

# Welcome to Tilburg University

(Conditionally) admitted!  
What's next?

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## 2 Welcome to Tilburg University

## 1. Welcome

CONGRATULATIONS on your offer for one of Tilburg University's international educational programs!

Now that you have been (conditionally) admitted, you are probably wondering what's next. There are a few things you need to arrange before you come to Tilburg. We created this Welcome to Tilburg University Guide to answer the most important questions which our international students often ask us in the weeks and months leading up to the start of their educational program.

The information in this guide includes everything about financial matters (such as the cost of living in the Netherlands and working here after your arrival), what happens after your arrival in Tilburg, and how to find accommodation. And a lot of other useful information.

We also included an overview of the most important dates and a Pre-Departure Checklist so that you won't forget anything!

**Please read this information carefully. An online version of this guide can be found at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/prepare](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/prepare)**

And if you still have questions, please contact your International Admissions Officer. Remember, we're here to help!

Good luck in preparing for your studies at Tilburg University and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Tilburg University's Recruitment and Admissions team

## 2. Admissions, Registration and Enrollment

To complete your enrollment before the start of the program, you must take some steps. In this chapter, these steps will be explained.

### 2.1 Definitions and Information Systems

Before explaining the enrollment process, let us define some terms you will come across during this process. Below, we will also explain the different Information Systems and what you will need to use them for.

#### Definitions

Conditional Admission	You have been conditionally admitted to a study program but must meet the conditions detailed in your admission letter, in order to be unconditionally admitted.
Unconditional Admission	You have met all the admission requirements and have provided all the documents required to start the study program.
Registration	All applicants for a study program in the Netherlands must register in Studielink.
Enrollment	This is the final stage required to follow your program of study. You must be unconditionally admitted, registered and have arranged the payment of tuition fees in order to be enrolled as a student at Tilburg University. You will receive an Enrollment Certificate via e-mail, confirming your status. You can find the precise actions you need to take in order to complete your enrollment as a student at Tilburg University in section 2.3.

#### Information Systems

MySAS	'My Student Application System', our online application system. International students must create a MySAS account to apply to any of the Bachelor's or Master's programs at Tilburg University (Psychology students apply through OSIRIS Aanmeld.).
Studielink	Online registration system of the Dutch government. All students (Dutch and international) must register in Studielink in order to be enrolled at Tilburg University.
Osiris	Tilburg University's student information system. Osiris is connected to Studielink, so all the changes made in Studielink will appear in Osiris as well.

### 2.2 Admission

You have already received your admission letter. For some of you, this will be unconditional, but for the majority, it will be conditional admission. The admission requirements that apply to you are stated in your admission letter. One important admission requirement for example is, you sending us certified copies of the following documents

- Your diploma
- Your Transcript of Records or list of grades
- Your language test results, which need to meet our requirements
- Your GRE / GMAT test score report, if required

#### 2.2.1 Certified Copy

A certified copy is a photocopy of an original document WITH a stamp and signature on it confirming that the copy is a copy of an original document. The stamp and signature must be put on the document by:

- the awarding University or school **OR**
- a notary public (or lawyer) **OR**
- a certified translator

#### 2.2.2 Translation

Translations of the above-mentioned documents will only be required if the document is not issued in Dutch or English and will only be accepted if made by a certified translator. Translations made by yourself will not be accepted. The translator must also attach a copy of the original document which s/he has translated.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** your International Admissions Officer must receive these documents by the date stated in the admission letter and you must meet all other admission requirements as detailed in your individual admission letter.



## 2.3 Enrollment

To complete your enrollment, you must follow the steps listed below. If you have any questions regarding a step, please refer to the contact stated for each step.

