participate actively in any course they take. This means preparing for lectures and seminars, doing the necessary homework and carrying out the appropriate assignments. All of this is referred to as course work.

Assessment
Courses may be assessed in various ways, for instance by means of papers, or written or oral exams. These are meant to assess the student’s comprehension of the subject matter discussed in lectures, seminars or tutorials. An oral exam usually lasts 30 minutes to 1 hour. Written exams normally last 2 to 3 hours. During a written exam, students have to answer open, multiple choice, and/or essay-type questions.

Grading system
Passing grades range from 6 (pass) to 10 (outstanding). The grade 10 is not usually given, so in practice the grading scale runs from 1 through 9. For more information on the conversion of international grades please go to www.ru.nl/gradingscale

Credit system
The workload of the various programme items is expressed in European Credits (ECs); one EC equals 28 hours of study. The study programme for every academic year consists of 60 ECs (1,680 hours). The regular total student workload (4 years) is therefore 240 ECs, or 6,720 hours. Some programmes, however, such as dentistry, medicine, and sciences, take longer.

Accreditation and quality assurance
Radboud University provides a systematic assurance of the quality of its education. This guarantee ensures that all the university’s Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes are at present accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO). In the Netherlands accreditation is a precondition for government funding of a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree programme, for the right to award recognised diplomas and to grant financial assistance to students. In the context of the internationalisation of education and the labour market, accreditation provides for an equivalence of quality assurance in higher education.

The systematic approach of the accreditation process ensures that after each six-year cycle the
NVAO accreditation is a natural consequence of the internal attention to quality. The quality of the education offered outside the framework of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes (post-initial degree courses) is also systematically assured by means of internal evaluations and external, independent quality control.

**Code of Conduct**
Radboud University has signed the Code of Conduct. This code, which guarantees a fast and easy procedure for international students to apply for a study programme in the Netherlands, is a joint initiative of educational institutions, independent education-related organisations and the Dutch government. The institutions that have signed the code comply with certain conditions set out in the general Code of Conduct. These include providing clear and accessible information on the status of the study programme in terms of accreditation; the quality criteria that the educational programme must comply with and the internal procedures to guarantee this quality; a description of the study programme and its admission requirements. Observance of this code will be supervised by a national committee. For more information see: www.internationalstudy.nl (choose English)

1.5 Academic calendar 2015-2016

The education in the Bachelor’s programmes is organised in two semesters. The first semester runs from the first Monday of September until the last Friday of January; the second semester starts the following Monday and ends on the second Friday of July. Lectures and classes are taught during these periods, although the dates given below may differ slightly for some faculties. Students should therefore always verify the dates with their study coordinator at Radboud University. The education in the Master’s programmes is not always necessarily organised in two semesters. Note: students also need to take into account that the exam periods can differ per faculty. The exams of the first semester are often given just before and immediately after the winter break.

**1st semester**
Monday, 31 August 2015 - Friday, 29 January 2016
**Deadline application exchange students:** 1 June 2015

Orientation activities
Sunday, 16 August 2015 - Sunday, 23 August 2015

Winter break
Monday, 21 December 2015 - Friday, 1 January 2016

**2nd semester**
Monday, 1 February 2016 - Friday, 8 July 2016
**Deadline application exchange students:** 1 December 2015

Orientation activities
End of January 2016, exact dates as yet unknown

**Breaks**
- Spring break: Monday, 8 February 2016 and Tuesday, 9 February 2016
- King’s Day: Wednesday 27 April 2016
- May break*: Monday, 2 May 2016 - Friday, 6 May 2016
- Ascension: Thursday, 5 May 2016 and Friday, 6 May 2016
- Whit Monday: Monday, 16 May 2016
- Summer holidays*: Monday, 11 July 2016 - Friday, 26 August 2016

* The May break is usually a period in which students are free from attending classes, but this is not the case at all faculties. If this is not the case, this has direct consequences for the start and end dates of the summer break! Some faculties do not organise exams for the second semester until mid July. All students should check with the faculty or departmental coordinator to verify this.
1.6 Bachelor’s, Regular Master’s and Research Master’s degree programmes

Bachelor’s degree programmes
All three-year Bachelor’s programmes are designed to lead to at least one Master’s degree programme at Radboud University.
Two programmes are taught entirely in English:
• International Economics & Business
• International Business Administration
For more details of these English-taught programmes, admission procedures, tuition fees and registration: www.ru.nl/bachelors

Regular and Research Master’s programmes
Radboud University offers a full range of Master’s programmes taught in English. In addition to regular Master’s programmes, the University offers two-year Research Master’s programmes. Both lead to a high-quality Master’s degree, with the difference that Research Master’s are intended for students who are planning on a scientific career. These two-year programmes are highly selective and could not be a better preparation for a PhD. All Master’s programmes have been internationally accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO).
For more details of these programmes, admission procedures, tuition fees and registration: > www.ru.nl/masters

Education and research
At Radboud University, education and research go hand in hand. This strong link gives students the opportunity to get closely involved with the most up to date research topics. Furthermore, our Master’s programmes offer several specialisations and a large degree of flexibility to choose your own path. During their Master’s, students will be working under the guidance of a personal tutor. Together with this tutor, you will choose your own unique programme.

Joint Master’s programmes
Radboud University also offers some Master’s programmes as joint programmes with other international universities. Joint degree programmes are programmes, where curricula, admission and
examination regulations are jointly developed and recognised by several partner universities. The successful completion of the study programme is awarded with more than one Master’s diploma: either national degrees from the individual partner universities or a degree that is jointly conferred. For more information on these and Joint Degree programmes, please visit: www.ru.nl/masters/jointprogrammes

Radboud University offers English-taught Master’s programmes in the field of:

- Humanities
- Language and Communication
- Religion and Philosophy
- Behavioural and Social Sciences
- Business and Economics
- Planning and Human Geography
- Public Administration and Political Science
- Law
- ICT
- Science
- Medical Sciences

1.7 Scholarships

Radboud University values talent and therefore offers various scholarship programmes to exceptional students.

Radboud Scholarship Programme
Radboud University has its own very selective scholarship programme: the Radboud Scholarship Programme (RSP) which is intended for talented non-EEA students who have obtained outstanding academic results and are highly motivated to pursue one of our selected research oriented Master’s programmes.
Specific information is available on: www.ru.nl/rsp

Orange Tulip Scholarship Programme
The Orange Tulip Scholarship (OTS) Programme gives excellent students coming from China, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and Russia the opportunity to study at Radboud University. Radboud University participates in the OTS Programme with a partial tuition waiver, visa costs and insurance costs. Specific information is available on: www.ru.nl/ots.

Other scholarship programmes
For excellent American students the Fulbright-Radboud Scholarship offers scholarships for study and research purposes at Radboud University. Furthermore, there are Erasmus Mundus scholarships for students from Russia, scholarship programmes from the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, scholarships from (private) organisations and scholarships from various national governments.

For more information on these and other scholarships, see: www.ru.nl/scholarships

1.8 Top research and infrastructures

Radboud University is a student-oriented research university. We focus on quality, combining excellent education with leading-edge research. While leaving scope for diversity, we concentrate on four of the five major academic domains: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Life Sciences. For work in the fifth domain (Technical Sciences) we cooperate closely with partner universities. Furthermore, our academic expertise is closely connected to important societal issues, both in the public and in the private domain.

Our scientific profile: nine sub-disciplines
All research carried out at Radboud University is competitive internationally. Among the research topics, nine sub-disciplines have been identified in which the quality exceeds the generally high level of the rest of the university. These nine sub-disciplines are:

- Organic Chemistry
- Physics of Condensed Matter
- Astrophysics
- Microbiology
• Cognitive Neurosciences  
• Infection and Immunology  
• Human Genetics  
• Linguistics  
• Business and Law  
• Development of society and justice  
• Behaviour and education  
• Molecules and materials  
• Water and wetlands  
• Personalized medicine

Our seven societal themes
Much of the work done at our university is firmly embedded in important societal issues. Consequently, much of the research agenda is inspired by developments in and demands from society. As a result, we contribute significantly to achieving governmental objectives in relation to innovation and transfer of knowledge and technology. Our societal impact covers seven main themes:
• Europe’s “worlds”  
• Language and communication

Our 14 Research Institutes
Research at Radboud University is organised within 14 dedicated institutes. These institutes are responsible for planning research as well as for training and supervising new generations of researchers. One of the strengths of the research conducted at Radboud University is the way we forge cooperative links across national and disciplinary boundaries. Each institute employs an internationally composed staff. Overall, 23% of fte research staff is from outside the Netherlands. Besides, our high-quality research institutes offer unique opportunities to undergraduates, postgraduates, and doctoral candidates alike.

Radboud University performs fundamental research on the relationship between the properties and structure of matter at the Institute of Molecules and Materials (IMM). This institute benefits from several outstanding international research facilities such as the European High Field Magnet Laboratory (HFML) and the ultramodern nuclear magnetic resonance facilities that are housed on the university campus. The HFML has one of the four strongest magnets in the world at its disposal. The 2010 Nobel Prize winners professor Andre Geim and professor Konstantin Novoselov are both extraordinary professor at IMM.

Cognitive processes are studied at various levels from molecule to social behaviour, including speech. Research in the cognitive and neurosciences is conducted at the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour and the world-famous Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.

Excellent research on Linguistics and on Communication is performed within the programmes of the Centre for Language Studies (CLS).
The Institute for Computing and Information Sciences (ICIS) studies the improvement of the quality of software with an emphasis on enhancing reliability, security, systems architecture and system alignment. The institute is inspired by problems encountered in other disciplines and in society.

Radboud University Medical Center offers top-flight education and leading research in medicine, dentistry, and the biomedical sciences - all within a single faculty. Strongly linking clinical education with patient-oriented research, the centre makes a prominent contribution to the understanding of important health issues, especially cancer, inflammation, immunity and metabolic diseases as well as Alzheimer disease, Parkinson disease, ADHD, and disorders of the musculo-skeletal system. Another important topic is the development of improvements in clinical practice. The centre's research is best summarized by 'Radboud Personalized Healthcare'.

At the Radboud Institute for Molecular Life Sciences (RIMLS), biomedical experts, medical scientists, biologists, physicists, and bio-informatic experts join forces to unravel the basic mechanisms of life in order to understand health and causes of diseases. Close links with other groups on campus have forged a strong network for molecular and cellular research.

Within the Behavioural Science Institute (BSI), psychologists and remedial educationalists work together to study individual human behaviour and behavioural change as a function of its social and physical contexts.

The Institute for Water and Wetland Research (IWWR) encourages interdisciplinary cooperation between scientists engaged in microbiology, and animal, plant and environmental sciences. The institute integrates these disciplines into joint research programmes under one overarching theme “Stress & Adaptation”. The five research programmes are: Human-Environment Interactions, Conservation Biology, Animal Stress Responses, Plant Stress Responses and Microbial Biogeochemical Cycles.

The Institute for Mathematics, Astrophysics and Particle Physics (IMAPP) is involved in large
national, European and global research networks in order to exploit huge infrastructures that enable measurements on ultra small objects (e.g. subatomic particles at CERN, Switzerland) or extreme large and remote objects and phenomena such as galaxies and black holes.

High-quality research within the humanities is performed at the Research Institute for Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies and Theology (PTR), and the Institute for Historical, Literary and Cultural Studies (HLCS). Examples of research at these institutes are: the European scientific programme “From Natural Philosophy to Science”, the interdisciplinary programme “Christian Cultural Heritage”, and the study of religious identity in a pluriform and secularized society.

The Faculty of Law arranges collaborative ventures with leading law firms, banks, and multinational companies to facilitate research into the relationship between Business and Law. It also focuses on key issues and basic principles in Public Law and Notarial Law.

The Institute for Management Research (IMR) studies complex societal issues by integrating disciplines such as business administration, public administration, economics & business economics, human geography, spatial planning, environmental studies and political science. The research is performed in six Multidisciplinary Research Groups each established around identified complex societal issues such as the consequences of globalisation and the further integration of Europe, governance and innovations in social services and in entrepreneurship, gender in politics and management, and responsible decision making.

Various faculties at Radboud University conduct research on moral and ethical issues in science and society. These issues concern, for example, medical intervention, immigration, animal experiments, and the implications of new technologies for food and the environment.
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2.1 The Netherlands

With more than 16 million people living in an area of some 41,000 square kilometres, the Netherlands is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. The Netherlands is a small and extremely flat country; there are only a few hills in the centre and the South-Eastern part of the country. At the same time, water is everywhere; rivers and canals divide the landscape, and there are many lakes. The country is situated in the lowlands of North-West Europe. More than 25 percent of the land is below sea level. The Netherlands has a temperate maritime climate: relatively cool summers and generally mild winters. This means that normally there are few really hot days (at least 25 degrees Celsius) during summer, and in winter there are usually not too many days when temperatures drop below zero. In the months between, temperatures generally fluctuate between 5 and 15 degrees Celsius.

Higher education in the Netherlands

There are two types of higher education in the Netherlands: research universities and universities of applied sciences. Research universities prepare their students for scientific work in an academic or professional setting. This is a very general definition, since many graduates end up in non-scientific professions like journalism etc. The universities of applied sciences (hogescholen) offer study programmes geared towards specific professions and skills such as business managers, high school teachers, nurses, as well as for several technical professions.

The universities

There are fourteen research universities in the Netherlands. Radboud University dates back to 1923, offering a broad range of disciplines encompassing education and research activities. In addition to these ‘general’ universities, there are three technical universities, one agricultural university and one Open University in the Netherlands.

Alex Williams (34)
From: England
Master’s student Philosophy

“It can be very difficult to find a Philosophy master in English on the continent. Radboud University not only offers a Research Master’s in Philosophy, but thanks to the wide range of specialisations I found a programme that really suited my interests. The programme really is challenging. Teachers expect quite a lot from you. They give you free range to find a research topic, which is great but also daunting. They do give plenty of guidance, though. ‘You’re interested in this? Well, have a look at this, and this, and this research.’ I loved going away with lots to read that inspired me to form my own ideas.’

“I’ve taken courses that were outside my comfort zone. It was challenging but great!”

Titles

Students who have successfully completed the first phase will receive a Bachelor’s degree. A Master’s degree will be awarded after successful completion of the second phase. Students who have completed their graduate studies are eligible to progress to a doctorate. This takes at least four more years and consists of independent research under supervision of a dissertation advisor. Apart from research, these candidates must teach a certain number of classes and take several courses.

Living as a student

To be able to live and study in the Netherlands in general students need between €900 and €1,000 a month to cover daily expenses, social activities, pay the rent, etc. Please note that this amount does not include tuition fees. In the Netherlands it is perfectly normal to move out of your parents’ house when
you finish school at 18, particularly if you are going to study at an institution of higher education, even when the university is located in your home town. The Dutch student-to-be wants to live his own life. A rented room is the most frequent form of housing for a student in the Netherlands. Several forms are possible. Most students rent a room in a so-called student house, where students live independently. Kitchen and toilet facilities are shared by three, four, or sometimes as many as ten young people. Some students live with a landlord or landlady. Because it is not easy to find a room in a student house, many students rent a room in a block of student flats, sharing a floor with six to sixteen others. All rented student rooms in the Netherlands are individual; having a roommate is not usual.

