

Grade 11 Introduction to Dutch Universities

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The Basics

- There are applied science universities (HBO) and research universities (WO)
- Also: university colleges (liberal arts focus)
- Most universities offer degrees in English



Differences between RU and UAS

14 Research Universities	39 Universities of Applied Sciences
Academic, learning to be analytical, critical and to present convincing oral and written arguments, asking critical questions	Practical, higher vocational education for a specific profession, learning through specific application
In most cases NO additional requirements to switch to University of Applied Sciences	In most cases additional requirements (e.g. pre master year) to switch to Research University
Majority of lecturers have a PhD	Majority of lecturers have a Master's degree
3 year bachelor	4 year bachelor, sometimes 3 year bachelor (fast track for selected students)
e.g.: Philosophy, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Design, Business	e.g.: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Elementary School teaching, Business
Students who are analytical, enjoy TOK	Students who are practical learners, enjoy CAS, etc



University Colleges

Part of Research University:

University Colleges (Liberal Arts & Sciences)

Part of a university

Inter- and multidisciplinary majors

Broad knowledge before specialization

Individual program with personal guidance from a (tutor)

Small class room sizes

Emphasis on student community

Social growth & community involvement



The Basics (2)

- It costs just over €2,000 for EU students to study in NL (far cheaper than UK)
- Tuition is halved in the first year
- IB generally accepted
- IGCSE accepted at HBOs

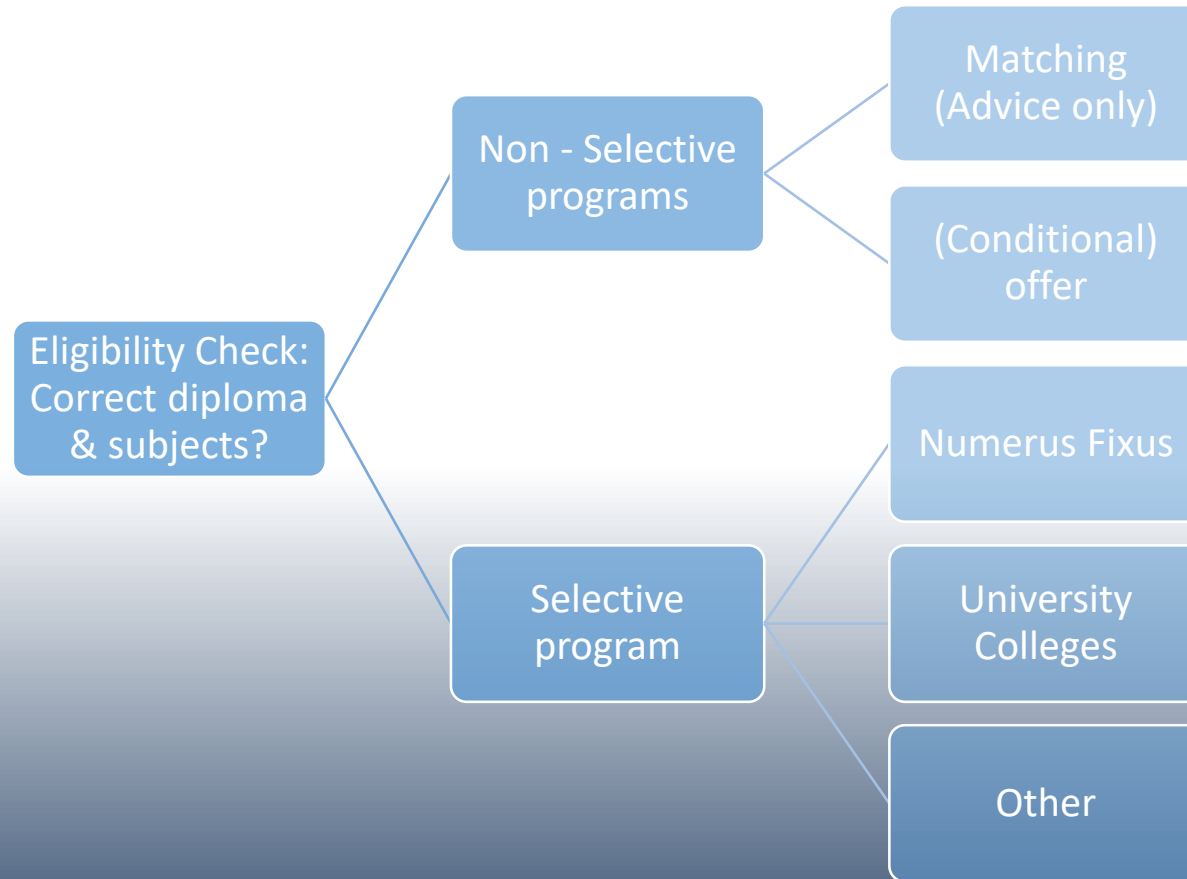


How it works

- Apply via Studielink
- Selective/non-selective courses
- Selective courses have an NF (like NC) and selection is similar to Germany (grades & decentralised admissions)
- Universities might have additional admissions requirements



Overview of application process



When it happens

- Studielink opens: October 1st, 2021
- Deadline for most UC courses January 1st. 2022
- Deadline for NF courses is January 15th, 2022
- Deadline for all other courses May 1st (absolute latest May 15th)
- Most of the work should be done Autumn 2021
- Always check the uni & course webpages for additional information!