Step	Action	Description	Contact information
Step 1 <b>Studielink</b>	Register in Studielink via <a href="http://www.studielink.nl">www.studielink.nl</a> and don't forget your login details as you will need these later!	Register in Studielink for the study program to which you have been admitted; please refer to your admission letter for confirmation of the program for which you must register.	<b>Admission Officer</b> <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers">www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers</a>
Step 2 <b>Tilburg University login details</b>	Make a note of your Tilburg University login details – you will need these for the duration of your studies!	After you have registered in Studielink, your details will automatically be transferred to our student information system, Osiris. Within a couple of days of your registration in Studielink, you will receive an e-mail from Tilburg University with your Tilburg University student number and your login details for our digital learning environment.	<b>Library &amp; IT Support</b> <a href="mailto:itsupport@tilburguniversity.edu">itsupport@tilburguniversity.edu</a>
Step 3 <b>Immigration</b>	You will receive an e-mail from our Immigration Office. Follow the instructions given and meet the deadlines provided to make sure you will arrive in Tilburg on time.	All international students will be contacted by our Immigration Office regarding the immigration procedure from April onwards.	<b>Immigration Office</b> <a href="mailto:immigration@tilburguniversity.edu">immigration@tilburguniversity.edu</a>
Step 4 <b>Letter of Acceptance</b>	Return the signed Acceptance of Offer before the deadline stated.	All students who are (conditionally) admitted to a program receive a Letter of Acceptance by email.	<b>Admission Officer</b> <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers">www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers</a>

Step	Action	Description	Contact information
Step 5 <b>Missing Documents</b>	Meet the requirements of the conditional admission letter by the deadline given in your conditional admission letter.	In order to be unconditionally admitted, you will need to meet the requirements stated in the conditional admission letter. Once you meet the requirements, you will be sent an unconditional admission letter via email.	<b>Admission Officer</b> <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers">www.tilburguniversity.edu/admission-officers</a>
Step 6 <b>Payment Tuition Fees</b>	Make arrangements to pay your tuition fee; details about the amount of the tuition fees and how to pay will be sent to you after June.	You must access Studielink again to complete the payment details.	<b>Student Desk</b> <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/studentdesk/">www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/studentdesk/</a>

When you have successfully completed all the above steps, your enrollment as a student at Tilburg University will be complete and you will receive your Enrollment Certificate via e-mail.

## 2.4 Facebook Group

A few months before the start of your program you will receive an invitation to join the (School's) Facebook Group. It offers a great opportunity to meet your fellow students before arrival. You can also ask questions. So do join!



### 3. Immigration

Tilburg University's Immigration Office will assist you throughout the immigration procedures that apply to your particular circumstances. Their assistance is free of charge. However, an immigration fee may apply.

**CONTACT:** [immigration@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:immigration@tilburguniversity.edu)

PROCESS	NON-EU/ EEA NATIONALS	EU/ EEA NATIONALS
Dutch Entry visa	Some nationalities	No
Dutch Residence Permit	Yes	No
Registration at the Dutch City Hall in the area where you live	Yes	Yes

Source: [www.tilburguniversity.edu/immigration](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/immigration)

From the end of April our Immigration Office will contact all international students as soon as they have been (conditionally) admitted to a study program. Please follow the instructions in a timely manner to ensure that you will be able to arrive at Tilburg University on time. You are not required to have a medical check before coming to the Netherlands. We would, however, recommend the following.

- Make sure your vaccinations are up-to-date, particularly for mumps, measles, and rubella.
- Contact the public health organization in your own country to ask if they recommend any specific precautions.

### 4. Accommodation

Tilburg University does not provide student accommodation. However, we help you by giving information about finding a place to live. Finding accommodation is one of the most important things to arrange before you arrive. Since it is not easy if you do not know where to start, we are happy to provide you with information about the housing options in Tilburg. Tilburg University offers three preferred suppliers as well as support on the private market. All information about renting a room with one of our preferred suppliers and information about the private market can be found on our webpage:

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



#### 4.1 Talent Square

This complex with student housing is located only 10 minutes from the University campus and offers fully furnished rooms for TiU incoming international students. The rooms all have their own bathroom facilities, but you will share the common living area and the kitchen with 4 other international students. [www.talentsquaretilburg.com](http://www.talentsquaretilburg.com)

#### 4.2 Student Housing Holland

This preferred supplier offers rooms in three different price categories including their unique everything-you-need service. They provide you with all the essentials like airport pick up, a public transport card, your own bike, a bank account, sport services, a sim card and 24/7 emergency service. You will stay with other students in student houses which are centrally located in the city and close to the university. [www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/tilburg](http://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/tilburg)

#### 4.3 CobbenCampus

CobbenCampus is a campus designed for international/Dutch students located at the Professor Cobbenhagenlaan 9. It is within walking distance of Tilburg University and other facilities. The CobbenCampus has fully furnished apartments for rent for more than a year. They come with your own facilities but with a common area including a big garden and private gym. [www.cobbencampus.nl](http://www.cobbencampus.nl)

#### 4.4 Private Market

It is common in the Netherlands that students' rooms are offered online either by the landlords directly, or through housing agencies or lessees looking to sublet. By searching online, you can find rooms, studios and apartments around the city. Please make sure your room is provided with a floor covering; it is normal in the Netherlands for some accommodation to be offered without floor covering. Additionally it is important to check whether utilities are included in the rent. Please use official websites of companies you can trace. You can find a list of recommended websites and safety instructions at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/accommo-](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/accommo-)

dation.

