What will be discussed?

• Study in the US
• What is ISEP
• Conditions for taking part in the programme
• Application procedure
• Finances
• Time schedule for application 2019/2020
• Presentation former ISEP student
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• Further information / questions
Study in the US

• Why study in the US
  - Country
  - Academic
  - Language
  - Career
  - Personal growth

• Different education system
  - Undergraduate and (post) Graduate programs
  - Private and Public (State) Universities
  - City vs. Country

• Period of exchange
  - Study programme
  - Seasonal
ISEP: International Student Exchange Program

- One of the largest study abroad membership networks in the world
- Almost 40 years of experience in international education
- Non-profit, funded by the American government and member universities
- Member universities and colleges:
  > 140 American institutions
  > 150 non-American institutions
- helping students overcome the financial and academic barriers to study abroad and give them a chance to:
  - have opportunities for immersion and exploration across the country
  - experience the varied culture, landscapes and people
  - get exposed to a range of academic topics, perfect your English, strengthen your resume
ISEP: International Student Exchange Program

One Radboud student can go to the US for each American student who will study at Radboud University

**Radboud students receive in the US:**
- Exemption from tuition fees
- Housing (usually on campus, generally a shared room)
- Meals (‘meal plan’ or reimbursement)

**American students receive in Nijmegen:**
- Exemption from tuition fees
- Grant for housing and meals
ISEP: What is expected of an ISEP student

- Exchange for 1 semester
- 1\textsuperscript{st} year of degree programme completed (FSW-psychology 2\textsuperscript{nd} year)
- Enrolled as regular full-time student at Radboud University (also during the period abroad in the US)
- Sufficient academic knowledge and interest
- Extra curricular activities
- Sufficient English proficiency (TOEFL test)
- Clear reasons and motivation for study in the US
ISEP: Application

How to apply? ➔ Online, go to:
www.isepstudyabroad.org
Apply ➔ How to apply in six easy steps
ISEP: Application

Start your online application on www.isepstudyabroad.org NOW!
Go through all the steps of the application to find out what is needed. You can save the input temporarily and continue the application at a later time.

1. Biography
   - Personal information
   - copy of passport

2. Program List (list of 10 universities)

3. Field of study for each university
ISEP: Application

4. Official academic Transcript of Grades
5. One academic reference
6. TOEFL score (and/or language evaluation)
7. Copy of your propaedeutic diploma
8. Personal Statement: letter of motivation about studying in the US

Upload all documents in .pdf form, also use the RU checklist on www.ru.nl/isep.
ISEP: Application

Universities

- Overview of participating institutions at www.isepstudyabroad.org - Find a Program
- www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/
  www.youniversitytv.com
  www.isepstudyabroad.org/blog

Courses (Most students take part in their 3rd year)

- Bachelor in the Netherlands - Undergraduate in the US
  (courses Graduate-level limited)

- Don’t select very general, introductory courses – too easy;
  better to select end of Undergraduate-level

- In case you would like to broaden: select somewhat lower levels,
  but not too low
## ISEP: Costs for the Dutch student

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<td>Tuition fee RU</td>
<td>€ 2.078</td>
<td>(2019/20 for a whole academic year)</td>
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<td>Airline ticket</td>
<td>€ 600 – 1.000</td>
<td>Estimate, depends on destination</td>
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<td>Toefl-test</td>
<td>$ 255</td>
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<td>Visa + Sevis Fee</td>
<td>$160 + $180</td>
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<td>ISEP health insurance</td>
<td>$ 86</td>
<td>per month (2018)</td>
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<td>ISEP application fee</td>
<td>$ 425</td>
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<td>ISEP participation (living costs)</td>
<td>€ 3350</td>
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### ISEP: Sources of income for the Dutch student

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<td>Subletting your room</td>
<td>€ 250-450 per month (2018)</td>
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<td>ITG grant</td>
<td>Max. €1200 (€300 a month, max.4 months)</td>
<td>contribution in costs toefl-test and travel expenses (2018/2019)</td>
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<td>Reimbursement OVstudentenreisproduct</td>
<td>€ 91,62 per month (2018)</td>
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Where to find more information

• **Website:** [www.ru.nl/isep](http://www.ru.nl/isep)
  - checklist application
  - ISEP at Radboud global information

• **Website ISEP:** [www.isepstudyabroad.org](http://www.isepstudyabroad.org)
  - online application manuel
    practical information, including US country handbook
  - Check the websites of participating universities (US members) at [www.isepstudyabroad.org](http://www.isepstudyabroad.org) – Find a Program
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## Schedule for ISEP application 2019/2020 round

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<td>15 Nov. 2018</td>
<td>12.30 – 13.15: Q&amp;A session on application (E 2.12)</td>
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<td>16 January 2019</td>
<td>Application deadline</td>
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<td>February 2019</td>
<td>Selection process by International Office</td>
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<td>Students nominated/selected by International Office</td>
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<td>April/May 2019</td>
<td>ISEP announces student placements for the first semester of 2019/2020</td>
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<td>Oct/Nov 2019</td>
<td>ISEP announces student placements for the second semester of 2019/2020</td>
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What do you need to take into account?

• A lot to do and organize for the application paperwork, search for information, reference letter etc

• A lot to do and organize after selection insurance, visa, grant

• A period of uncertainty; where will you be going?

• Level of courses: may be less difficult than here, but the workload is higher

But, it is all worth it:

• A great experience!
ISEP – a great experience

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And now… let’s get started!

• Consult your study advisor

• Make an appointment for the toefl-test as soon as possible
  (Test results needs to be submitted before we nominate students to ISEP)

• Take care of your reference letter with professor/study advisor
  (Don’t wait until after Christmas)

• Make sure you finish and submit your online application **completely on 16 January 2019 at the latest.** (Under ‘Apply’ at [www.isepstudyabroad.org](http://www.isepstudyabroad.org).)

• Q&A session for completing application,
  Thursday November 15, 12:30 – 13.15 at E 2.12

• [www.ru.nl/isep](http://www.ru.nl/isep) : ISEP-presentations, useful documents
Questions?
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Good Luck!