

# Fact Sheet: Study Abroad & Exchange

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## About Tilburg University

**Tilburg University** is a relatively small university specializing in the Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities. Social orientation, quality, and a strong campus feeling form the heart of our education. Our green campus offers an attractive basis for fostering an international community where students and teachers can inspire and challenge each other and obtain knowledge. Tilburg University consists of five different Schools in the fields of Economics and Management, Law, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities and Theology. TIAS School of Business and Society is the business school of Tilburg University and Eindhoven University of Technology and offers post-graduate education.

According to the three most renowned university overall rankings (THE, ARWU, and QS), Tilburg University belongs to the best 2% in the world. This means that we are among the first 340 of more than 17,000 universities worldwide. More information on our current rankings: [www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/rankings](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/rankings).

## Campus life

Large enough to find plenty to do, but still small enough to run into people you know, Tilburg is an idyllic, entrepreneurial and cultural city with a packed calendar of public events of all kinds. A true university city too; with a population of 29,000 students, every 1 out of 8 individuals is a student!

Tilburg inspires and surprises. "I didn't realize that Tilburg is such an interesting city," is one of the most frequently heard comments from first-time visitors. There is so much to see and do, not least in the field of arts and culture. Once you have experienced the 'Burgundian lifestyle' for which the region is so renowned, we know that you'll be back for more (source: [www.vvtilburg.nl](http://www.vvtilburg.nl)).

With our green campus designed to be fast and easy to navigate, you will be able to stroll between the library and your lecture hall or your favorite coffee café in no time. All university buildings are within walking distance from each other and set amidst landscaped gardens and open green spaces. Students say the atmosphere is very welcoming and intimate, which makes them feel at home easily.

Take a virtual campus tour at

<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour>.

## General Information

Student population Tilburg University	: approx. 12,400
Total student population in Tilburg	: approx. 29,000
Population Tilburg	: approx. 211,000
Distance to Amsterdam (by car)	: 110 km / 68 miles
Distance to Brussels (by car)	: 120 km / 75 miles
Distance to Paris (by car)	: 415 km / 257 miles
Distance to Berlin (by car)	: 680 km / 422 miles



For information about studying in The Netherlands: [www.youtube.com/studyinholland](http://www.youtube.com/studyinholland).

## Important dates

Nomination	Deadline	Application	Deadline
Fall 2016 and Full year	1 May 2016	Fall 2016 and Full Year	15 May 2016
Spring 2017	1 October 2016	Spring 2017	15 October 2016

  

Arrival Days	Dates	TOP (Intro) Week	Dates
Fall 2016	18 & 19 August 2016	Fall 2016	22 – 26 August 2016
Spring 2017	20 January 2017*	Spring 2017	23 - 27 January 2017

<b>Start of Classes</b>	<i>Dates</i>
Fall 2016	29 August 2016
Spring 2017	30 January 2017

<b>Exam Period</b>	<i>Period</i>	<b>Re-examination Period</b>	<i>Period</i>
Fall 2016	December 2016/January 2017	Fall 2016	January, mid-June - July 2017
Spring 2017	May/ June 2017	Spring 2016	Mid-June - July 2017

\* *Period and exact dates to be confirmed; subject to change!*

## Application for exchange

### Eligibility

<p><i>Bachelor / undergraduate exchange</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficiency in English. We rely on our partner universities to nominate students who are proficient in English. <u>Students with the Chinese nationality need to submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate in order to obtain a visa.</u></li> </ol> <p><i>Indication of minimum level:</i>        TOEFL 550/213/80 (paper/computer/internet-based);        Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 on individual parts);        Cambridge First, Advanced, or Proficiency;        Common European Framework level B2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully completed at least 1.5 year of education, but preferably two years of studies within the field of social sciences.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Master / graduate exchange</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proficiency in English. We rely on our partner universities to nominate students who are proficient in English. Students with the Chinese nationality need to submit proof in order to obtain a visa.</li> </ol> <p><i>Indication of minimum level:</i>        TOEFL 575/233/9091 (paper/computer/internet-based);        Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 on individual parts);        Cambridge Advanced, or Proficiency;        Common European Framework level C1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully completed an undergraduate program in a relevant field of studies (economics, business, law, social &amp; behavioral sciences, humanities, theology).</li> </ol>
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### Nomination

Exchange partners nominate their selected students via email.