If you encounter any problems when searching for accommodation, feel free to contact our housing office through [studenthousing@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:studenthousing@tilburguniversity.edu)

## 5. Insurance

It is important to arrange your insurance before you travel so that you are covered from the moment of your arrival in the Netherlands.

INSURANCE TYPE	EU/EEA NATIONALS	NON-EU/EEA NATIONALS
<b>Health Insurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal requirement</li> <li>• Dutch medical costs can be high</li> </ul>	European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) should be sufficient. Check the Insurance <a href="#">Checklist of EP-Nuffic</a> and check with your own Department of Health.	Check with your insurance company whether you are covered (if you already have insurance).
<b>Liability Insurance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal requirement</li> </ul>	Check with your insurance company whether you are covered (if you already have insurance).	
<b>Travel Insurance</b>	Strongly recommended, particularly if you plan to travel during your studies.	

If sufficient cover is not offered by your existing policy/policies, you must take out private insurance. We recommend [AON](#). These policies can include:

- Medical costs
- Liability
- Household effects
- Baggage
- Legal costs
- Travel

Please remember:

- It is your responsibility to make sure you have the correct insurance coverage.
- Check your policy to make sure that you have the cover you need.
- If you are planning to find a part-time job, you will be required to take out Dutch Basic Health Insurance.

For more information about insurance, visit [www.tilburguniversity.edu/insurances](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/insurances) or check the Insurance Checklist on the Nuffic website: [www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/insurance](http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/insurance)

## 6. Financial Matters

### 6.1 Cost of Living

The cost of living in Tilburg is relatively cheap compared to other Dutch university cities, such as Amsterdam or Utrecht. Approximate living expenses are between €730 and €850 per month.

Below is an approximate annual overview of the cost of living in Tilburg, but costs can vary per person and according to lifestyle. Keep in mind that tuition fees are not included.

ANNUAL EXPENSES	
Accommodation	€4,500 - €5,700
Food	€3,000
Books and readers	€800
Health, liability and travel insurance	€450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€8,750 - €10,250</b>

You can compare the cost of living in the Netherlands with your home country on this website: [www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/compare\\_countries.jsp](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/compare_countries.jsp)

### 6.2 Tuition Fees

You will be informed about the tuition fee that is applicable to you, as these can vary per program, or you can find out yourself at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/tuitionfees](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/tuitionfees). Below is an overview of the standard tuition fees for the academic year 2020-2021.

PROGRAM	EEA NATIONALS	NON-EEA NATIONALS
<b>Bachelor</b>	€2,143	€5,300 - €14,600
<b>Pre-Master</b>	Tuition fees are dependent on the number of ECTS credits the program consists of, but are maximum € 2,143 for a 60 ECTS program, regardless of your nationality.	
<b>Master + Research Master*</b>	€2,143	€11,100 - €16,000

You will be instructed about how to pay your tuition fees via Studielink – either in a one-off payment or in eight installments. If you pay in installments an administration fee of €24 will be charged. Full details will be sent to you via e-mail in June. More information on payment can be found at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/payment](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/payment)

### 6.3 Dutch Student Finance System

If you come from an EU/EEA country or Switzerland, you may be eligible to apply for a loan from the Dutch government to cover your tuition fees. You can check a handy infographic of

the Dutch student finance system at <https://www.studyinholland.nl/finances> or go to [www.duo.nl](http://www.duo.nl) and click 'International Visitor'.

### 6.4 Working during your Studies

Although it is easy to survive in the Netherlands without speaking Dutch, it is difficult to get a part-time job without some knowledge of the Dutch language. There may also be restrictions about how many hours you are allowed to work, depending on your nationality. Please take this into account when planning your finances.