**Dutch society**
The Netherlands has increasingly become a multicultural society. The country is home to many immigrants from the former overseas territories of Indonesia, Surinam, Aruba and the Antilles, as well as from Turkey, Morocco and other countries. Of the current population, about 19% are immigrants and/or belong to ethnic minorities. This makes it difficult to describe typical ‘Dutch’ behaviour. Nevertheless, we will give you some examples of what you might experience in the Netherlands. When Dutch people meet for the first time, they do not usually wait to be introduced. They hold out their right hand to shake, make eye contact, say their name, and listen for the name of the other person. On social occasions, where people know each other, they shake hands if they have not seen each other for a while, and two or three kisses on the cheek are exchanged between family members and close friends. The Dutch have a very direct way of speaking: they look you straight in the eye and tend to come to the point quickly without first going through a series of conversational rituals. This directness and lack of subtlety is in fact seen by the Dutch as a positive personality trait.

On the other hand, the Dutch are reserved towards strangers. The first time you ride on a train, you may notice that seats will fill up in a fashion that postpones proximity as long as possible, and unless people are acquaintances, they seldom speak to each other. You may regard this behaviour as simple unfriendliness, but in fact it is more a matter of respect for the other person’s privacy. Egalitarianism is a deeply rooted Dutch trait. A vast majority of Dutch people would agree that everyone has a right to decent housing, food, education, and health care no matter what they do, and that society has the responsibility to take care of all its members.

Dealing with the Dutch is the title of a Dutch management best seller written by intercultural trainer and author Jacob Vossestein. The book offers interesting and informative material which to some extent will be familiar to everyone who has a lot to do with the Dutch. The Low Sky, Understanding the Dutch describes who the Dutch are and why they behave the way they do. The author explains that the book is intended for people who are surprised by the Netherlands and by the Dutch people. An informal publication about the Netherlands and its inhabitants is The Undutchables. Written by two temporary immigrants, it is more than a manual for potential visitors: it is a critical mirror into which most Dutch people would not want to look too often. More positive approaches are to be found in Holland, Its history, paintings and people by A. Hopkins. The Holland Handbook, which is for sale at the major book stores in the Netherlands and websites such as www.xpat.nl and www.hollandbooks.nl, might also be a good reference. There are also some good travel guides on the market, containing a lot of worthwhile general information about people, politics, culture, society, etc. Other sources worth consulting are the Netherlands Embassy or Consular Service in your country, a Dutch tourist office (VVV) and/or a representative of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce. Furthermore, there is a very informative site about studying in the Netherlands: www.studyinholland.nl
Public transport
For nation-wide travel, the train is normally the best option. This is partly due to the extensive Dutch Rail (NS) network, with its frequent service and fast trains. For travel and ticket information please check the electronic timetable of the Dutch Railways via the Internet: www.ns.nl. If you want to travel by train make sure to check in before getting on the train! The ‘OV-chipkaart’ is used as a general means of payment for the public transport system. This smart card is the size of a bank card and contains an invisible chip. The OV-chip card can be loaded with credit in Euros with which you can travel within the Netherlands, or with a travel product such as a single or season ticket and/or specific discounts. For more information: www.ov-chipkaart.nl (choose English). For general door-to-door travel information please have a look at the public transport journey planner in English: http://journeyplanner.9292.nl

Driving licence
Everybody who is a resident in the Netherlands and wants to drive a motor vehicle on the roads, must
hold a valid driving licence. Drivers and riders of motor vehicles must be at least 18 years old. Important: although in some countries a driving licence can be obtained at the age of 16, Dutch law stipulates that you have to be at least 18 before you are allowed to drive a car! When you become a resident in the Netherlands, you may continue to use your foreign driving licence for a certain period of time. The length of this period, ‘the transition period’, depends on where you passed your driving test. The general rules are as follows: if you hold a driving licence that was issued in one of the European Union Member States, in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway, you can usually continue to drive with this licence for 10 years from the date of issue of this foreign driving licence. If your driving licence is already more than 9 years old, you may continue to drive with it in the Netherlands for one year calculated from the day of registering with a Dutch council, provided the driving licence is still valid. For more specific information concerning your personal situation please contact the RDW (the Dutch Department of Road Transport) by telephone (tel.: +31-(0)900-0739, €0.10 p.m.) or visit the website www.rijbewijs.nl (choose English).

2.3 Money

Dutch cash
The currency unit used in the Netherlands is the Euro (€). Please note that bank notes of 100, 200, or 500 Euros are hardly accepted. It is becoming increasingly more common in shops and restaurants to round total amounts off to the nearest €0.5 decimal. So, for instance, a price of €21.73 will be rounded up to €21.75, while a price of €19.86 will be rounded down to €19.85.

Use of credit cards
Although the use of credit cards is becoming more common in the Netherlands, they are still not as widely used as in some other countries. If you have a credit card, you will be able to pay in a selection of upscale stores and offices. Restaurants, hotels, and department stores generally accept all major cards.

Paying with your bank card
Paying with a bank card, or ‘pinnen’ as it is called in Dutch, is very common these days. Shops have a computer link to the bank system, and the amount due is automatically deducted from your (foreign) account. Please check if your bank card has a Maestro logo on it, as this is generally necessary to make use of this service.

Opening hours banks
Banks are generally open Mondays to Fridays from 9 A.M. or 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Some banks are also open on Saturdays but they might offer limited services during the weekend. You can change money at a bank, a post office or a GWK Travelex exchange office. You will find a GWK Travelex exchange office at the central railway station, opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 9 A.M. - 7 P.M., Thursdays from 9 A.M. - 8 P.M., Saturdays from 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. and Sundays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Withdrawing money from a cash dispenser / ATM
Of course you can always use a cash dispenser or ATM (geldautomaat) to withdraw money from your Dutch or foreign bank account with your (internationally accepted) bank card. Every bank and post office has an ATM, but nowadays also in supermarkets and other locations you will find cash dispensers. If you have a regular bank card make sure it has a Maestro logo on it. That gives access to most machines even if you have an international bank account.

Cost and conditions of a Dutch bank account
If your stay in Nijmegen only lasts three months or less, it is generally not necessary to open a Dutch bank account. Exchange students within the Erasmus+ programme staying for a longer period might prefer though to open a Dutch personal bank account. Although most banks offer fairly similar services, the costs and conditions of a bank account can vary. Exchange students within the ISEP programme and fellows who receive a scholarship through Radboud University are obliged to open a bank account in the Netherlands. It
Some banks also require: official document which mentions your address back home (e.g. bank card, extract in English from the municipal population register)

Instructions for other international guests
Banks will generally need the following documents:
• passport or id-card, valid during the complete period of stay
• official document which mentions your address in the Netherlands (e.g. copy room contract, statement of registration from De Stadswinkel)
• Citizen Service Number (Burger Service Nummer / BSN)
This is a personal number that government agencies and other official bodies use in their communication with citizens. You will generally receive this number after your registration with the local administration (De Stadswinkel) has been effected. The BSN is mentioned in the letter of confirmation that you will receive after registering. Guests who need to apply for a residence permit will receive this letter only usually takes 1-2 weeks before you can actually make use of your new bank account. If you cannot submit the required documents, it may even take longer. Please keep this in mind.

Opening a bank account
Below you will find the most recent general information and requirements about opening a bank account. Please keep in mind though that regulations are subject to change and different banks may apply different procedures.

Instructions for international students
Banks will generally need the following documents:
• passport or id-card, valid during the complete period of stay
• official Radboud University statement (e.g. letter of acceptance) in which your status as a student is mentioned, as well as the period you are supposed to be staying here
• official document which mentions your address in the Netherlands (e.g. copy room contract, statement of registration from De Stadswinkel)
2.4 Identification policy

Anyone of age 14 or older is required to carry official identification papers (ID) at all times. Citizens of one of the countries of the EER and Swiss nationals must carry a passport or official ID. Citizens of a country outside of the EER and non-Swiss nationals must carry a residence permit. People who violate this law can be fined up to €50.

2.5 International telephone calls

To call abroad from the Netherlands:
• dial the international access code 00
• dial the specific country code
• dial the area code (perhaps omitting the first digit of the area code) and the subscriber’s number

To call the Netherlands from abroad:
• dial the international access code 00
• dial 31, the country code of the Netherlands
• dial the area code, without the first 0
• dial the subscriber’s number

2.6 Nijmegen

Oldest city in the Netherlands

The city of Nijmegen is of Roman origin (‘Novio Magus’ meaning ‘new market’) and is the oldest city in the Netherlands. In 2005, the city celebrated its 2000th anniversary. Nijmegen is situated close to
the German border, on the banks of the river Waal, a branch of the Rhine. The ‘Valkhof’ is the highest point in the city. Formerly a castle erected by Charlemagne, it overlooks the river. The typically Dutch polder landscape and rolling hills provide a beautiful panorama. The Romans settled here because of the splendid strategic view of enemy territory across the river. For similarly strategic reasons, kings and other rulers chose Nijmegen as their place of residence. Until a century ago, Nijmegen was a fortified town, its surroundings being the scene of fierce battles. However, in 1879 the old city walls were torn down, as they posed an increasing handicap to the city’s prosperity. A period of spectacular growth ensued, and within several decades a railway bridge across the Waal was constructed, and gas, electricity and water mains were installed in the city. The Second World War is a black page in Nijmegen’s history. On February 22, 1944, allied forces bombed the city by mistake, killing 800 people. A few months later, Nijmegen was liberated thanks to the well-known Operation Market Garden, which freed the southern part of the Netherlands on September 17, 1944. In the post-war period, much was done to rebuild the city. A new city centre arose in which the remaining monuments of Nijmegen’s rich history occupy a special position. The city of Nijmegen counts about 160,000 inhabitants. Due to the presence of Radboud University and HAN, Nijmegen has a relatively high percentage of inhabitants in their twenties.

Culture

Wide range of cultural activities
The city of Nijmegen offers a wide range of cultural activities. The cultural centre LUX not only shows films, but also hosts a variety of activities in the field of theatre, music, debate, and multimedia. More theatres and cultural centres are mentioned below.

Cultural Centre Lux/Villa Lux (Lux/Villa Lux)
Mariënburg 38-39
6511 PS Nijmegen
Oranjesingel 42

Concert Hall De Vereeniging
(Concertgebouw De Vereeniging)
Keizer Karelplein 2d
6511 NC Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3221100
Nijmegen City Theatre (Nijmegen Stadsschouwburg)
Keizer Karelplein 32h
6511 NH Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3221100

De Lindenberg Art Centre and Theatre (De Lindenberg)
Ridderstraat 23
6511 TM Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3273911

Doornroosje Rock Concert Hall
(Doornroosje Poppodium)
Stationsplein 11
6512 AB Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3554243

Public Library Nijmegen (Openbare Bibliotheek Nijmegen)
Mariënburg 29
6511 PS Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3274911

Museums
If you are interested in visiting a museum, the following museums are located in Nijmegen:

Nijmegen Museum of Nature
(Natuurmuseum Nijmegen)
Gerard Noodtstraat 121
6511 ST Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3297070
Internet: www.natuurmuseum.nl (only in Dutch)
Permanent and temporary exhibitions about the flora and fauna in the ‘Kingdom of Nijmegen’. Opening hours: Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.
Hemel Town Brewery (Stadsbrouwerij de Hemel)
Franselaan 1
6511 VS Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3606167
Internet: www.brouwerijdehemel.nl
Beer brewery, distillery, vinegar and mustards makers. Daily guided tours by appointment only. Booking in advance necessary.

Stratemakers Defence Tower Museum
(Museum de Stratemakerstoren)
Waalkade 83-84
6511 XR Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3238690
Internet: www.stratemakerstoren.nl
A unique fortress tower, built around 1520, with subterranean passages in which cannons were positioned to defend the nearby town gate. Also interesting temporary exhibitions on historic subjects and archaeology. Opening hours: Tuesdays to Fridays from 12 noon - 5 P.M. Saturdays and Sundays from 1 P.M - 5 P.M.

Valkhof Art and Archaeology Museum
(Museum het Valkhof)
Kelfkensbos 59
6511 TB Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-368805
Internet: www.museumhetvalkhof.nl/english
This municipal museum was designed by architect Ben van Berkel. It displays Nijmegen’s collections from the fields of archaeology, culture and history, old and new sculpture. Temporary exhibitions too. Includes museum cafe and library. Unique views. Opening hours: Tuesdays to Sundays from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Velorama National Bicycle Museum
(Velorama Nationaal Fietstmuseum)
Waalkade 107
6511 XR Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3225851
Internet: www.velorama.nl (only in Dutch)
Collection of around 250 historic bicycles and tricycles, posters and children’s bicycles. Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Sundays and holidays from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Close to Nijmegen there are three other interesting museums:

**Africa Museum (Afrika Museum)**
Postweg 6
6571 CS Berg en Dal
Tel.: +31-(0)24-6847272
Internet: www.afrikamuseum.nl
Opening hours: April - November: Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. Opening hours November - April: Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**Museum Park Orientalis (Museumpark Orientalis)**
Profetenlaan 2
6564 BL Heilig Landstichting
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3823110
Internet: www.museumparkorientalis.nl

**National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 (Nationaal Bevrijdingsmuseum 1944-1945)**
Wylerbaan 4
6561 KR Groesbeek
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3974404
Internet: www.bevrijdingsmuseum.nl
Opening hours: Mondays to Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Sundays and holidays from 12 noon - 5 P.M.

**Cinemas**
In the Netherlands movies are usually shown in their original language with Dutch subtitles. Most cinemas show mainly popular movies, but there is one cinema, Lux/Villa Lux, which offers Art House and also other less commercial movies. You can see all the latest movies in Nijmegen!

**Calypso Theater**
Tweede Walstraat 16
6511 LV Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3606448

**Carolus Theater**
Plein 1944 28
6511 JD Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3656499

**Lux/Villa Lux**
Mariënburg 38-39
6511 PS Nijmegen
Oranjesingel 42
6511 NW Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)900-5894636 (reservations, €0.25 p.m.)

**Shopping**

**Shopping streets**
The city of Nijmegen offers a large variety of shops. The principal shopping streets are: Van Welderenstraat, Van Broeckhuijsenstraat, Molenstraat with the Molenpoort mall, Broerstraat, Ziekerstraat, Plein 1944, Koningsplein, Houtstraat, Stikke Hezelstraat, Lange Hezelstraat, Burchtstraat, Marikenstraat and Moenenstraat. Shops are generally open Tuesdays to Fridays from 9 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. On Mondays, they usually open either at 11 A.M. or 1 P.M. On Saturdays, most shops are open from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Late night shopping is possible on Thursdays until 9 P.M. Most supermarkets are open from 8 A.M. till 8 or 9 P.M. on weekdays. On certain Sundays, shops are also allowed to open their doors.