### Balance between semesters

Due to a big skewed distribution in the amount of incoming students in **fall semester** (August – January) and a high demand on the student housing at the start of the academic year, we would very much prefer an equal balance in nominations in both semesters.

### Application

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure)

All nominated students will receive an email with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange program at Tilburg University. Students complete their application online. All required documents will need to be uploaded through the online application system. We do not require original documents any longer. Required documents:

- Transcript of records (students who are in their master studies will have to upload both their bachelor and master grade list)
- Copy of passport
- Additional documents may apply for specific courses (e.g. motivation letter and/ or essay). Please find more information in the section *courses for exchange students* (below)

## Courses

### Courses for exchange students

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/courses](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/courses)

Tilburg University offers a broad variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses to exchange students. Our incoming exchange students are allowed to take courses offered by all Schools provided that they will meet the prerequisites of the courses. In some cases other restrictions or selection criteria may apply (e.g. grade average, motivation to take a course, etc.). These will be mentioned on the webpage above. We offer courses within the fields of:

Microeconomics	Macroeconomics	Econometrics
Finance	Accounting	Marketing
Information Management	Operations Research	Organization & Strategy
Organization Studies	Human Resource Studies	Psychology
Sociology	Theology	Communication & Information Sciences
Culture Studies	Philosophy	Liberal Arts & Sciences (restricted)
Global Law (restricted)	Law	Public Administration

### Certificate Programs for exchange students

The School of Economics and Management (TiSEM) offers several Certificate Programs during the Fall semester. These are designed for students who would like to specialize and gain a depth of understanding in a focused area of study. A Certificate Program consists of three core courses, plus one or two additional electives in any field possible. Courses are interactive, creative, demanding, stimulating and challenging. The Certificate will be awarded when all courses (3 core courses plus 1 or 2 electives) have been successfully completed. TiSEM offers Certificate Programs in:

Accounting	Information Management	Marketing
Finance	Organization & Strategy	Economics
Econometrics and Operations Research	Entrepreneurship	International Business Administration

### CentER Honors Program

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/center/graduate-school/chp](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/center/graduate-school/chp)

TiSEM also offers exchange students who come during the Spring semester the opportunity to apply for the CentER Honors Program, offered by our Graduate School CentER. In a series of interactive lectures some of our very best researchers actively discuss important papers and their scientific impact.

The application deadline for the CentER Honors Program is in November.

### Language Courses

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre)

The on-campus Language Center offers regular semester courses to students who wish to improve their skills in Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish or Italian. In addition, tools for self-study are offered to anyone who wishes to



improve their language skills. Exchange students receive language vouchers (of 12 ECTS in total) with which they can register for a language course for free!

### Tilburg University Summer School

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool)

Students joining the Tilburg University Summer School get a taste of living and studying in Tilburg. A unique way of combining learning with fun and meeting students from all over the world! Visit the website for more information on e.g. the available courses, tuition fees, and social program.

## Learning expectations



### Instruction methods

A mix of (guest) lectures to a larger number of students and interactive seminars, workshops and tutorials with in-depth discussions in groups of between 10 and 40 students.

### Assessment

Oral or written examinations (some courses have midterms as well), individual or group papers, essays, case studies, in-class presentations and other forms of coursework all count towards the final grade. At the end of each semester an examination period is scheduled.

### Course Load

- Most courses are 6 ECTS (study load of 168 hours)
- Fulltime workload for one semester = 30 ECTS
- Regular workload for exchange students: 4 or 5 courses (24 – 30 ECTS)

### Grading

In the Dutch grading system, grades from 1 up to 10 are used. In general, grades with one decimal are issued; the lowest passing at Tilburg University is a 6.0.

Grade	Description	ECTS grade
10.0 – 9.5 – 9.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	C
6.0	Sufficient	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F

## Cost of Living

Living in Tilburg is relatively inexpensive compared to some other Dutch university cities. The monthly cost of living is approximately €950 per month. Below is a general overview of your cost of living in Tilburg per month. These estimated costs can vary per person and also depend on your lifestyle.

<i>Monthly cost of living (estimate)</i>	
Accommodation	€450/€570
Food	€300
Books and readers	€80
Health, liability, travel insurance	€45
<b>Total</b>	<b>€875/€995</b>

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost you about €125 and a university sports card can be obtained for €92 a semester.