NATIONALITY	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	WORKING HOURS
<b>EU/EEA + Switzerland</b>	No Work Permit required	Unlimited
<b>Non-EU/EEA</b> (with a Dutch residence permit for study purposes)	Work Permit required (applied for by employer)	Maximum of 16 hours per week OR full time in June, July, and August

For more information about part-time jobs and general support for international students contact International Center Tilburg: [www.ictilburg.com/part-time-jobs](http://www.ictilburg.com/part-time-jobs)

Useful websites with information about part-time jobs:

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

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

European Job Mobility Portal: [ec.europa.eu/eures](http://ec.europa.eu/eures) and

<https://www.studyinholland.nl/life-in-holland/working-while-studying>

### 6.5 Dutch Bank Account

If you have a bank account in a country that is **not** a member of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), you are advised to open a Dutch bank account. This is particularly important if you have been awarded a Scholarship by Tilburg University, so that we can transfer the funds to you.

Tilburg University works in partnership with ABN AMRO bank which makes it easy and quick to open a Dutch bank account.

If you have a bank account in a country that is a member of Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), it is not strictly necessary to open a Dutch bank account. You are advised to contact your own bank for more information. For more information on opening a bank account, including an overview of the SEPA countries, visit [www.tilburguniversity.edu/bankaccount](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/bankaccount).

## 7. Student Life

### 7.1 Life in The Netherlands and in Tilburg

When it comes to making the Netherlands home, you will discover a country in which it is safe and easy to get around. With English as an unofficial 'second language', it is also easy to communicate. The Netherlands consistently ranks in the top 10 of happiest countries worldwide and embraces no less than 160 different nationalities amongst its population. Like any other country and people, the Dutch have their own traditions and customs. Among other things, Dutch people are known as independent and non-hierarchical and have a direct way of acting and speaking.

With a population of over 217.000, Tilburg is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in the Netherlands. There are over 29,000 students in Tilburg, so the student way of life has an important impact on what happens in Tilburg. The city has something for everyone: a thriving café and restaurant culture, sports, art films, world-class music at pop music venue 013, classical music at the Tilburg Concert Hall and great contemporary art at the De Pont Museum. Combined with numerous festivals, exhibitions, and conferences, you will enjoy an exciting and stimulating life as a student.

The city of Tilburg is also conveniently located. Getting around in the Netherlands is easy as the public transportation system is excellent. It is just a short train ride to cities like Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam, and European capitals like Brussels, Paris, and London are also within easy reach.

### 7.2 Student Life at Tilburg University

Tilburg University has a green campus and is located on the edge of a forest, intertwined with footpaths and bike trails, an environment that invites quiet reflection. The campus itself however, is bustling with student activity and all kinds of research, business, and cultural events – a contrast that makes it an attractive and dynamic place for learning.

The buildings that comprise Tilburg University, including our state-of-the-art University Library and excellent Sports Center, are all within easy walking distance of each other. In each building, you will find student work spaces equipped with all the modern facilities needed to make studying on campus a pleasant experience. The relaxed environment – which features a café and several restaurants – encourages informal socializing with your fellow students between lectures and study periods.

Check out the Tilburg University 360° Campus Tour at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/campustour](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/campustour)



### 7.3 Study/Student Associations

Tilburg University is home to a whole range of Study/Student Associations and societies. They are a great way to meet like-minded students and make friends. There are organizations for arts and culture, sports, student politics, and philosophy as well as study-related associations. You will also find organizations aimed specifically at international students that organize a variety of social activities. Tilburg University believes that these associations provide the ideal opportunity for every student to develop skills and talents, both personally and academically.

Visit <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/studentlife> for an overview of the different associations.

### 7.4 Sports Facilities

The Tilburg University Sports Center offers a broad program of activities and facilities for both recreational users and those who wish to play sports at a competitive level. You can work out at any time from early morning to late evening. Membership of the Sports Center costs approximately € 130 per year. Visit [www.tilburguniversity.edu/sportscenter](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/sportscenter) for more information.

Tilburg University also provides facilities to students who want to combine study and top-level sports. The university supports these student athletes in the best way possible, for example by offering additional student supervision, in order to facilitate the successful combination of top-level sport and study.

### 7.5 Learn Dutch

Although you can speak English with practically anyone in the Netherlands, learning the local language will help you to get to know the country and its culture and society. Nuffic (the organization behind Study in Holland) has developed a serious game called *Hoi Holland!* that can help you learn some basic words in Dutch, even before arrival! You can download the app at [www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/learn-dutch/hoi-holland](http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/learn-dutch/hoi-holland). After arrival, you can take a Dutch course at our Language Center – see the section below.

