

Applying to study in Holland

General information:

1. Most courses offered in English as well as Dutch
2. The Dutch system differs between research unis (WO) and universities of applied science (HBO). You need to the diploma to study at a WO but could study at an HBO with an IBCP. Please see the diagram on the Dutch education system as well as a map showing the different WOs and HBOs.

University Colleges offer a liberal arts degree and have different application criteria and deadlines

3. Everybody needs to set up an account on Studielink (not like CommonApp or UCAS). See useful links for web address. You can apply for four courses and one NF course
4. Although you register via Studielink, you might still need to **apply** via the university. Check the university for details
5. Universities have different criteria for accepting students (so-called decentralised admissions) and it is important to check first with the university.
6. *Numerus fixus*: high-demand courses now have an NC to select only the best and the brightest. IB students need to get at least 39 points to qualify for NC courses. To find out which courses are NC courses you need to go to either the CROHO or DUO websites (both in Dutch ☺). See useful links for the web addresses. Deadline for NF courses is either the 1st or 15th January
7. University colleges are take more liberal arts approach than research unis and generally require higher grades
8. Application deadline is generally 1st May but because of decentralised admissions you need to check if the uni/course has a different application deadline!
9. The Dutch application process can be confusing (by their own admission!) but don't panic. Together we will ensure that you manage to get to the university of your choice.

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/particulier/international-student/> - information on applying to restricted courses with NF & lottery system
- <https://duo.nl/zakelijk/hoger-onderwijs/studentenadministratie/croho.jsp> - CROHO database (in Dutch)