**Weekly market**
For centuries, the Grote Markt has been the location of the weekly market. There are two general markets each week, on Mondays and Saturdays. The market stalls stretch from the Grote Markt into the Burchtstraat and Kelfkensbos. On Mondays from 8 A.M. till 2 P.M., there is a vegetable, fruit and plant market. The general market then begins at 10 A.M. and continues until 5 P.M. (in winter till 4 P.M.). On Saturdays, you can buy fruit and vegetables between 8 A.M. and 2 P.M., and general wares from 10 A.M. till 5 P.M. A very special market is the Flea Market (Nijmeegse Lusemert), which is held on Monday mornings from 8 A.M. till noon around the Church of St. Stephen (St. Stevenskerk).
Tourist information
Apart from the rich history of the city, there are other reasons that make Nijmegen well worth visiting. You can stroll along the winding streets or the river Waal Boulevard. Go shopping in the city centre. You can experience the cosy atmosphere that is so characteristic of Nijmegen at the many outdoor cafes. The centre of the city is one of the liveliest in the Netherlands. From attractive shops, cafes, parks and restaurants to unique historic monuments; from a lovely view over the busiest river of Europe, to lively, festive traditions such as the International Four Days Marches and the International Summer Festival. More information about Nijmegen and surroundings:

VVV Tourist information
Keizer Karelplein 32h
6511 NH Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)900-1122344 (€0.45 p.m.)
Internet: www.vvvnijmegen.nl; www.holland.com
Opening hours: Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

ANWB
ANWB provides you with information about travelling in the Netherlands, Europe or any other country.

ANWB
Bisschop Hamerstraat 3
6511 NA Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)88-2693480
Opening hours: Mondays from 12 noon - 6 P.M., Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 A.M. - 6 P.M., Saturdays from 9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Nijmegen online Expatdesk
The City of Nijmegen has an 'Expatdesk'-website which expatriates can visit for online information about getting settled, working and living in Nijmegen.
Internet: www.nijmegen.nl/expats
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3.1 Welcoming you at Radboud University

Radboud University’s International Office provides welcoming services for exchange, international Bachelor’s and Master’s students of English-taught programmes, international PhD candidates and other international staff members. These services include application for visa and residence permits for students, help in finding housing, registration at the university for exchange students, check-in after arrival in Nijmegen, information about and registration for social activities etc.

You can find information about which specific support and services are provided in this chapter.

3.2 Exchange students

Admission procedure

Online application

Radboud University has a digital application system which enables exchange students to apply online. After the faculty coordinator has accepted them and entered their details in the online database, these students will receive an e-mail with information about how to gain access to their online application form. This will enable them to complete and submit this preliminary application over the Internet. In addition to the online application, students have to print and sign the PDF-file digitally sent to them, and forward the entire set of required documents in duplicate to the International Office before the deadline.

This set needs to include a Transcript of Grades, Learning Agreement for Study or Traineeship, passport photograph, copy of a valid passport or identity card and proof of English. The Transcripts of Grades in English also need to state the number of ECs per course. Incomplete applications unfortunately cannot be processed. After receipt the application will be forwarded to the faculty coordinator. In case of non-acceptance, a faculty coordinator will inform the student directly.

Language certificates and other requirements

It is not always possible for exchange students to take exchange courses at Master’s level. Therefore please contact the faculty coordinator for details. Information about the exchange courses we offer at Radboud University can be found in chapter 5. You can visit the websites mentioned for the latest up-to-date information. Participation in the Bachelor’s and Master’s courses (in English) requires a good knowledge of English. Students who do not have English as their native language will also have to send proof that the standard of their spoken and written English is at least equivalent to B2 and for some courses even C1*.

Below you will find the language certificates that are accepted:

- a TOEFL test certificate with a score of at least 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) or 79 points (internet based);
- an IELTS test certificate with a score of at least 6.0;
- a Cambridge First Certificate in English (minimum level B2);
- a university certificate of an English language course;
- a TOEIC test with a minimum score of 670. The modules ‘Speaking and Writing’ and ‘Listening and Reading’ have to be successfully completed.

However, if a student does not send one of the officially required documents the faculty coordinator still has to approve the Proof of English that was sent in to finalise registration. If additional documents are required the faculty coordinator will contact the student. In case students want to follow courses in Dutch, they need sufficient proficiency in written and oral Dutch.

* For additional language requirements of the Faculty of Arts, please visit www.ru.nl/facultyofarts (Information for students)

Access to the Student Portal

After their official registration students will receive a login and password for the Student Portal.
This online system enables students to access their Blackboard messages, receive their e-mail, follow various news sources, consult their timetable, register for courses, see their exam results and more!

More information
For more information about the admission procedure for exchange students, please contact us or visit our website:

International Office
Comeniuslaan 4
PO Box 9102
6500 HC Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3615450
Fax: +31-(0)24-3612757
E-mail: online@io.ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/exchangestudents

Registration and check-in
For exchange students arriving in Nijmegen the International Office is their Radboud University point of entry. Students need to go to the International Office at the Student Information Desk (Comeniuslaan 4) as soon as possible after their arrival to be registered. The International Office (service number 4) is open to visitors on Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Registration most importantly allows them to make use of all student services, such as sports facilities, computer services, the library, etc. Secondly, students will get information about their accommodation, orientation and other practical information about living and studying in Nijmegen.

Visa, residence permit and work permit

Immigration regulations
Immigration regulations are subject to frequent change. It is therefore very important that students check with the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their home country to find out what type of visa they need and what the latest regulations are. If there is no Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their country, they have to contact the embassy that represents the Netherlands in their country. Depending on nationality and length of stay, students may be able to enter the Netherlands without any official document other than their passport. In some cases, students may be required to have one of two official documents: a short stay visa, or the Provisional Residence Permit, known as the Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf (MVV) in Dutch. Students have to make sure that they start their short stay visa application well in advance, as it may take up to three months before they obtain their visa. Radboud University's International Office will submit student’s MVV and/or residence permit (VVR) applications on their behalf. A guide to Dutch immigration laws for foreign nationals is available on the Internet. The guide is intended for international students and student trainees who want to study or do an internship in the Netherlands. The guide describes the procedures for obtaining a short stay visa, a provisional residence permit, a residence permit, and a work permit.

Marcia Piñeiro Triñanes (24)
From: Spain
Master’s student Biology

“I first came to Radboud University as a Bachelor’s Erasmus student. I liked that there was more work in the labs than back home. Studying in English wasn’t as difficult as I thought and I really wanted to do an entire Master’s here. The level of education is high because you don’t just memorise the theory but have to understand how to apply it to real cases. I like the emphasis on the practical. This programme also has two internships of six months. When doing experiments you can’t simply follow a manual. You’re expected to be creative and adjust it according to your needs and the situation. That way I learn so much more.”
For further information, please visit: www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters; www.studyinholland.nl/study-options/internship

Application for residence permit
Exchange students from non-EEA-countries will receive an e-mail from the International Office via Visa Care as soon as their application has been approved by the faculty coordinator at Radboud University. The university will apply for a residence permit for the period it officially takes to finish your study programme.

More information
For more information concerning visa please send an e-mail to visa@io.ru.nl or go to our website for more detailed information: www.ru.nl/exchangestudents/visa

Accommodation

Student accommodation in the Netherlands in general
Most students in the Netherlands live in student complexes and student houses, share an apartment or rent a room in a house with a landlady or landlord. Each student has its own private room, and normally shares the kitchen and bathroom facilities. The rent for these rooms can run up to €450 per month.

Finding accommodation in Nijmegen
Whether you are a Dutch student or an international student, finding suitable and affordable accommodation in Nijmegen is not easy. There is a shortage of available housing options and a large demand. Basically there are two options available to exchange students for finding accommodation in Nijmegen:

The International Office of Radboud University will do its utmost to help students find a room.

Students can search for accommodation themselves. The document ‘Searching for Accommodation’, provides useful information on finding rooms in Nijmegen and can be downloaded from the website: www.ru.nl/exchangestudents/housing. Exchange students can indicate in the online application procedure whether they want the International Office to help find accommodation.
If students find accommodation themselves, they are kindly requested to inform the International Office as soon as possible by e-mail (housing@io.ru.nl) about the exact address. The International Office needs this address to complete their university registration.

**Student accommodation provided by the International Office**

Please note that the International Office can only help arrange accommodation when students have returned a complete set of application forms before the application deadline. Students will receive an e-mail to confirm receipt of their housing application. The accommodation requests of students needing a visa (MVV) to come to the Netherlands will only be processed after the International Office has received confirmation that the required visa most probably will be or has been obtained. Information about the application procedure can be found on: www.ru.nl/exchangestudents.

**SSHN-student accommodation provided by the International Office**

In general the International Office offers popular SSHN-student accommodation for one semester or a full academic year. In other cases rent starts on the 1st or 16th of every month, so payment of rent is always due starting from these dates, even if a student arrives a few days later. In addition, students are responsible for payment of the rent during the reservation period. It is possible that one month’s rent has to be paid in advance as a deposit. This deposit will be returned at the end of the stay if the room is found to be in a satisfactory state and all bills have been paid.

Please note that rooms are only offered once. Most rooms are located within a few kilometres of the university and can be reached by bus or bicycle. Generally rooms are furnished, but in most cases students have to provide their own bed linen. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to make use of a kitchen, but the university has a restaurant that offers affordable meals. Sometimes accommodation may be temporary. This might mean that students will have to move once or twice during their stay.

**Private student accommodation provided by the International Office**

As there is a large demand for the popular SSHN-student accommodation, the International Office may also make use of student accommodation which is offered by private persons.

Please note that in this case the International Office merely mediates between persons searching for accommodation and those offering it. Furthermore, rooms are only offered once. The International Office cannot take responsibility for the quality of the accommodation.

**Accommodation for exchange students from IRUN partners**

All exchange students from Radboud University’s IRUN partners (Jagiellonian University, Peter Pazmany Catholic University, University of Barcelona, University of Duisburg-Essen, University of Glasgow, University of Ljubljana, University of Münster, University of Poitiers, University of Siena) who come to Nijmegen will be guaranteed housing. Unfortunately it is not possible to guarantee housing to family members who might be joining these students.

**Orientation**

Twice a year, before the start of the semester, the International Office organises an Orientation programme. More information about the Orientation is available in chapter 3.7.

### 3.3 International Bachelor’s students of English-taught programmes

**Admission procedure**

All three-year Bachelor’s programmes are designed to lead on to at least one Master’s degree programme at Radboud University. Two Bachelor’s
programmes are taught entirely in English:

- International Economics & Business
- International Business Administration

**More information**
You can find more information about these programmes, admission procedure and specific contact details on the website: www.ru.nl/bachelors

**Registration and check-in**
Students need to go to the Student Affairs Office at the Student Information Desk (Comeniuslaan 4) as soon as possible after their arrival. The Student Information Desk is open to visitors on Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. At the desk of Student Affairs (service number 3) international Bachelor’s students will receive all the information they need about their registration at Radboud University. Checking in at the International Office also is important for several reasons. At the desk of the International Office (service number 4) students will receive general information about their stay at Radboud University and specific information about their accommodation, registration with the local administration and, if applicable, about their residence permit.

**Visa, residence permit and work permit**

**Immigration regulations**
Immigration regulations are subject to frequent change. It is therefore very important that students check with the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their home country to find out what type of visa they need and what the latest regulations are. If there is no Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their country, they have to contact the embassy that represents the Netherlands in their country. Depending on nationality and length of stay, students may be able to enter the Netherlands without any official document other than their passport. In some cases, students may be required to have one of two official documents: a short stay visa, or the Provisional Residence Permit, known as the Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf (MVV) in Dutch. Students have to make sure that they start their short stay visa application well in advance, as it may take up to three months before they obtain their visa. Radboud University’s International Office will submit student’s MVV and/or residence permit (VVR) applications on their behalf. A guide to Dutch immigration laws for foreign nationals is available on the Internet. The guide is intended for international students and student trainees who want to study or do an internship in the Netherlands. The guide describes the procedures for obtaining a short stay visa, a provisional residence permit, a residence permit, and a work permit. For further information, please visit: www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters; www.studyinholland.nl/study-options/internship

**Service package including visa application**
The International Office provides a service package including visa for its international Bachelor’s students of English-taught programmes. If you are a Bachelor’s student from a non-EEA country you need a residence permit to be able to stay in the Netherlands longer than 90 days. As mentioned above, it is not possible to apply for a visa yourself. Bachelor’s students from non-EEA-countries will receive an e-mail from the International office via Visa Care when all of the required documents for your registration have been received. The university will apply for a residence permit for the period it officially takes to finish your study programme.

**Educational progress necessary**
In order to retain your residence permit, your educational progress has to be adequate. As a student, you need to attain at least half of the number of study points per study year. Your educational institution will check this at the end of every study year. If your progress is inadequate, the IND can withdraw your residence permit.

**More information**
For more information on visa deadlines, fees and procedure, please visit the website: www.ru.nl/bachelors/visa
Accommodation

Student accommodation in the Netherlands in general
Most students in the Netherlands live in student complexes and student houses, share an apartment or rent a room in a house with a landlady or landlord. Each student has its own private room, and normally shares the kitchen and bathroom facilities. The rent for these rooms can run up to €450 per month.

Service package including accommodation
Finding suitable and affordable accommodation in Nijmegen is not easy, as in the Netherlands there is a shortage of available housing options and a large demand. For international Bachelor’s students participating in an English-taught programme the International Office therefore provides a service package, including accommodation.

More information
For more information on deadlines, procedures and how to apply, or for alternative options for lodging, please see: www.ru.nl/bachelors/housing.

Orientation

Information about the Orientation for international Bachelor’s students of English-taught programmes can be found on the website www.ru.nl/bachelors (choose Orientation).

3.4 International Master’s students of English-taught programmes

Admission procedure

Radboud University offers a full range of Master’s programmes lasting either one or two years. The language of instruction of the Master’s programmes included in this brochure is English. All of them are high-quality, research-based programmes. In addition to regular Master’s programmes, the university offers 2-year exclusive Master’s programmes with a strong emphasis on research, the so-called Research Masters. The university also offers specialised tracks within Master’s programmes. Successful completion of a Master’s programme is awarded with a Master’s degree. All Master’s programmes have been internationally accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO).

More information
For more specific information about these programmes (admission procedures, tuition fees, registration), please visit the website: www.ru.nl/masters, or contact the Admission Office by e-mail: admissionoffice@dsz.ru.nl

Registration and check-in

Students need to go to the Student Affairs Office at the Student Information Desk (Comeniuslaan 4) as soon as possible after their arrival. The Student Information Desk is open to visitors on Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. At the desk of Student Affairs (service number 3) international Master’s students will receive all the information they need about their registration at Radboud University. Checking in at the International Office also is important for several reasons. At the desk of the International Office (service number 4) students will receive general information about their stay at Radboud University and specific information about their accommodation, the orientation week, registration with the local administration and, if applicable, about their residence permit.

Visa, residence permit and work permit

Immigration procedures

Immigration regulations are subject to frequent change. It is therefore very important that students check with the Royal Netherlands Embassy in their home country to find out what type of visa they need and what the latest regulations are. If there is no Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their country, they have to contact the embassy that represents the Netherlands in their country. Depending on nationality and length of stay, students may be able to enter the Netherlands...
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More information

For further information, please visit: www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters; www.studyinholland.nl/study-options/internship

Accommodation

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Service package including accommodation
Finding suitable and affordable accommodation in Nijmegen is not easy, as in the Netherlands there is a shortage of available housing options and a large demand. For international Master’s students participating in an English-taught programme the International Office therefore provides a service package, including accommodation.