## 7.6 Free Language Course(s)

All students enrolled at Tilburg University receive one set of language vouchers for 12 ECTS. With the vouchers, you can take free courses at our Language Center. You can choose a Dutch language course or one of the many other languages; like Chinese, German, French, or Italian.'

You can use the vouchers at any time during your studies but if you would like to start a course in your first semester, it is advisable to register in time. Registration for courses starting in September opens in August. You will receive an invitation to register in the beginning of August. Please be advised that you can only register if you have been (conditionally) admitted, you have registered in Studielink and you have completed your payment details in Studielink by August 1. For more information, please visit the Language Center's website: [www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecourses-students](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecourses-students), [www.tilburguniversity.edu/language-vouchers](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/language-vouchers)

*Some study programs are very intensive during the first semester, so please carefully consider whether or not you will have the time to follow both your academic studies and a language course. And, remember, you can always follow a language course in the second semester.*

## 8. Traveling to Tilburg

If you are coming to the Netherlands by plane, you will most probably fly to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. From the airport, you can take the train to 'Tilburg Universiteit' – the train station at our university. This will take 1.5-2 hours and the costs are approx. € 20. Alternatively, you can fly to Brussels Airport in Belgium (2-3 hours to Tilburg by train; costs: approx. €30) or Dusseldorf International Airport in Germany (3-4 hours to Tilburg by train, costs: approximately €30).

If you fly from a location within Europe, you can also fly to one of the following local airports:

- Rotterdam–The Hague Airport (bus to railway station, train to Tilburg Universiteit; travel time 1.5-2 hours; costs: approx. €15)
- Eindhoven Airport (bus to railway station, train to Tilburg Universiteit; travel time 1-1.5 hrs.; costs: approx. €10)
- Maastricht-Aachen Airport (bus to railway station, train to Tilburg Universiteit; travel time 2-3 hrs.; costs: €20-25).



## Online Journey Planners

To plan your journey by public transport within the Netherlands, we recommend the following websites:

- By bus and train: [www.9292.nl/en](http://www.9292.nl/en)
- By train only: [www.ns.nl/en](http://www.ns.nl/en)

# 9. Arrival

## 9.1 Registration Days

To make sure that your arrival at Tilburg University goes smoothly and that you start to feel at home from the moment you arrive, we have arranged two Registration Days on **August 13 & 14, 2020**. We **strongly recommend** you arrive one of these two days!

WHEN?	<b>Thursday August 13 and Friday August 14, from 9:00 AM till 7:00 PM</b> You are encouraged to arrive on campus at any time during this time slot. All our services are organized throughout these days.
WHERE?	You (and your luggage!) will be collected by minibus from 'Tilburg Universiteit' railway station and brought to Tilburg University.
WHAT?	On arrival at the University, you can take a well-earned rest to recover from your journey! Then you can among others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• register your arrival</li><li>• meet &amp; greet your International Admissions Officer or the Study Abroad &amp; Exchange team</li><li>• receive your International Student Handbook and your welcome information</li><li>• meet I*ESN, our international student association (and obtain a free Dutch sim-card)</li><li>• make an appointment to open your Dutch bank account</li><li>• pick up your Tilburg University Student Card</li><li>• buy a bicycle - a 'must-have' in the Netherlands!</li><li>• purchase your membership for the Sports Center</li><li>• register for TOP Week, if you have not already done so</li></ul> Additionally you can enjoy live music, typically Dutch snacks & sweets and refreshing drinks. You will meet new fellow students from all over the world!
AND THEN?	When you have finished the above, you (and your luggage!) will be taken to your accommodation at TalentSquare OR you can ask to be taken to Tilburg Central railway station.

If you do not arrive on the Registration Days, you will have to arrange all of the above yourself, which will take you much longer! For example, you need to apply individually for a Dutch bank card, complete your registration at the university, become a member of I\*ESN, and buy a bicycle.

We therefore **strongly recommend** that you plan your travel to the Netherlands to arrive on one of the Registration Days. This will ensure a more relaxed and organized start of your studies. For the latest information about the Registration Days, visit [www.tilburguniversity.edu/registrationdays](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/registrationdays)

During your first weekend here in Tilburg (August 15 & 16), various events will be arranged by international student organization I\*ESN to help you get to know Tilburg and your fellow students. On Monday August 17 the official Tilburg Orientation Program will start.

