

An introduction to:

Dutch Universities

Deadline for application details:

1st, 15th Jan & 1st May

1. Dutch universities are divided into:
 - a. HBOs (*hogeschools*) – universities of applied science
 - b. WO's – research universities
 - c. University Colleges – liberal arts universitiesGood IGCSE is admissible for a), IBDP is needed for b) and good IB points or more is needed for c)
2. Uni courses are either selective or non-selective. Selective courses have a *numerus fixus* and an earlier application deadline. In addition to the NF, universities have a decentralised admissions procedure (they can add their own admissions criteria)
3. The first step is to register an account on Studielink (www.studielink.nl) and choose your courses.
4. Personal statements and references might be need and predicted grades certainly will
5. Dutch grades come out earlier than the IB grades so it is important to ensure that your diploma results are sent immediately to the uni when they come out. One way of speeding up the process is completing a B2 form which allows the IBO to send your results directly to the university
6. Most unis have most courses in English and studying in the Netherlands is comparatively cheap (€2100/ slightly more for university colleges)

Useful links

- <https://www.studyinholland.nl/> – a website on applying to study in the Netherlands
- www.studielink.nl – the main Dutch universities website
- <https://www.nuffic.nl/en> - a website that explains the recognition of foreign exams.
- <http://www.study-in-holland.com/> - another website with useful information about studying in Holland
- <http://www.studyinholland.co.uk/index.html> - with comparisons between the UK and Dutch education systems
- <http://www.studieren-in-holland.de/> - information on Dutch universities in German
- www.studychoice.nl – a website on applying to study in the Netherlands
- <https://duo.nl/particulieren/international-student/drawing-lots/apply.asp> - The list of courses that require a *numerus fixus* (**in Dutch**)
- <http://www.duo.nl> – the Dutch government website on higher education