More information

For more information on deadlines, procedures and how to apply, or for alternative options for lodging, please see: www.ru.nl/masters/housing

Orientation

More information about the Orientation can be found in chapter 3.7.

Educational progress necessary
In order to retain your residence permit, your educational progress has to be adequate. As a student, you need to attain at least half of the number of study points per study year. Your educational institution will check this at the end of every study year. If your progress is inadequate, the IND can withdraw your residence permit.

3.5 International PhD candidates and international staff members

Radboud University aspires to quality. Internationalisation plays a major role in the quality of our teaching, research and service provision, which are the three pillars on which we are building towards a leading position in international academia.
Not only do foreign members of staff at Radboud University contribute to these ambitions, they help us to create a truly international atmosphere on campus as well.

International Staff Support
Radboud University wants international staff members, including PhDs, post-docs, teaching staff, and non-academic staff, to feel at home both on campus and in Nijmegen. English language orientation programmes including Dutch Day and a campus tour are available to all international staff. The International Office is working with the faculties to initiate pilot buddy programmes to help new international staff members navigate their introduction to life in Nijmegen.

On Facebook a page is dedicated to sharing information in English that is relevant to international staff members and their families: www.facebook.com/RUInternationalStaff. There is also a twitter feed with updates: @RUIntlStaff. Please contact International Staff Support for more information by e-mail: staffsupport@io.ru.nl.

Categories of PhD candidates
In general, PhD candidates at Radboud University conduct their research within the framework of a well-defined research programme at one of the 14 research institutes. They are generally not considered to be students but staff members. At Radboud University there are two categories of PhD candidates: staff member PhD candidates and external PhD candidates (buitenpromovendi):

Staff member PhD candidates
PhD candidates are usually considered to be staff members with an employment contract, a salary and the same rights and services available to them as other members of staff. If your application for a PhD position has been accepted by a supervisor (promotor) you will be offered a paid position.

External PhD candidates
External PhD candidates do not become staff members. They are PhD researchers who have a full professor from Radboud University as their supervisor but no employment contract with Radboud University. For more information on how to become a PhD candidate please visit the website: www.ru.nl/phd.

Visa, residence permit and work permit
The department where the international PhD candidate or international staff member is going to work, is responsible for their MVV and/or residence and work permit application, if applicable. Please ask the department for more information. At Radboudumc the International Office for staff is responsible for these applications.

Registration and check-in

Arrival in Nijmegen
After their arrival in Nijmegen, international PhD candidates and (other) international staff members should contact the contact person of their department at the faculty or institute, or their personnel advisor. They will provide them with specific information and advice concerning their new working environment.

Information package, social activities and Rent-a-Radboud-Bike
International PhD candidates or international members of staff are welcome to visit the International Office information desk if they would like to pick up an information package in English. This package provides general and practical information about a stay at Radboud University and Nijmegen. At the International Office it is also possible to register for social activities (www.ru.nl/ris), or to rent a Radboud Bike! The International Office is open to visitors from Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. (for bike rent only until 4:30 P.M.)

International Office
Information Desk
Comeniuslaan 4
6525 HP Nijmegen
E-mail: internationaloffice@io.ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/io/english
Opening hours: Mondays - Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**Accommodation**

**Looking for accommodation**
Finding a place to live in the Netherlands can be quite challenging for both nationals and internationals. There is unfortunately a shortage of available and affordable accommodation. It therefore might take you some time to find housing. Trying to find a room, apartment or house from abroad is even more difficult. If possible, consider opting for short-term accommodation to assure housing while still being abroad. After your arrival in Nijmegen, you will then be in a better position to look for suitable long-term housing.

Information about affordable lodging options, can be found on www.ru.nl/staffaccommodation

**Guesthouse on campus**
International PhD candidates and other international members of Radboud University staff can find temporary accommodation, from 1 up to 12 months, at the university Guesthouse. This is situated on campus (Platolaan). The Guesthouse has fully-furnished one-person and two-person apartments.

For more detailed information, please visit: www.ru.nl/guesthouse

**Accommodation for PhD candidates from IRUN partners**
All PhD candidates from Radboud University’s IRUN partners (Jagiellonian University, Peter Pazmany Catholic University, Radboud University Nijmegen, University of Barcelona, University of Duisburg-Essen, University of Glasgow, University of Ljubljana, University of Münster, University of Poitiers, University of Siena) who come to Nijmegen will be guaranteed a housing offer.

**Additional assistance on request**
At the specific request of the department or institute, the International Office can help you find accommodation. Please keep in mind that, despite all their efforts, the housing department cannot guarantee accommodation.

Radboud University contact persons of new international PhD candidates or other international staff members can send their request by e-mail to the International Office housing department: housing@io.ru.nl

**Social activities**

**Dutch Day: welcoming day for new international members of staff**
The Dutch Day is Radboud University’s welcoming day for new international members of staff. Our aim is to introduce PhD candidates, other staff and guests to our university and to inform them about general practical matters at the same time. The Dutch Day is also and above all an informal and pleasant, social meeting where colleagues can get to know one another. The Dutch Day generally takes place twice a year, in January and August.
More information is available on the website: www.ru.nl/dutchday

**Excursions**
Radboud International Students (RIS) is part of the International Office. RIS organises a number of excursions to various cities and sights in the Netherlands for both students, PhD candidates, international employees and international guests.

For more information about these or other social activities, please check the website (social activities page) mentioned below
Internet: www.ru.nl/ris

**PhD Organisation Nijmegen (PON)**
PhD Organisation Nijmegen or PON is the consultative body for all PhD candidates at Radboud University and Radboudumc. PON among others promotes the interests of PhD candidates and
informs them about living and working in Nijmegen, but PON also organises educational and social activities for PhD candidates, like the PON Pub Quiz.

**PhD Organisation Nijmegen (PON)**
Visiting Address:
Villa Oud Heyendaal (V0H)
Building number M102
René Descartesdreef 21
6525 GL Nijmegen

Postal Address:
P.O. Box 9101
6500 HB Nijmegen
E-mail: pon@ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/pon

**Personnel Association (PV Radboud)**
PV Radboud is the joint personnel association for all current and former employees of Radboud University and Radboudumc. Partners of employees are also welcome to join. PV Radboud organises courses and social activities like concerts that are also interesting for international employees or PhD candidates. The PV Radboud membership also offers interesting discounts.

More information about upcoming social activities and courses can be found on: www.ru.nl/pv (choose English)

**Other activities organised on campus**
Specific information about the activities organised by Culture on Campus and the Soeterbeeck Programme can be found in chapter 3.9 Facilities.

### 3.6 Health and liability insurance

Students are required to have appropriate health insurance while staying in the Netherlands. It is recommended to have appropriate liability insurance as well. Citizens of European Union countries who will stay temporarily only need to apply for the EU Health Insurance Card in their own country. This card provides them with the same health insurance rights and benefits as Dutch citizens. If a health or liability insurance does not cover a temporary stay in the Netherlands, students should acquire an International Insurance Passport for Students (IPS Primary) which is intended for a temporary stay, and also applies to foreign staff. This insurance covers medical expenses, emergency dental expenses, extraordinary costs, legal aid, accidents, liability, luggage cover, and household goods. Radboud University's International Office arranges an IPS Primary insurance for all students requiring a MVV and/or residence permit (VVR). This is an obligatory part of the visa application. For more information, please contact:

**IPS Meeùs Assurantiën B.V.**
Laan van Nieuw Oost-Indië 123
2593 BM The Hague
PO Box 93512
2509 BM The Hague, The Netherlands
E-mail: info@ipsinsurance.info
Tel.: +31-(0)70-3028598
Fax: +31-(0)70-3617610
Internet: www.ipsinsurance.info

**Important note: Letter from Zorginstituut Nederland (National Health Care Institute)**
Many international students will receive a letter from 'Zorginstituut Nederland', about taking out Dutch healthcare insurance. When you receive this letter, you should always take direct action to prevent receiving an automatically-generated fine, even if this does not seem to apply to your situation. Please check [www.studyinholland.nl/documentation/explanation-of-health-insurance-letter-process.pdf](http://www.studyinholland.nl/documentation/explanation-of-health-insurance-letter-process.pdf) for further details and instructions. You can also visit the International Office student information desk.

**Medical treatment and medical service**
If you need medical treatment, you can visit a general practitioner (*huisarts*). You will have to make an appointment by telephone to consult the doctor at his or her practice. The assistant will judge whether or not your complaints warrant a doctor’s visit to your house. Internationals who come to the
Netherlands are often surprised by the manner in which medical treatment is provided here. To avoid confusion or frustration, the following information may be useful: in the Netherlands, your general practitioner will be your main source for medical care. The extent of responsibility and treatment of the general practitioner goes further than in many other countries. This means they seldom give recommendations for treatment from a specialist and instead treat the problem themselves. Furthermore, there is often the impression that Dutch general practitioners under-medicate their patients in comparison to many other countries.

For example, when calling for an appointment to see your doctor it is not unusual to be told by the assistant that you should wait several more days to see if your symptoms go away on their own. When they don’t you will be granted an appointment to see the general practitioner. When visiting the general practitioner, you may hear again that you will need to wait before any medication is prescribed. This is sometimes a point of frustration for foreigners when visiting their general practitioner in the Netherlands.

General practitioners charge about € 30-50 for a visit. Please do not forget to bring cash money with you. You can check out our instruction video on medical care on www.ru.nl/medical

Only for students/guests living in Nijmegen:

You can visit the following general practitioner’s practices:

**Medisch Centrum Brakkenstein**
Dr. P. Pulles
Kanunnik Boenenstraat 8
6525 WJ Nijmegen
Internet: http://mcbakkenstein.praktijkinfo.nl/pagina/43/english/

For an appointment please call between 8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and 3 P.M. – 5 P.M., tel. +31-(0)24-3523399. Press ‘3’ to speak directly to the assistant. Emergency telephone number during weekdays and practice opening hours, tel. 024-3500077.

**Huisartsenpraktijk Bijleveld, Huurman en Henneke**
St. Jacobslaan 343
6533 VD Nijmegen
Call for an appointment between 8:30 A.M. - 12 noon and 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M., tel. +31-(0)24-3550810. Emergency telephone number during weekdays and practice opening hours, tel. +31-(0)24-3567940.

**University Health Centre Heyendaal (UGC)**
Gerard van Swietenlaan 3 (on campus)
6525 GB Nijmegen
Internet: http://ugc-heyendaal.praktijkinfo.nl/ (choose English on the left)

Call for an appointment, tel. 024-3224340. The University Health Centre is open on weekdays from 8 A.M. till 5 P.M. Emergency telephone number during weekdays and practice opening hours, tel. +31-(0)24-3606360


The general practitioner (GP) may prescribe medication, which can be obtained from a pharmacy (apotheek). The GP may also refer you to a specialist at the hospital. If necessary, the specialist will arrange hospitalisation for further treatment. Please make sure that every time you visit your general practitioner or the pharmacy, you bring your EU Health Insurance Card or any other kind of proof of health insurance with you.

Only in case of an emergency which requires acute medical care other than the care provided by a general practitioner during practice hours on week days and through the ‘Huisartsenpost’ during evenings and in the weekend, you can dial 112, the national emergency number. Or you can go to the First Aid department of Radboudumc (Eerste Hulp), Geert Grooteplein Zuid 12, Nijmegen, also open nights and Sundays, or to the First Aid department of CWZ Medical Centre, Weg door Jonkerbos 100, Nijmegen.

For an appointment please call between 8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and 3 P.M. – 5 P.M., tel. +31-(0)24-3552339. Press ‘3’ to speak directly to the assistant. Emergency telephone number during weekdays and practice opening hours, tel. 024-3500077.
Dentist
If you wish to make an appointment with a dentist (tandarts) in Nijmegen you can call: **Tandartspraktijk E. Maenen**, Bijleveldsingel 74, Nijmegen, tel. +31-(0)24-3221430, from Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M., Fridays from 9 A.M. - 12 noon. Please note that you need to pay (in cash) for the consultation at the practice! Only in case of emergency, when you require acute dental care, it is possible to call the emergency number tel. +31-(0)900-8276456 after 5 P.M. and in the weekend. If you need to consult a dentist elsewhere you can look online in the Yellow Pages (www.goudengids.nl, choose English) or the telephone book (www.detelefoongids.nl, choose English) under ‘Tandartsen’ or contact the International Office. Dentists always demand direct payment (in cash or by bank card), so it would be wise to ask in advance for an estimate of the costs. And keep in mind that dental treatment is not always covered by medical insurance.

3.7 Orientation and social activities for international students

Orientation for international students
Each semester, international exchange and international Master’s students of English-taught programmes can participate in an orientation programme that is organised by the International Office in cooperation with Radboud International Students (RIS). The Orientation for international students is at the beginning of the first and second semester. These orientation days are organised to help students become acquainted with the city and the university and to help them make new friends. The events include for instance sports activities, parties, and for the first semester orientation a weekend camping trip. All students joining will be placed in mentor groups that will get together for a mentor dinner once a month after the Orientation. Those students who are unable to participate in the Orientation week, can take part in the one day After Orientation.
Information about the Orientation for international Bachelor’s students of English-taught programmes can be found on www.ru.nl/bachelors

Social activities for international students
Radboud International Students (RIS) also organises a number of excursions to various cities and sights in the Netherlands for students, PhD candidates and other international guests. For more information about these or other social activities, please check the International Office website (social activities page), or the student portal for all the latest news. There is also a Facebook community called Radboud International Students that exchange and regular international students can become a member of. Specific information about the activities organised by Culture on Campus and the Soeterbeeck Programme can be found in chapter 3.9 Facilities.

Internet: www.ru.nl/ris and www.facebook.com/radboudinternationalstudents
E-mail: ris@io.ru.nl

3.8 Student organisations

International Student Organisations Nijmegen (ISON)
ISON is the umbrella organisation of International Student Organisations in Nijmegen. The purpose of ISON is to stimulate internationalisation among students. This is done through cooperation of the five main international student organisations. ISON is also represented in the Student Council.
The five ISON organisations are: AEGEE-Nijmegen, AIESEC Nijmegen, IFMSA Nijmegen, Radboud International Students (RIS) and United Netherlands. Although the organisations are very diverse, they share one common interest: to promote internationalisation.

ISON
Heyendaalseweg 141
6525 AJ Nijmegen
E-mail: ison@student.ru.nl
Internet: www.ison-online.nl

Nestor Zaragoza Jimenez (28)
From: Mexico
Master's student Cognitive Neuroscience

“I wanted to study the entire brain and I found Radboud University’s multidisciplinary approach makes that possible. For every problem I faced in my research, I always found someone right on campus with the knowledge to help. Even researchers outside my team took the time to talk to me. I found it almost shocking how the principal investigator interacted with me; he was really interested in what I had to say. Every idea was valid. In Mexico there is more hierarchy. I learned about the power of collaboration: you need to share knowledge to gain more knowledge. Even when I leave Nijmegen, I will not lose the network I made.”