When it happens

- June 2021: End of Year exams (gives you an idea of your NF)
- Summer 2021:
- Research and choose subject/uni, check deadlines and admissions criteria (Unifrog, university websites etc.)



When it happens

- October: set up an account on Studielink
- October hols: suggested visit to Dutch universities (virtually probably)



Where to start

- Thoroughly check the university and course webpages (if in doubt, call them)
- Attend virtual open days
- Check out the studyinholland.nl page for tons of useful info
- ME!



www.studielink.nl

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://app.studielink.nl/front-office/#52>. The page features a pink header with the Studielink logo and a main content area with a light blue background. A right-hand sidebar contains a 'Help' section with various instructions.

STUDIELINK


Welcome to Studielink

You can enrol in a study programme at an institution of higher education via Studielink. Additional admission requirements may apply to a study programme. Read the relevant information [on the educational institution's website](#) before submitting an enrolment application via Studielink.

Login with DigiD
PLEASE NOTE: always use your own DigiD and never the DigiD of someone else.
NB: Are you going to confirm the authorisation for your son/daughter?
If so, please use the login link in the e-mail containing the activation code!

I live in the Netherlands
If you officially live in the Netherlands (you are registered in a Dutch municipality) you are required to use DigiD to log in to Studielink.

I do not live in the Netherlands
If you do not, or do not yet, live in the Netherlands, then you cannot use DigiD and you are required to log in with a Studielink username and password.

Log in with DigiD 

Log in via Studielink

▶ [Request DigiD username](#) ▶ [Apply for username and password](#)

[I have a question](#) [Go to mobile version](#) [More about Studielink](#)

Help

Welcome to Studielink

You can make an enrolment application to institutions for higher education in the Netherlands via Studielink. When using Studielink for the first time, we recommend that you initially go over the [step-by-step plan](#).

I have a question
Do you have a question about the use of Studielink or about the enrolment process which is not being answered in the help boxes? Click on the link "I have a question" on the bottom of this page or left in the menu on the "My Studielink" page to go to the [Question and Answer page](#).

Required fields
Required fields are marked with a *.

End session
To ensure that your session is ended correctly, always close Studielink by clicking 'Log out' at the top right and not by clicking the 'x' button on your browser.



Info on *numerus fixus*

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://duo.nl/particulier/international-student/no-more-drawing-lots.jsp>. The page header includes the logo of the Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO) and the text 'Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap'. A navigation menu contains links for 'Particulier', 'Zakelijk', 'Onderwijsdata', 'Organisatie', and 'Inburgeren'. Below the menu, there are user role filters: 'Mbo'er', 'Student hbo of universiteit', 'Scholier vmbo, havo of vwo', 'Ouder', 'Leraar', 'Terugbetaler', 'Staatsexamenkandidaat', and 'Foreign student'. The main content area features the title 'Numerus fixus programmes' and the subtitle 'From the study year 2017-2018'. The text explains that from 2017-2018, DUO will not use a lottery-based procedure, and educational institutions will select students based on their own criteria. A sidebar on the right titled 'Studying in the Netherlands' lists: 'Evaluation of your non-Dutch diploma', 'Enrol with Studielink', 'Numerus fixus programmes', 'Lifelong learning credit', and 'Diploma mills'. At the bottom right, there is a feedback widget with the text 'Wat vind je van de website?' and four smiley face icons (green, yellow, orange, red).

Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs
Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap

Inloggen

Particulier Zakelijk Onderwijsdata Organisatie Inburgeren

Zoeken

Mbo'er Student hbo of universiteit Scholier vmbo, havo of vwo Ouder Leraar Terugbetaler Staatsexamenkandidaat Foreign student

Numerus fixus programmes

From the study year 2017-2018

As from study year 2017-2018, DUO will not execute a lottery-based procedure anymore. Educational institutions will select their own students if the number of applications exceeds the number of places available. This is called decentralised selection. Not only the average score on your final list of grades is relevant anymore. Your motivation, personality and previous scores at high school may be taken into account as well. The educational institutions establish the criteria for the decentralised selection themselves. This will increase the chance of putting the right student in the right place.

DUO cannot answer questions about the selection procedures and placements. For more information about numerus fixus programmes, please contact the university or institution for higher vocational education (HBO).

Studying in the Netherlands

- > Evaluation of your non-Dutch diploma
- > Enrol with Studielink
- > **Numerus fixus programmes**
- > Lifelong learning credit
- > Diploma mills

Wat vind je van de website?



Things to consider

- Early application for some courses and university types
- Application via Studielink **and** the university admission portals
- It is relatively easy to get onto a course in NL – it is harder to **stay** on that course!
- The application process can be confusing and inconsistent





Are there any questions?