## Services & Facilities

### Study Abroad & Exchange Team

The Study Abroad & Exchange Team is your first point of contact and will be there to help you before, during and after your exchange to make your exchange go as smooth as possible.

### Quick and efficient visa application

Your visa application is done by our dedicated immigration officers. They help you through every step of the process by dealing with your application on an individual basis, taking into account your personal situation. For visa costs (if applicable) see: [www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits](http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits).

### Housing

Tilburg University does not offer in-campus student accommodation; however, WonenBreburg offers furnished accommodation to international students through [www.yourroomintilburg.com](http://www.yourroomintilburg.com). The estimated monthly rent lies between €450 and €570. The offer through this website is limited in **fall semester** (August – January); once all rooms are booked students will receive directions and instructions how to find accommodation through other accommodation platforms/agencies. We often receive questions if accommodation is available at Talent Square. Unfortunately, this type of housing is only available to degree seeking students and therefore not offered to exchange students.

For more information see:

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/practicalissues/beforearrival/accommodation/](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/practicalissues/beforearrival/accommodation/)

### Mentor system

The international student organization I\*ESN Tilburg takes care of the mentor system and regularly organizes activities for all international and international minded Dutch students at Tilburg University. I\*ESN runs a dynamic international hub in Tilburg city center. (see [www.iesntilburg.nl](http://www.iesntilburg.nl)).

### Orientation: Arrival Days, Study Introduction Days and TOP Week

Tilburg University runs *mandatory* Program Introduction (PI) days for all incoming exchange students during the *optional* Tilburg Orientation Program (TOP) week. During the PI, our Rector Magnificus or President will welcome all exchange students, you will meet the Study Abroad & Exchange Team, enjoy a campus tour, and follow academic preparation and instructions on how to make use of our digital student environment. Also, we recommend participation in the TOP week to get the full introduction to student life in Tilburg! Check [www.top-week.nl/en](http://www.top-week.nl/en) for the program.

## Student Life

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Tilburg University has a rich student life with over 40 student organizations, excellent sports facilities and a large number of pubs and bars, cinemas, museums and concert halls. Combined with the numerous events organized by and within the (student) community such as festivals, exhibitions and conferences this ensures that Tilburg has something to offer for everyone.

### Student organizations

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/studentlife/studentsassociations](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/studentlife/studentsassociations)

Among the student organizations in Tilburg are:

- I\*ESN Tilburg: an active internationally-minded organization aimed at enrichment of (international) student life in Tilburg.
- Enactus: a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.
- AEGEE: one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organizations, striving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe.
- AIESEC: a non-profit student organization aiming to develop leadership among students by providing a safe platform where they can discover what matters to them, while pushing them to constantly take up new challenges.
- AWAKE International (Association for World Affairs): aimed at raising awareness of important social and environmental issues and at providing aid through fundraising and other charity events.

### Study association Asset

[www.asset-tilburg.nl](http://www.asset-tilburg.nl)

"Asset" is the study association of the Tilburg School of Economics and Management. Exchange students are more than welcome to join!



### Study association Magister JFT

[www.magisterjft.nl](http://www.magisterjft.nl)

"Magister JFT" is the study association of the Tilburg Law School. Exchange students are more than welcome to join!

### Excellent sports facilities

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/culture-and-sports/sports-center](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/culture-and-sports/sports-center)

The state-of-the-art Sports Center offers a wide variety of sports and exercise facilities at all levels. The Center has two large sports halls, fitness rooms, a dedicated weight-training area, squash courts and a sauna. The outdoor facilities include a semi-water-based hockey pitch, six tennis courts and a beach volleyball pitch, among others. The Sports Center offers over 45 sports activities, including zumba, indoor cycling, table tennis and yoga.

Tilburg University also has a number of active student sport associations which make use of the sport center and its facilities. For example: T.S.B.V. Pendragon (Basketball), T.S.V.V. Merlijn (Soccer), T.S.G.V. Underpar (Golf), T.S.R.C. Tarantula (Rugby)

### High-tech university library

<https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/university-library/>

Tilburg University's library is one of the most modern university libraries in Europe, and a popular place to study individually or in groups. A voluminous collection of e-books and e-journals and a collection with over 800,000 books, journals, illustrations, early works and manuscripts provide a treasure of scholarly information.