AEGEE-Nijmegen
AEGEE is short for Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l’Europe, also known as the European Students Forum. AEGEE-Nijmegen is part of this network which organises various events, such as conferences, exchanges, European Schools and European member meetings. AEGEE-Nijmegen organises activities for its local members in Nijmegen, including an orientation (mentor) programme, member weekends, sports activities, city trips and parties.
Members of AEGEE-Nijmegen (and other interested people) meet in café Van Rijn (Molenstraat 103a) every Tuesday night at 9:30 P.M. and at the address below every Wednesday at half past noon to have lunch together.

AEGEE-Nijmegen
Heyendaalseweg 141
Gymnasion, room -1.290
6525 AJ Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3611585
E-mail: aegee@student.ru.nl
Internet: www.aegee-nijmegen.nl (AEGEE-Nijmegen)
Internet: www.aegee.org (AEGEE-Europe)
Office hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

AIESEC
AIESEC, the world’s largest student-run organisation, is an international platform for young people who want to discover and develop their leadership potential and have a positive impact on society. AIESEC The Netherlands offers two different kinds of programmes, the ‘Global Internship Program’ and the ‘Global Community Development Program’. The first one includes a professional internship during a period of six months up to two years, while the second one focuses on the support of social projects for six to eight weeks. Furthermore,

AIESEC has another branch called ‘Make a Move’. ‘Make a Move’ enables students to participate in career events aimed at bridging the gap between students and companies. Every year they organise events such as the National Talent Days and Women at the Top.
In addition to these opportunities, AIESEC provides part-time and full-time board functions, which allows students to develop themselves and live up to their leadership potential, while working in a professional environment.

AIESEC
Gymnasion, room -1.300
Heyendaalseweg 141
6525 AJ Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3615951
E-mail: nijmegen@aiesec.net
Internet: www.aiesec.org
Facebook: AIESEC The Netherlands

Law Faculty Association Nijmegen (JFV)
The Law Faculty Association (JFV), founded in 1927, has developed into an association that organises social as well as academic activities. JFV not only organises lectures on various legal subjects and forums on topical events and social problems, but also an orientation programme for law students.

In addition to this, the JFV organises several social events such as afternoon or evening drinks, a number of ‘Open RechtenFeesten’ (Open Law Parties), a rally, a ski trip, and of course, the annual prom. Furthermore, its annual programme includes various excursions to law offices and courts of law, to The Hague, or to an interesting legal destination within Europe (e.g. Brussels, Geneva, London or Luxembourg). One of the highlights of the year is the trip abroad. In recent years the JFV has visited New York, Washington D.C., Hong Kong, Moscow, St. Peters burg, Singapore and Capetown. In 2015 the JFV will explore the city of Buenos Aires. The Law Faculty Association enables students to buy summaries to help them with their studies.

Furthermore, at least five times a year the Law Faculty Association publishes a journal (Bulletineke Justitia) with plenty of legal articles. Students can join the Law Faculty Association for only €10 a year and take advantage of the numerous discounts and special privileges afforded to members.

Many of the activities of the JFV are also accessible to students who don’t speak Dutch. These activities will be summarized in a special form for foreign students.

JFV Nijmegen
Montessorilaan 10
Room GR 00.115
6525 GD Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3612794
E-mail: info@jfvnijmegen.nl
Internet: www.jfvnijmegen.nl

United Netherlands (UNL)
The United Netherlands Foundation is an internationally-oriented, student-led organisation, focusing on the world of international relations, politics and multilateral diplomacy. It aims to stimulate dialogue and reflection on common global challenges, as well as to teach students...
indispensable life skills such as negotiation, debating and public speaking. United Netherlands organises various programmes, workshops, trainings and other activities.

**United Netherlands**

Thomas van Aquinostraat 1  
Rooms: 2.01 & 2.02  
6500 HD Nijmegen  
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3611137  
E-mail: info@unitednetherlands.org  
Internet: www.unitednetherlands.org

**Batavierenrace, the world's largest student relay run**

The Batavierenrace is an annual student relay race which starts in Nijmegen and finishes in Enschede. The route is divided into 25 stages, 17 of which are run by male students and 8 by female students. The length of these stages varies from 2.6 to 12.5 km. The total length of the Batavierenrace route amounts to over 175 km. In total, 350 teams can participate in the Batavierenrace. With 25 runners per team, the number of participants is around 8,500. The Batavierenrace is therefore mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records as the relay race with the largest number of participants! The race, held at the end of April, starts in Nijmegen at midnight. Almost 18 hours later, the runners finish in Enschede on the campus of the University of Twente. After the race, the runners celebrate their personal achievements at Europe's biggest student party: the Batavierenparty, organized since 1977. The party is of course a great way to unwind after a tough day. It is held on the University of Twente campus and there are seven different stages with a variety of performers.

**Batavierenrace Organizing Committee**

Radboud Sports Centre  
Heijendaalseweg 141  
6525 AJ Nijmegen  
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3615876  
E-mail: nijmegen@batavierenrace.nl  
Internet: www.batavierenrace.com

**3.9 Facilities**

Radboud University offers a wide range of facilities. International students and staff are entitled to make use of the same facilities on campus as Dutch students and staff. All facilities introduced below are on campus, with the exception of the national Handicap & Study office.

**Culture on Campus**

Cultuur op de Campus (Culture on Campus) is the cultural organisation at Radboud University that offers a varied cultural programme on campus, including film, music, cabaret, visual arts, literature, debate, theatre, dance, new media, workshops and festivals. The programme is particularly aimed at students and university staff, but everyone else is also very welcome. A large part of our activities involves 'Language No Problem'.

Also keep an eye out for exhibitions in the Spinoza Building, Lecture Hall Complex, Linnaeus Building, Huygens Building and Gymnasion. Concerts and theatre performances are held in De Rode Laars (theatre) and at the university pub Cultuur Café. Films are shown in CC3 in the Lecture Hall Complex. Entrance is often free of charge, or will only cost you €1.50.

E-mail: info@cultuuropdecampus.nl  
Internet: www.ru.nl/codc/english; www.facebook.com/cultuuropdecampus

**Soeterbeeck Programme**

Soeterbeeck Programme organises lectures, debates and other events on campus. Aim is to promote reflection, conversation and debate on matters of science, society and world views. For an overview of activities offered in English, please visit the website mentioned below.

**Soeterbeeck Programme**

Erasmusplein 1, room 15.15  
6525 HT Nijmegen  
Tel. +31-(0)24-3615555  
E-mail: info@soeterbeeck.ru.nl  
Internet: www.ru.nl/sp/english
Rent-a-Radboud-Bike

Radboud University offers a special service to international students, international staff and guests: the on-campus hire of Radboud Bikes! Hiring a hip Radboud-Bike is both inexpensive and simple. The maximum rental period is 3 months. Just come and see us at the International Office information desk. You can find more information about prices, conditions and practical instructions on the website mentioned below.

Rent-a-Radboud-Bike
International Office
Information desk
Comeniuslaan 4
Opening hours for rental: Mondays - Fridays from 10 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Internet: www.ru.nl/rentaradboudbike

Learning Dutch or improving your English

Radboud in’to Languages offers a wide range of open-registration Dutch courses at various levels, which are available to exchange students of Radboud University at a 50% discount. University staff receive a 10% discount on the fee for these courses. The same goes for the English courses, which teach participants to speak the English appropriate to their professional or academic practice. Some of these courses, in particular Practical English, are especially suitable for exchange students. In addition, international staff wanting to improve their skills in Dutch or English quickly and effectively will find their needs met in our Intensive Language Programmes. Radboud in’to Languages’ academically trained language teaching professionals will give you all the personal attention you need and this unique concept will guarantee a significant improvement of your language skills in five days. If you feel a week-long programme is too intensive or too short, also tailor-made training courses for individual students or groups are offered. For more information, please contact the secretarial office of Radboud in’to Languages.

Radboud in’to Languages
Erasmusplein 1

Room 0.25 (ground floor)
T: +31-(o)24-3612159
E-mail: info@into.ru.nl
Internet: www.radboudintolanguages.nl
Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., Fridays and holidays: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

University Library

The University Library covers the whole campus. Apart from the Central Library, there are also other libraries on campus. The campus libraries are not just places to look for books but also to find a quiet place to study, meet in groups, check your e-mail, ask advice from an information specialist, or enjoy a chat in the library area. In short: the library offers a complete study environment.

Borrowing books

Borrowing is free for students and staff of Radboud University. You can borrow books. You can look into journals or reference works on location. To be able to borrow books you will need a library pass. For students, your student card acts as a library pass; for staff your campus card can be activated as such at the issue desks in the libraries on campus. People who do not work or study at the university can obtain a library pass from the service desks in the UBN locations on campus. Please bring your ID and proof of your address. Most books and journals in the Central Library can be found and ordered out of storage through the online catalogue. In the Central Library and the Law Library you can use a “lending automat”. Books in other libraries on campus can be borrowed directly from the shelves at the desk. You can return books to the service desks at any library location on campus or place them in a special mailbox for books in the Central Library.

Large collection

The University Library holds a strong collection of academic books and journals covering all subject areas within the university. To help you access the collection you can make use of a range of catalogues and search engines as well as (full-text) online journals, databases and electronic books and
encyclopedias. You can locate all these holdings using the online catalogue.

The University Library: Available everywhere!
Students and staff can access the library services and collections even when they are not on campus. All you need is a computer and an Internet connection. Go to www.ru.nl/library, log in with your Radboud number and password, and the digital library will be open to you. You can search for information, ask questions and reserve or renew books. The digital library is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Need help? Just Ask!
In the University Library you have access to information specialists in a number of fields. They will be happy to advise you where to look on the Internet or help you with literature searches. Quick questions can be answered on the spot. If you need more detailed research support, please make an appointment. Using the Ask Your Librarian link, available on every page of our website, you can send questions to the library directly from wherever you are studying or working. The service is provided from Monday to Friday during office hours. Do you have a question about the library service? Are you searching for research-level information? Or would you like to sign up for a library course? Just let us know by using the link ‘Ask Your Librarian’.

Central Library
Erasmuslaan 36
PO Box 9100
6500 HA Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3612417
Internet: www.ru.nl/library
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30 A.M. - 10 P.M.; Fridays from 8:30 A.M. - 8 P.M.; Saturdays from 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.; Sundays from 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.
During exam periods, the opening hours of this location are extended.

UBN Nijmegen School of Management
Thomas van Aquinostraat 1
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3615950
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
UBN Social Sciences
Spinoza building
Thomas van Aquinostraat 6
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3612599
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Law Library
Montessorilaan 10
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3616249
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30 A.M. - 10 P.M.; Fridays from 8:30 A.M. - 8 P.M.;
Saturdays from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Library of Medical Sciences
Geert Grooteplein 15
Tel. +31-(0)24-36552274
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
During exam periods, the opening hours of this location are extended.

Library of Science
Huygens building
Heyendaalseweg 135
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3652274
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 8:30 A.M. - 10 P.M.; Fridays from 8:30 A.M. - 8 P.M.;
Saturdays from 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

ICT on campus
The ICT Service Point provides ICT services to students and staff at Radboud University. If you have any questions or want to report a disturbance please contact the ICT Helpdesk by telephone. Some of your ICT related questions may also be solved by the people at the ICT Service Point desk at the ‘Learning Zone’ of the Central Library. This desk offers the following services:
• Issue of guest accounts (identification required)
• Resetting of passwords (identification required)
• Issue of mobile devices (tablet, mobile phone and SIM Smartphone included)
• Network connectivity assistance
• Help with VPN connections
• Limited issue of software
• Limited Péage printing support (e.g. to obtain a refund for pages not printed out)
• Repair of defective Radboud University laptops

ICT Service Point
Learning Zone Central Library
Erasmuslaan 36
Tel.: +31-(0)24-36122222
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Museum for Anatomy and Pathology
There is one museum on campus open to the general public: the Museum for Anatomy and Pathology. This museum exhibits numerous prepared parts and models of the human body. While it is mainly intended for use by students of Medical or Health Sciences, Dentistry and paramedical groups (physiotherapists etc.), others can also visit this museum.

Museum for Anatomy and Pathology
Geert Grooteplein 21 / route 101
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3613301
E-mail: museum@anat.umcn.nl
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.; Fridays from 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Upon request, guided tours can be organised for groups, also in the evening.

Radboud University Medical Centre for Mindfulness
The Radboud University Medical Centre for Mindfulness is a national centre of excellence for the application and research of mindfulness-based approaches in health care. The centre offers mindfulness courses for clinical populations with depression, unexplained medical symptoms, multiple sclerosis and cancer. It conducts research into the effectiveness and working mechanism of mindfulness. The centre provides a 1,5-year postgraduate training course for those who want to become mindfulness trainers. In addition to clinical care, research and teaching, the centre offers
mindfulness courses for students and employees of both Radboud University and the Radboud University Medical Centre. The centre also provides courses in interpersonal mindfulness, Mindful Self-Compassion, Zen and Vipassana meditation.

Radboud University Medical Centre for Mindfulness
Reinier Postlaan 4 / internal route 974
6525 GC Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3668456
E-mail: mindfulness@radboudumc.nl
Internet: www.radboudcentrumvoormindfulness.nl
Opening hours service desk: Mondays to Fridays from 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

The Student Chaplaincy for students and staff

As its name suggests, the Student Chaplaincy is a religious centre on campus for students. But the Chaplaincy is not only open to students: also members of staff, both Dutch and international are welcome. The Chaplaincy is an open church. This means that a lot of activities are offered for a wide range of people; regardless of the fact if you are a Christian, Muslim, Jew, Buddhist, Atheist, or someone with questions about life or faith. The Chaplaincy works from an ecumenical Christian perspective. You are welcome to pray or light a candle in the Chapel, to meditate and sit quietly in the Meditation Room or the Garden of Silence, or to pray in the Muslim Prayer room (with separate washing facilities for men and women).

Church services
Sundays, 5 P.M.: Catholic Eucharist in English, followed by a social activity and (often) a meal.
Sundays during term time, 11 A.M.: ecumenical church service in Dutch.
Wednesdays during term time, 12:45 - 1:15 P.M.: Taizé prayer in Dutch/English.
Christian festivals and feasts: see website for times of services.
It is possible to be baptized or have your child baptized, to get married, say confession and to be confirmed. Funerals are also conducted, and there is a place of remembrance in the chapel where deceased students and staff are commemorated. Once a year, at the beginning of November, there is a service of remembrance for students and staff who passed away during the previous year.

Muslim Prayer Room, Mescid
For Muslim students and staff, there is a prayer room with washing facilities available on campus. This room is situated in the building of the Student Chaplaincy at the address mentioned below. The prayer room's opening hours are the same as those of the Chaplaincy.

Meditation
Meditation course, a basic introduction to meditation in five sessions.
Lunchtime meditation: Thursdays during term time, 12:45 P.M.: 30 minutes of quiet meditation led by one of the pastors.

Personal contact
If you are looking for someone to share your personal thoughts, questions or difficulties with, we offer confidential support.

Activities for students and staff under 30
Meet and Eat, on Wednesdays, from 6 P.M. onwards: a meal, a presentation about different cultures and informal meeting. This activity is organized for and by international and Dutch students and staff. For registration see: www.facebook.com/meet.andeat.79.
Bible study and prayer group: twice a month, there is an opportunity to meet other Christians, study the Bible and pray together.
Discussion group: who am I? An opportunity to meet in an informal atmosphere with a small group of people to explore and share questions you might have about life, yourself or your experiences.
For more information please visit the Student Chaplaincy's website.
Student Chaplaincy
Erasmuslaan 9a
6525 GE Nijmegen
Tel. +31-(0)24-3619188
E-mail: info@studentenkerk.ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/chaplaincy
Opening hours: Mondays to Thursdays from 9 A.M.- 5 P.M., Fridays 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Radboud Sports Centre
‘Mens sana in corpore sano’: the really good clichés are the ones that are true. Your registration as a Nijmegen student or member of staff allows you to ‘work out’, individually or in a group. There are classes and workouts for virtually any sport you can think of, and of course you can join one of the many (students’) sports clubs, which makes it possible to play in tournaments and (sometimes official) league competition. New programmes start several times a year. It is impossible to elaborate on all the sports you can practice at the Sports Centre, but the centre offers both well-known and less well-known sporting activities, including tennis, squash, fitness, spinning, boxing, Pilates, yoga, Zumba and of course typical Dutch sports such as ice skating. You can register throughout the year. For most sports you can start right away. More information in English is available on the website.

Radboud Sports Centre
Heyendaalseweg 141
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3612392
E-mail: secretariaat@rsc.ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/sportscentre
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 8 A.M. - 11 P.M.; Saturdays to Sundays from 8 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Student Counsellors’ Office
The Office of Student Counsellors is specialised in advising and stimulating students to solve their problems by looking for the right decisions. Needless to say, any conversation you might have with one of the counsellors is strictly confidential.

Student Counsellors’ Office
Comeniuslaan 4
PO Box 9102
6500 HC Nijmegen
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3612345
E-mail: balie@dsz.ru.nl
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
**Psychologists’ Office**

Some problems can be so serious that the ‘regular’ student counsellors cannot help out. Consequently, you might have to turn to the students’ psychologists for a solution, either with respect to personal problems that impair your studies, or with respect to specific directly related psychological problems, e.g., fear of examinations. Do not wait too long! It is better to go in vain than not to go at all and end up in a worse state than before. The Tutors’ Office organises sessions and courses to improve study skills such as preparing for examinations, addressing groups, writing papers, etc. If you think you need to see a psychologist or a tutor, please contact us and we will make an appointment for you as soon as possible. An intake will cost €25.

**Persons of trust for sexual harassment**

Ms. R. Stuut  
Tel.: +31-(o)24-3612228  
E-mail: r.stuut@dsz.ru.nl  
Complaints commission for sexual harassment  
(please mark your envelope ‘personal’)

**Secretary Complaints Commission**

PO Box 9102  
6500 HC Nijmegen  
Persons of trust for minorities  
Ms. R. Stuut  
Tel.: +31-(o)24-3612228  
E-mail: r.stuut@dsz.ru.nl

**Handicap and Studies**

If you are disabled in any way and feel that this is impairing your studies, information and advice is provided by the Student Counsellors’ Office. In addition, you can obtain information from Handicap and Study in ’s-Hertogenbosch. Handicap and Study is the national expert centre for studying with a handicap.

**Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Services (AMD, Arbo- en Milieudienst)**

For ‘ordinary’ illnesses, i.e. those which have no relationship with your work and are not contracted while at work on university premises, you should consult a general practitioner (see paragraph 3.9). When you do not feel well, do not put off visiting a doctor till ‘another day’. Your health is too valuable to neglect. In general, the AMD is in charge of monitoring the relationship between work and health, including well-being and safety and offers advice to personnel and management with regard to preventive measures and maintenance of...
workability. The AMD not only offers its services to university staff, but also to students, as students are subject to the same risks as academic staff and other personnel working in laboratories or elsewhere on our premises. The AMD Radboud Travel Clinic provides medical travel advice and vaccinations, so if you plan a trip to regions that constitute specific health risks, you should contact this clinic for advice and to get your injections.

**Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Services**
Erasmuslaan 17
Radboudumc route 980
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3615400
Fax: +31-(0)24-3616482
E-mail: frontoffice.amd@radboudumc.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/amd
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**University Restaurant ‘De Refter’ and on-campus cafes**
University Restaurant ‘De Refter’ offers inexpensive hot meals, Mondays to Fridays from 12 noon - 1:30 P.M. and Mondays to Thursdays from 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. On Fridays ‘de Refter’ is closed as of 2 P.M. Lunches and snacks are available during the opening hours from 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**Sports Café**
Heyendaalseweg 141
Tel.: +31-(0)24-3611114
Opening hours: Mondays to Fridays from 10 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.; Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 7 P.M.; Sundays from 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**VOX**
Vox is Radboud University’s free monthly magazine (in Dutch) that informs the university community of what is happening on campus. Daily news coverage can be found on their website voxweb.nl. Vox is a committed but critical follower of developments at Radboud University. Furthermore, it gives in-depth information about national and international trends in educational policy and their consequences for university life. As of 2015 there will be news coverage in English as well. You can contact Vox by e-mail: redactie@vox.ru.nl

**Student Portal**
The Student Portal is the virtual front door to all relevant information related to your study. For example, you can use the Student Portal to read Blackboard messages, receive e-mails, perform searches, set up your personal RSS feeds, check your timetable and retrieve your examination results. The content of the Student Portal is customized to the person who has logged in. You can find the Student Portal at student.ru.nl
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Internet: www.ru.nl/law; www.facebook.com/RUfacultyoflaw; www.twitter.com/RadboudLaw  
Courses: www.ru.nl/law/coursedescriptions

Introduction

The Faculty of Law offers three graduate programmes in Dutch (Dutch Law, International and European Law, and Notarial Law) and one Master’s programme in English; European Law. Students who successfully complete one of the Dutch Law Master’s programmes, acquire the academic title of Mr.1 which entitles them to join the legal professions. There are two high-quality research centres for Business and Law (OO&R) and for Migration Law. The faculty has more than 280 staff members and approximately 2,700 students. For visiting students, the attractiveness of this faculty lies in the fact that academic quality is assured by the relatively low number of students. This means that lecturers can give a great deal of personal attention to their students and that integration into the local university community is quite easy. Moreover, lecturers and students are usually able to speak two or three languages other than Dutch, and welcome foreign students wholeheartedly. The standard language of instruction is Dutch, but many classes are taught in English.

1 “Meester in de rechten”: The Dutch equivalent of Master of Laws

Course information

Dutch Law Programmes
Each programme at the Radboud Law Faculty takes four years. The first three years constitute the (undergraduate) Bachelor’s programme, the final year is the (graduate) Master’s programme. The foundational first year - the propedeuse - is the same for each programme. This propedeuse serves as an introduction to law. Students are offered courses that acquaint them with the main areas of law, e.g. introductions to Civil Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Criminal Law, and European Law. Subsequently, there is a choice of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes depending on the main field of specialisation.

• Dutch Law: After the introductory courses in the first year, the second year is mainly devoted to Constitutional, Administrative and Criminal Law, the third year deals with Civil and Commercial Law. In the final year (Master’s programme) students choose three or four courses from a total of some seventy subjects and are required to write a thesis.

• International and European Law: Part of this programme is the same as the Dutch Law programme, but the International and European Law programme emphasises the European and international dimension of the subjects, and students study the law of the European Union and the other European countries in detail. In their final Master’s year, students take a number of courses at a faculty abroad and are required to write a thesis.

• Notarial Law: The Notarial Law programme prepares students for the profession of notary. The third year of the Bachelor’s programme and the Master’s programme are devoted to typical notarial subjects. A Master’s thesis is required to graduate.

LL.M. European Law
Our English-taught LL.M. programme in European Law is primarily designed for students who wish to develop their understanding and knowledge of
European Union Law with the intent of pursuing a legal career with a strong international dimension. This one-year Master’s programme at Radboud University is unique in that it not only provides a thorough understanding of European Law in general, but also offers further specialisation. After completing the compulsory courses students can specialise in one of four tracks;

• **European Law Advanced:** This track offers a generalist approach with an emphasis on the concepts of European Union Law. Students acquire an advanced understanding of the core issues of EU Law. By participating in the European Law Moot Court students can practice their legal skills at a high level.

• **Human Rights and Migration Law:** Within this track, we combine Human Rights and Immigration Law courses, two areas that are among the most important in the European Union today. LL.M. students benefit from the outstanding knowledge and experience of the Centre for Migration Law.

• **European Business Law:** The specialisation in Business Law studies offers students the opportunity to become experts in the area of European Company Law. They benefit from the knowledge of the renowned Business and Law Research Centre. This centre combines academic excellence with the practical expertise of major companies and law firms. The centre has been accredited by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

• **Insolvency Law:** This dual LL.M programme is designed for students who wish to develop their understanding and knowledge of Corporate, Insolvency and European Law for a legal career with a strong European and international focus. This programme gives students the opportunity to obtain two Master's degrees in law in one academic year (in Nijmegen and Nottingham (UK) respectively), thus adding to their personal international experience as well as increasing their knowledge. The courses taught at these two universities are presented in English, and students will enjoy the benefits of being taught by experts from these two law schools.

**Student Exchange**
The Faculty of Law receives about a hundred exchange students each year from their 70 partners in Europe, USA, Taiwan and Australia. The faculty offers 30 courses which are taught in the English language, for example Philosophy of Law, European Competition Law, International Public Law, European Procurement Law, International Private Law, European Immigration Law, and many more. Most courses are (advanced) Master's courses, but Bachelor's courses are also offered. A Bachelor's student can take a Master's course as long as he or she complies with the prerequisites of that course. The complete course list is published in April on the website: www.ru.nl/law/coursedescritpions

**Research**

**Business and Law Research Centre**
The Business and Law Research Centre (OO&R) conducts high-quality fundamental research in the field of business and law and critically analyses national and international developments in Legislation and Case Law. It provides a thorough educational programme for gifted young scholars. OO&R encourages a practical approach to academic research and strives to publish the results of its research in such a way that society can benefit. Furthermore, it is involved with and contributes to the drafting and implementation of new legislation in its fields of expertise. Finally, OO&R engages in further harmonisation of legislation in the field of business and law in the EU member states. The key focus areas for research are: Company Law (Van der Heijden Institute), Security Rights and Insolvency Law (Institute for Insolvency Law), Business and Patrimonial Law, Business & Employees, and Financial Law.

**Centre for State and Law/Migration Law**
The Centre - under the leadership of Professor R.J.N. Schlössels - is known in the Netherlands by its Dutch abbreviation ‘SteR’ (Staat en Recht). It focuses mainly on the central issues and basic principles in Public Law. Its researchers critically
analyse national, European and international developments in Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Criminal Law. The Centre has committed itself to creating a stimulating environment in which high-quality, national and international multidisciplinary law research can flourish.

Centre for Notarial Law
Researchers at this centre study the principles, system and development of the fields of law in which notaries work (such as Marital Property, the Law of Inheritance, Business Succession, Estate Planning and Inheritance Tax), as well as closely related fields such as Personal and Family Law, Agricultural Law and the Law on Pensions. Particular attention is paid to the relationship of these fields to the general Law of Property. The research is practically oriented. Several of the researchers associated with the Centre are also active in notarial practice. The centre seeks to make an important contribution to the scientific foundations of notarial practice by publishing handbooks and other tone-setting publications. It aspires to a prominent national position in the field of Notarial Law, and to influence the legislative process and the practice of Notarial Law through its research.

Library of the Faculty of Law
The Faculty of Law has the largest law library in the Netherlands, consisting of three floors and many workspaces for students. The law library is situated in the brand-new Grotius building, home of the Faculty of Law. The library collection is also accessible through the On-line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of Nijmegen, which lists books and periodical titles available not only at the library of the Faculty of Law, but at every other library of the university. All publications, including periodicals (mainly in Dutch) that have been issued by the Bureau of Official Publications of the EU since 1990, are kept separately at the European Documentation Centre (EDC). The EDC collection is accessible through the OPAC.

Social Activities
The Law Faculty Association (JFV) organises many social activities for law students and welcomes the participation of international students, who may obtain a membership for a small fee.  E-mail: info@jfvnijmegen.nl

The European Law Students Association ELSA has an active branch in Nijmegen. International ELSA-members can join the many activities that are organised. Other visiting students can obtain a temporary membership for a small fee.  E-mail: info@elsanijmegen.nl

The Students of International Law Association (SILA) organises interesting and educational activities for students who have an interest in International Law, including visits to international organisations and to national and international law firms. International students can join for a small fee.  E-mail: sila@jur.ru.nl
4.2 Nijmegen School of Management

Addresses and information

Nijmegen School of Management
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Fax: +31-(0)24-3611088
E-mail: imo@fm.ru.nl
Internet: www.ru.nl/nsm/imo
Courses: www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/management/ects

Nijmegen School of Management in a nutshell
• Strong emphasis on methodology
• Internationally oriented
• Multidisciplinary research
• Full range of English- and Dutch-taught Bachelor’s, Master’s and Post-Master’s programmes

The Nijmegen School of Management (NSM) is one of the seven faculties of Radboud University. It combines academic research and teaching in a range of challenging programmes, covering the structure and performance of public and private sector organisations. The rich combination of disciplines represented in the NSM addresses highly relevant, complex societal challenges.

As a student-oriented academic school of management, NSM is able to nurture a close relationship with its students, and it prides itself on its student-focus. NSM shares joint responsibility for the personal growth and development of its students. It is on the basis of this vision that students are considered not as mere ‘consumers of education’, but as individuals who play an active role in forming their own future.

Bachelor’s degree programmes
NSM offers two three-year Bachelor’s tracks taught in English: International Business Administration and International Economics and Business. The other three-year Bachelor’s degree programmes offer many modules taught in English and can be attended by exchange students: Business Administration, Economics and Business Economics, Geography, Planning and Environment, Public Administration and Political Science.

Master’s degree programmes
The international character of all one-year Master’s programmes and their specialisations is evident in the educational programme and ensured by an international and interdisciplinary teaching staff:

Spatial Planning: European Spatial and Environmental Planning, and one Dutch three-track programme on local and regional spatial planning.
Social and Political Sciences of the Environment: European Spatial & Environmental Planning, and one Dutch programme.
Public Administration: Policy & Advice, Organisation & Management, and Security Administration (these three in Dutch only), Comparative Politics, Administration and Society (English-taught).
Political Science: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Administration and Society.
General programme information
A link to the overview of the English-taught courses offered by the Nijmegen School of Management can be found on the website www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/management/ects

Business Administration
Erasmus coordinators: Mr. dr. Erik Poutsma, Mr. dr. Etienne Rouwette, Ms. dr. Nina Belei and Ms. Charissa van Mourik, MSc
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The study programme in Business Administration emphasises the social aspects of organisations, companies and management. The central question is how social processes affect the performance of organisations.

Economics
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You do not learn plain old Economics in Nijmegen, but get Economics+! This means that you are not only offered the standard building blocks of an ordinary curriculum in Economics, but also subject matter that takes you a few steps further. Exchange students who like this approach can choose courses from the regular programme that the department of Economics offers in English.

Public Administration
Erasmus coordinator: Ms. dr. Sandra Resodihardjo
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The strength of the courses in Public Administration at Radboud University is their international and comparative focus. Our philosophy is that a comparative angle is essential to understanding the successes and failures of governments.

Political Science
Erasmus coordinator: Mr. dr. Thomas Eimer
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The study programme emphasises social processes, power relationships, and national and international political developments. Students will research politics at the local, national, European and international levels.

Social and Political Sciences of the Environment and Spatial Planning
Erasmus coordinator: Ms. prof. Stefanie Dühr
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The international and European dimension of spatial planning in the nations and regions of the European Union (EU) is the focus of the international Master's specialisation on 'European Spatial and Environmental Planning' (ESEP) and PLANET Europe. Students have the opportunity to critically discuss the spatial implications of EU policy in a comparative perspective, and to better understand the multi-level system of governance in the EU. The Master's specialisations give attention to aspects of coordination of policies and actions vertically (among different levels of government), horizontally (among different policy sectors) and geographically (across administrative boundaries).

Human Geography
Erasmus coordinator: Mr. dr. Olivier Kramsch
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The central focus of the Bachelor's programme in Geography, Planning and Environment is the integrated scientific approach to the relationship between human activities and the environment, or in other words, the relationship between society and space. Master’s programmes offered in the Human Geography programme are intensely internationalist and cosmopolitan in outlook. Whether focusing on the challenges posed by transnational migrant networks in the “Globalization, Migration and Development”
Master’s programme; cross-border inter-firm knowledge networks in the “Economic Geography” Master’s programme; local/global interactions driving cities within the “Urban and Cultural Geography” Master’s programme; intra-member state as well as extra-territorial governance dilemmas for the EU in the “Europe: Borders, Identities & Governance” Master’s programme; or the global roots of local political violence in the “Conflicts, Territories and Identities” (i.e. CICAM) Master’s programme, there is literally a cornucopia of internationally-orientated topics available for investigation.

**Important for exchange students**
NSM’s International Mobility Office is the point of entry for student and staff mobility. If you plan on taking Master’s courses, please make sure you meet all requirements as specified on the website www.ru.nl/overviewexchange. Here you can also find in which semester the courses are taught. Please note that at NSM Bachelor’s students should have a B2 level and Master’s students should have a C1 level in English in order to be able to take courses.
4.3 Faculty of Arts

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Introduction
The Faculty of Arts is one of the largest faculties within Radboud University, with approximately 2,800 students and about 300 staff members. In the early days, its primary emphasis was on history and languages. Within the language programmes there has always been the possibility of specialising in literary and linguistic aspects of a language. Nowadays, in addition to traditional specialisations, new options are available, such as Communication and Information Studies and the interdisciplinary regional study programmes of American Studies and Dutch-German Studies. Another example of an innovative discipline is Literary and Cultural Studies.

At the Faculty of Arts, the semesters are divided into two periods. Many courses are taught during a period, but sometimes a course is taught during a full semester. A period consists of 7 weeks of courses, followed by one or two weeks of examinations. Below you will find the starting dates for each semester in the academic year:
• The first semester starts on: Monday 31 August 2015 and ends on Friday 29 January 2016
• The second semester starts on: Monday 1 February 2016 and ends on Friday 15 July 2016

Course information
The faculty offers a wide range of courses in English and/or other foreign languages at Bachelor’s level. The following disciplines are available:
• Art History
• Communication and Information Studies
• Literary and Cultural Studies
• Dutch Language and Culture*
• English Language and Culture
  - English Language and Culture
  - American Studies
• German Language and Culture
• Classical Languages and Cultures*
• History
• Linguistics
• Romance Languages and Cultures
  - French Language and Culture
  - Spanish Language and Culture

* In this discipline only courses in Dutch are available

Requirements
Students registered at the Faculty of Arts should at least choose two courses at the Faculty of Arts. The requirements for the level of proficiency in English are strictly followed, to avoid that students get problems during their studies. To be accepted, students should have at least level B2 (Cambridge First Certificate) or a TOEFL test with a score of at least 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) or 79 points (internet based). An IELTS test certificate with a score of at least 6.0 is also valid or a TOEIC test with a minimum score of 670. The modules ‘Speaking and Writing’ and ‘Listening and Reading’ have to be successfully completed.

In addition, for students who would like to take courses at the English Language and Culture department a minimum of C1 is required: a TOEFL test certificate with a score of at least 580 (paper based), 237 (computer based) or 92 points (internet based); an IELTS test certificate with a score of at least 7.0 (with min. 6.0 for speaking); a Cambridge First Certificate in English (minimum level C1); a TOEIC test with a minimum score of 945. The
modules ‘Speaking and Writing’ and ‘Listening and Reading’ have to be successfully completed (see also: www.ru.nl/facultyofarts/exchange-students/additional/). For all admission requirements please check (www.ru.nl/exchangestudents; Admission’).

The faculty also offers a number of courses at Master’s level in English and/or other foreign languages. The following programmes are available:

- Art and Culture
- Classical Studies*
- Communication and Information Studies
- European Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Literary Studies
- North American Studies

* In this discipline only courses in Dutch are available.

An overview of courses offered on BA and MA level in English (and in other foreign languages: French, German, Spanish and Dutch) in 2015-2016 will become available in June 2015: www.ru.nl/overview-exchangecourses (Faculty of Arts). Please check the language of instruction in the individual course descriptions. For a complete overview of courses available at the various departments, please contact the departments concerned. Exchange students are allowed to take courses at Master’s level on the condition that they have a full Bachelor’s degree at the moment they arrive and/or meet any specific requirements for participation. They also need official permission of the receiving department. The receiving department has the right to refuse students if it cannot be ascertained whether these requirements are met.

**Research**

The faculty has several research programmes, most of which are carried out by one of the two research institutes:

**Institute for Historical, Literary, and Cultural Studies (HLCS)**

Director: Prof. dr. A. Lardinois

Within the Humanities and certainly in HLCS, there is a long tradition of research on the subject of European history in a variety of fields. In the new focus on ‘Europe and its Worlds’, researchers are brought together in 13 thematic research groups. The “Beginnings of Europe” for example are examined by researchers in the groups ‘The Ancient World’ and ‘Radboud Medieval and Early Modern Studies’. A second approach reflects on the “Image of Europe”. Archaeologists, art historians and cultural scholars explore what is typically “European” in artistic productions in the research groups ‘Creative Industries: Society, Culture and Aesthetics of/in Material Culture’ (CISCA), ‘Matter and Culture: Analysis, Discourse & Aesthetics of/in Material Culture’ (MACADAM), and

**Melanie Roger (20)**

From: France

Erasmus exchange student

“I’ve now been four months in Nijmegen and it’s pretty amazing to think how fast I’ve adapted to the Dutch way of life. The orientation week surely played a great role in this process. I remember how lost we all felt on the first day, but the mentors really managed to make us feel at home, helping us to buy a bike (maybe one of the most important investments in the Netherlands), showing us the places to go. Later on in the year, the members of my mentor group all went their different ways, but we kept seeing each other whenever we could. The shared experiences during the orientation week created a strong bond between us, a bond of friendship that we celebrate at least once a month by having a group dinner!”
‘Memory, Materiality and Meaning in the Age of Transnationalism’. European literature is examined by ‘European Literary History’ and SCARAB: ‘Studying Criticism And Reception Across Borders’.

Of course culture in the anthropological sense involves more than just art and literature. Another area of study is “Life in Europe”: has Europe developed its own distinct ways in economics, politics, religion and demography? Such questions are asked in the research groups ‘Repertoires of Representation’ and ‘Self, Script and Society’. Issues of European identity are addressed by ‘Europe and (Trans)national Identities’ and ‘Tourism, Travel and Text’, and Europe’s more recent, violent past is examined in ‘The Making of War. History and Memory of Crisis, War and Recovery’. Finally ‘Roots & Region’ looks at how the local area around Nijmegen has fared and interacted with various other (trans)national regions throughout European history from Roman times through the Middle Ages to the 21st century.

Centre for Language Studies (CLS)
Director: Prof. dr. P. Fikkert
The Centre for Language Studies is a research institute of the Faculty of Arts and is home to a group of highly talented and successful researchers who share one mission: to do cutting edge research to deepen their understanding of the architecture of the language system and its interactions with processes at the individual cognitive level and at the social cultural level. The research is organised into two programmes: “Language in Mind” and “Language in Society”. These programmes reflect the view that language must always be studied in context. “Language in Mind” studies language in the context constituted by the individual cognitive processes active in the production, comprehension, and acquisition of language. “Language in Society” investigates language in the social and cultural context.

The research in “Language in Mind” is organised in seven PI (principal investigator) groups:
• Cognitive Aspects of Multilingualism
• First Language Acquisition
• Gesture and Sign
• Grammar & Cognition
• Languages in Transition Stages
• Sign Language Linguistics
• Speech Comprehension

The research in “Language in Society” is also organised in eight PI groups:
• Interactional Foundations of Language
• Languages in Contact
• Language and Speech, Learning and Therapy
• Language and Speech Technology
• Meaning, Culture and Cognition
• Non-nativeness in Communication
• Persuasive Communication
• Variation and Distance

Within these areas, researchers from diverse scientific backgrounds – mainly Linguistics, Communication and the Behavioural Sciences – are engaged in joint interdisciplinary research. In this endeavour, experimental and quantitative methods, characteristics of the Behavioural Sciences, go hand in hand with the hypothetical-deductive approach typical of formal grammar theories.

More information can be found on www.ru.nl/cls/

Other research institutes in which the Faculty of Arts plays a prominent role are:
• Centre for Parliamentary History (CPG)
• Christian Cultural Heritage (CCE), in conjunction with the Faculties of Theology and Philosophy
• Centre for Language and Speech Technology
• Max Planck Institute
• Donders Institute
4.4 Faculty of Social Sciences

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Introduction: exchange students
The faculty of Social Sciences offers six Bachelor’s programmes: Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, Pedagogical and Educational Science, Anthropology and Development Studies, Communication Science, and Sociology. These Bachelor’s programmes offer a wide variety of English-taught courses, which are also open to exchange students. Many lecturers are quite willing to supervise international students who are interested in the courses they teach (even if the instruction language is Dutch, as most of the literature is in English). In the case of individual supervision, the course can be taken as an independent unit of study. Other possibilities include writing a paper or thesis, doing an internship, or participating in one of the many research programmes. Every student who would like personal tutoring should apply to the faculty staff member of their choice. More information:
www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/socialsciences/ects

Radboud Minors
The Faculty of Social Sciences offers various (inter)disciplinary Radboud Minors from (approximately) 30 ECTS. More information:
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Master’s programmes
The Faculty of Social Sciences offers six Master’s programmes in English including three international Research Master’s programmes. Exchange students are sometimes allowed to take some of the courses from these programmes separately.

Master Anthropology and Development Studies
Specialisation Development Studies (1 year)
This one-year Master of Science (MSc) programme named ‘New Frontiers in Development’ focuses on a number of central themes in the field of Development Studies, such as the changing aid set-up with new aid providers to address inequality and poverty, sustainable development and corporate social responsibility, migration and development. More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/development-studies/
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Specialisation Anthropology of Mobility (1 year)
The programme of Anthropology focuses on cultural mobility. Via a cluster of related themes students will gain an advanced insight into different processes of movement and their associated social dynamics. More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/mobility/
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Master Artificial Intelligence (2 years)
In this Master’s programme students can choose between three substantive tracks: Web and Language interaction, Robot Cognition, and Computation in Neural and Artificial Systems. All tracks centre around three main topics: studying natural systems, developing computational models, and implementing artificial systems based on these models. More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/artificial/
E-mail: masters@ai.ru.nl
**Master Pedagogical Science**  
*Specialisation Diversities in Youth Care (1 year)*  
This programme focuses on how diversities like ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual preferences or class may influence the kind of problems children experience, and the way pedagogical professionals can take into account these diversities. You will be prepared to work in the Netherlands as well as abroad e.g., in international organisations like Unicef, UNHCR, adoption organisations, or with specific groups like refugee children, or in sex-specific health care.  
More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/diversities-youth/  
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**Specialisation Gifted Education (1 year)**  
This programme focuses on the specific characteristics and problems of gifted children, adolescents and young adults. You will learn about diagnostics and treatment of problems related to giftedness and improve your academic research skills. Within this specialisation two tracks can be followed: a clinical and non-clinical track, which will prepare you for a future career as a pedagogical scientist, specialised in gifted education.  
More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/gifted-education/  
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**Research Master Cognitive Neuroscience (2 years)**  
This programme in the rapidly growing field of Cognitive Neuroscience has four specialisations: (1) Language and Communication, (2) Perception, Action and Control, (3) Plasticity and Memory, (4) Brain Networks and Neuronal Communication. Please note that this is a selective Master's programme; interested exchange students are obliged to contact the programme coordinator (dr. A. Koning) prior to submitting their Learning Agreement.  
More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/cognitive/  
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**Research Master Behavioural Science (2 years)**  
Within this programme students are trained in the theories and methods of research used at the Behavioural Science Institute, an accredited centre for research in Psychology, Education and Communication. The programme is intensive and class sizes are small. The programme is an ideal preparation for students who wish to pursue a PhD in Behavioural Science or would like to work as a behavioural scientist in the public or private sector. Please note that this is a selective Master's programme; interested exchange students are advised to contact the programme coordinator (dr. W. de Graaf) prior to submitting their Learning Agreement.  
More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/behavioural-science/  
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**Research Master Social and Cultural Science (2 years)**  
This interdisciplinary programme covers a wide range of subjects from research into traditional societies in transition to aspects of modernity in Western societies. Students are trained in social science theories and advanced research methods for cross-cultural comparative study. The programme is intended to prepare students for a subsequent PhD study in Social Sciences. Please note that this is a selective Master's programme; interested exchange students are advised to contact the programme coordinator (Prof. dr. R. Eisinga) prior to submitting their Learning Agreement.  
More information: www.ru.nl/english/education/masters/social-cultural/  
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**Research Institutes**  
- DCC (Donders Centre for Cognition):  
  www.ru.nl/donders  
- BSI (Behavioural Science Institute): www.ru.nl/bsi  

The faculty also includes the Institute for Gender Studies: www.ru.nl/genderstudies
4.5 Faculty of Science

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Introduction
It is not just the courses in all major sciences – Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Informatics – that make Nijmegen’s Faculty of Science so broad-based. It is also the fact that its research ranges from the extremely abstract and formal to the purely phenomenological, covering a wide variety of topics, methods and equipment. The interplay of scientists and students from different backgrounds and with complementary fields of expertise results in a stimulating environment for both research and education. Consequently, the Faculty of Science is able to acquire many grants for research, attract top researchers, offer Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes that are highly valued by students, generate an above-average graduate output, and achieve considerable breakthroughs in research.

International education
All Master’s programmes at the Faculty of Science are taught in English. The faculty attracts many international students, who contribute to both the quality of education and the culture at the faculty. The faculty offers the following Master’s programmes:
- Biology
- Medical Biology
- Chemistry
- Molecular Life Sciences
- Science
- Physics and Astronomy
- Mathematics
- Computing Science
- Information Sciences

Although not all Bachelor’s programmes are taught in English, the Science Faculty does offer a wide range of English-taught Bachelor’s courses which are accessible to exchange students (these provide a good extra training opportunity for prospective Master’s students from abroad).

Top research at Faculty of Science
If you decide to study or work at the Faculty of Science, you will have the opportunity to work with renowned researchers. In the past four years, four of them were awarded the Spinoza Prize by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). This prize is also referred to by some as the ‘Dutch Nobel Prize’ and is awarded to only four researchers a year. Every research institute in the Faculty of Science has now a Spinoza winner in their midst – clearly a confirmation of the faculty’s wide-ranging qualities.

Spinoza winners

Prof. M.I. Katsnelson (2013)
Mikhail (or Misha) Katsnelson is Professor of Theoretical Physics at the Institute for Molecules and Materials (IMM) of Radboud University. He is one of the most frequently cited authors in his field. His publications on graphene alone have been cited more than 12,000 times.

Prof. M.S.M. Jetten (2012)
Professor Mike Jetten was awarded the Spinoza Prize 2012 for his work on extraordinary microbes, which he discovered in unusual biotopes. He specialises in slow-growing, anaerobic bacteria. Jetten – Professor of Ecological Microbiology at Radboud University and Professor of Environmental Microbiology at the Delft University of Technology – was one of the first to entice these bacteria to grow and reveal their secrets down to the most detailed genetic and molecular level.
Prof. I. Moerdijk (2012)
Ieke Moerdijk, Professor of Algebra and Topology at Radboud University, was awarded the Spinoza Prize 2012 for his research in topology and mathematical logic. Moerdijk is one of the first mathematicians in the world to explore the frontiers of and relationships between these two fields of study – which are seemingly very different from each other. He has achieved surprising results that are relevant for other disciplines as well (e.g. informatics).

Prof. Heino Falcke (2011)
Heino Falcke is Professor of Radio Astronomy and Astroparticle Physics at Radboud University. He performs groundbreaking research into one of the most mysterious phenomena of the universe: black holes.

In addition, since 2011, six researchers of the Science Faculty have been awarded a European ERC Advanced grant with a maximum funding of 2.5 million euros. One of them is Professor Bart Jacobs (Digital Security), who received the prestigious grant for research into quantum calculations, logic and security. Only five years ago, in 2010, Professor Geim, Professor of Innovative Materials and Nanoscience at the Faculty of Science of Radboud University, and Konstantin Novoselov, who completed his PhD at Radboud University, won the Nobel Prize for Physics for their research into the properties of graphene, the thinnest material in the world.

Research institutes
The Science Faculty conducts a large number of multidisciplinary research projects in which the focus is on pervasive science. The faculty also aims to increase the practical application of newly acquired knowledge and to extend its links with educational organisations worldwide. The faculty carries out research at the following institutes:

• Institute for Wetland and Water Research (IWWR): combines the disciplines of Biology and Environmental Science
• Institute for Molecules and Materials (IMM): the interplay between Chemistry and Physics
• Radboud Institute for Molecular Life Sciences (RIMLS): Chemical Biology
• Donders Centre for Neuroscience (part of the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour): focuses on the understanding of neurological information transfer, through both experiments and theory
• Institute for Mathematics, Astrophysics and Particle Physics (IMAPP): research fields include High Energy Physics, Mathematical Physics, and Astrophysics
• Institute for Computing and Information Sciences (ICIS): combines Mathematics with Computing and Information Science
• Institute for Science, Innovation and Society (ISIS): understanding, assessing and improving the interaction between science, technology and society facilities
• The High Field Magnet Laboratory (HFML) serves as a European user facility and is one of the four largest in the world
• The NMR facility in the lotus-shaped Samuel Goudsmit Pavillion offers 8 state-of-the-art NMR imagers
• NanoLab Nijmegen: houses first-class equipment for the production, manipulation, and nanoscale investigation of molecules and matter. State-of-the-art scanning probe microscopes allow surfaces and interfaces to be visualised and characterised in three dimensions down to the atomic scale
• Phytotron: here, roots can be observed while growing. This research furthers the understanding of nutrient cycles and the chemical and microbiological processes involved
• FELIX: a combination of three Free Electron Lasers, which together have a unique range from 0.25 to 120 TeraHertz
• Staff at IMAPP are involved in a wide range of fundamental international research facilities: the Pierre Auger Observatory in Argentina, Fermilab near Chicago, the LOFAR radio telescope project at Dwingeloo in the Netherlands, and the Atlas experiment in the new CERN particle accelerator in Geneva
In 2014, the High field Magnet Laboratory (HFML) set a world record with their brand-new 38 tesla magnet: it is the strongest of its kind. This is a boost for innovation, as researchers can now reveal the hidden properties of materials much faster. In addition, the HFML was labelled as one of the six most important research facilities in the Netherlands and therefore received 14.9 million euros from NWO.
4.6 Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies

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Introduction

The Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies (PhTR) results from the fusion of the former Faculties of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies. Within this new Faculty, Theology retains the status of a faculty. The Faculty of PhTR has approximately 600 students, and 120 staff members. Almost all of the teaching staff are involved in both education and research, as a result of which the faculty can offer a stimulating learning environment that provides access to the latest findings. The small scale faculty is an intimate and friendly place to do research or study. It has excellent study facilities, a renowned library, and a lively student culture. The PhTR’s research and teaching cover the entire range of philosophical and theological disciplines. The supervising and training of its students is personal and intensive.

Course information

Philosophy

Philosophy currently offers some regular courses in English which are accessible for exchange students. They are at undergraduate level, as well as Master’s level, organised according to the seven departments of Philosophy:

- Metaphysics and Epistemology
- Philosophical Anthropology
- Philosophical Ethics
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Cognition
- Language Philosophy and Logic
- History of Philosophy

International students may study certain subjects on an individual basis by reading literature on the subject under the supervision of an instructor. This individual study can be replaced by tutorials if several international students apply for it concurrently. Also, several philosophy courses are taught in English at other faculties (e.g. the Faculty of Law). For an overview of the courses, please visit:
www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/philosophy/ects

International Research Master

Philosophy also offers a two-year international Research Master’s programme. In this programme internationally acclaimed research is combined with excellent teaching. You can choose from one of the widest range of philosophical specialisations in Europe, with courses and seminars that are exclusively taught in English. For more information about this programme and scholarships, please visit our website: www.ru.nl/master/philosophy/

Master’s specialisation ‘Philosophy and Science’

The one-year Master’s specialisation in Philosophy and Science analyses the relation between philosophy and science in terms of their historical development, as well as in the current situation. This Master’s specialisation gives students a better understanding of evolution, the current status and the implications of the scientific worldview.
Professionally, it prepares for several possible avenues, including science administration, research, journalism, and policy-making.

**Theology**

Theology offers a three-year Master's programme in English. The main emphasis in this programme is on research on Christian belief in contemporary society. The tension between universal truth claims within belief systems and the diverse cultural contexts in which they are expressed is the central focus of the programme.

The Master's programme consists of four groups: 1. The Literary group, which includes the modules: Exegesis of the Old Testament and Exegesis of the New Testament; 2. The Historical group, which includes the modules: Church History, Historical Theology, Canon Law; 3. The Systematic group, which includes the modules: Fundamental Theology, Dogmatic Theology, Theological Ethics, Spirituality, Philosophy of Religion, Intercultural Theology; 4. The Practical Theology group, which includes the modules Pastoral Theology, Missiology, Liturgical Studies and Feminist Theology. Exchange students are allowed to take courses from the Master's programmes, on condition that they have a Bachelor's degree at the moment they arrive.

For a complete overview of the courses, please visit: www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/theology/ects

Please note that all courses may be subject to change.

**Religious Studies**

Religious Studies offers a Bachelor's and Master's programme in Religious Studies. Islamic studies (formerly known as 'Islam and Arabic') has this new name and context as of the academic year 2012-2013. Islamic studies is an optional course within the Bachelor's programme Religious Studies. In both the Bachelor's and the Master's programme, separate course tracks can be followed: Religious Studies in general (comparison of religions) and Islamic studies (study of the Islam). Some of these courses are taught in English.

**Research**

The faculty has one research institute which contains two programmes: Philosophy and Theology/Religious Studies. For more information, please visit: www.ru.nl/ptrs/research/about-our-research/
4.7 Faculty of Medical Sciences

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Introduction
The Faculty of Medical Sciences holds a unique position in the Netherlands as it combines high quality education and internationally renowned research in Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Molecular Sciences and Dentistry. The faculty aims to develop and improve knowledge and quality control in healthcare. The educational programmes rank amongst the best in the Netherlands. The Radboud University medical center (Radboudumc) is one of the top teaching hospitals and the reference centre for the south-eastern part of the Netherlands, a region with a population of 2.5 million. It boasts modern accommodations and state-of-the-art facilities for education, research, and health care.

Key figures
• 2,800+ students
• 400+ graduates each year
• 110 PhD graduates each year
• 950 beds
• 28,000 admissions each year
• 350,000 outpatients each year
• 8,500 employees

Education

Medicine
The Medicine programme takes six years (3-year Bachelor’s phase, 3-year Master’s phase) and is offered in Dutch only. The curriculum has a strong emphasis on clinical learning in the Master’s programme. This student-centered practical clinical education method emphasises not only the acquisition of medical expertise, but it also teaches the prospective doctor to be compassionate and to show personal interest in the patient. The programme has a strong scientific orientation. Students are encouraged to keep up with the latest professional developments from the very beginning. The key aspects include active knowledge acquisition, medical practice, internships, and career orientation.

Biomedical Sciences
The Biomedical Sciences programme takes five years (3-year Bachelor’s phase, 2-year Master’s phase). Only the Master’s phase is offered in English. There are six majors in the Master’s programme: Epidemiology, Health Technology Assessment, Human Movement Sciences, Human Pathobiology, Human Health Risk Assessment and Human Toxicology. Students are trained to contribute as professionals to the improvement of public health and health services through research.
The curriculum has a strong scientific orientation. There are various opportunities for individual students from abroad to do scientific internships and to take English-taught courses. For more information: www.ru.nl/masters/bms/.

**Dentistry**
The Dentistry curriculum comprises six years (3-year Bachelor, 3-year Master) and is offered in Dutch only. Dental students are trained to become proficient professionals and to maintain a scientific approach. Around sixty-five students are enrolled annually in a modern, modular problem-based curriculum. At the end of the second and in the third Master year of their studies, dental students may participate in the international exchange programme. Because the Nijmegen Dentistry programme is partially self-paced, foreign students are exchanged on an individual basis, i.e. the institution designs an individualized timetable for each student to meet his/her specific requirements. The modular curriculum design at the Nijmegen College of Dental Sciences allows for an intake of students from partner universities in September and March of the academic year, again on an individual basis. For more information: www.radboudumc.nl/internationaloffice, see “Incoming Students” > “Exchange students Dentistry (incoming)

**Master Molecular Mechanisms of Disease**
The English-taught Research Master’s programme Molecular Mechanisms of Disease (2-year Master’s programme, limited number of places) is a highly selective programme (24 students max.) that aims to give talented students the best preparation possible for a PhD study in Molecular Life Sciences. It provides a sound balance between theory and practice: major goal is to generate basic knowledge in Molecular Life Sciences and translate that into medical experimental research in patients. The focus in both the courses and the internships is on the major research themes of the Radboud Institute for Molecular Life Sciences (www.rimls.nl) giving a wide perspective on the field of molecular medicine and its fundamentals. Within the research and educational themes, diseases such as cancer, malaria, diabetes and auto-immune disorders are studied. For more information: www.ru.nl/masters/mmd.

**Master’s programmes in English**
- Erasmus Mundus MSc in Bioethics: www.masterbioethics.org (this is a post-initial master, also known as master-after-master)
- MSc in Biomedical Sciences: www.ru.nl/masters/bms
- MSc in Cognitive Neuroscience: www.ru.nl/masters/cns
- MSc in Molecular Mechanisms of Disease: www.ru.nl/masters/mmd

**Research**
The Faculty of Medical Sciences regularly and systematically evaluates the quality of its research programmes, most of which are financed by the Dutch government, the medical industry, or the European Community. Research is concentrated in three research institutes:
- Radboud Institute for Molecular Life Sciences (www.rimls.nl)
- Radboud Institute for Health Sciences (www.rihs.nl)
- Donders Centre for Neuroscience (www.ru.nl/donders)

**Dental research lines**
1. Etiology of dental & craniofacial phenotypes
2. Wound healing around implants
3. Loss of dental tissues
Overview of the Courses
5. Overview of the courses and Radboud Minors

Exchange courses
Radboud University offers an impressive number of exchange courses in English, and other foreign languages if applicable, both at the Bachelor’s and Master’s level.

Requirements for admission
Please note that the requirements for admission to specific courses may vary per faculty. This does not only apply to language requirements. Particularly with regard to admission to Master’s degree courses, strict additional conditions may be applicable. Carefully check the course information on the websites below and contact the faculty coordinator if you wish to enrol for such a course.

Online overview of exchange courses per faculty
Below you will find an overview of the faculties’ websites where you can find information about the exchange courses on offer. Please note that the courses shown on these pages may be subject to change. If you have any queries, please contact the coordinator of that specific faculty.

• Faculty of Law
  www.ru.nl/law/coursedescriptions
• Nijmegen School of Management
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/management/ects
• Faculty of Arts
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/arts/ects
• Faculty of Social Sciences
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/socialsciences/ects
• Faculty of Science
  www.ru.nl/science/education/course_catalog_and/
• Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/theology/ects
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/religiousstudies/ects
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/philosophy/ects
• Faculty of Medical Sciences
  www.prospectus.science.ru.nl/medicalsciences/ects

Radboud Minors
Radboud University offers special Radboud Minors (RM) for international (exchange) students. These programmes consist of courses clustered around themes that may be considered of major importance and interest to today’s students. Since, for the sake of convenience, the schedules of the courses in the RM programmes have already been aligned with one another, these programmes can be regarded as tailor-made options for international students.

Simply selecting the Radboud Minor of their choice is all students have to do in order to complete the course selection process for their stay at Radboud University. Alumni as well as exchange students currently studying at Radboud University highly value these Radboud Minor programmes and find the interdisciplinary approach adds value to their academic curriculum.

More information
The Radboud Minor programmes consist of three to eight coherent modules (ranging from 15-30 ECs). Each Radboud Minor has its own coordinator, who acts as a contact person for students who have registered for that programme. Students can enrol through the regular admission procedure. After successful completion of a Radboud Minors programme, students will receive an official Radboud certificate signed by the Rector Magnificus. For an overview of the Radboud Minors for 2015/2016, please visit www.ru.nl/radboudminors
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