## 9.2 Tilburg Orientation Program (TOP)

Tilburg University offers an introduction program called TOP Week for all new incoming students to Tilburg. This year, TOP Week will take place from Monday August 17 until Friday August 21. This week is all about getting to know your fellow students, the city of Tilburg and life as a student in Tilburg. TOP Week is the best start of your new adventure in Tilburg. Please note: Students studying at CentER will not be able to take part in TOP Week.

WHEN?	<b>Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>
WHAT?	Students will be divided into groups of 15 to 20 students and will be guided by two or more Tilburg University' students (mentors) for the whole week. The mentors will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• show you the way in your new city</li><li>• introduce you to the student life in Tilburg and answer all your questions</li><li>• make sure you arrive at the right place (and at the right time!) to take part in the various activities and events, such as the famous TOP Cantus, Games Day and the TOP Festival</li></ul>
MORE INFORMATION	<a href="http://www.top-week.nl/en">www.top-week.nl/en</a>
REGISTRATION	Participants are required to <b>register online between May and the beginning of August and pay a participation fee</b> . You will receive an invitation to register for TOP Week from May onwards. Late arrivals may also sign in on registration day, however keep in mind that it might be sold out.

## 9.3 Program Introduction

Most of the schools organize a Program Introduction (PI) for new incoming students. **Participation is obligatory** and Schools arrange these at different times.

During the Program Introduction, you will be introduced to your study program, get to know your way around the Tilburg University campus, and meet your fellow students. Information about the schedule for the Program Introduction will be sent to you in December.

## 9.4 Tilburg University Summer School

Get the most out of your summer and join Tilburg University Summer School!

Can't wait for your study to begin? Find out that learning goes beyond the classroom, combine challenging courses with a fun-packed social program and meet students from all over the world. Tilburg University offers you the opportunity to get used to Tilburg as your hometown and to the Dutch culture. TUSS includes a fun-packed social program with a large number of social activities, such as city trips and sports activities. Every year, a large community of enthusiastic students from all over the world spend their summer in Tilburg. You can be part of it before the official start of your study at Tilburg University! [www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool)

### 9.5 Start Academic Year

Lectures will start in the week of August 24, 2020. For details of your program schedule, go to <https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/studying/lectures/calendar>. Please note that dates can vary per School.

### 9.6 Map of Tilburg University Campus

Tilburg University campus consists of several buildings. Each School or Division is located in one of these buildings.



- Tilburg School of Humanities (TSHD): D / Dante building
- Tilburg School of Catholic Theology (TST): D / Dante building
- Tilburg Law School (TLS): M / Montesquieu building
- Tilburg School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (TSB): S / Simon Building
- Tilburg School of Economics and Management (TiSEM): K / Koopmans building

Another important location for you, especially at the beginning of your studies at Tilburg University, is building A or Academia building, which houses departments and facilities such as the Student Desk, Language Center and International Office.

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/contact/campus-map](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/contact/campus-map)

## 10. Tilburg University Card

The Tilburg University card has your photograph, name and your Tilburg University administration number. The card gives you access to buildings and allows you to borrow books from the Library and use the printing facilities. You can also connect your card to an e-wallet and use it to pay the printers and vending machines (coffee, tea, soft drinks, and snacks).

Request your Tilburg University Card online at

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/university-card](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/university-card).

After logging in with your Tilburg University username and password, you can upload your photograph and request your card. Within two weeks, you will be notified via your Tilburg University e-mail address that your card is ready. You can collect your card in person at the *Student Desk* after showing proof of identity. We advise you to apply for this as soon as possible so your card is ready for collection when you arrive.





## 11. Important Dates

In the previous paragraphs, you have read a lot of information regarding preparations for your studies. Below you can find an overview of important dates so you know what you can expect when. Unless otherwise stated, the information will be sent to you via e-mail. If you are admitted after the date mentioned, you will receive the information as soon as possible after you receive your admission letter.

WHAT	WHEN
<b>Invitation to start immigration procedures for non-EEA nationals</b> <i>Follow the instructions given to ensure that you will receive your visa in time for your arrival in Tilburg before lectures start.</i>	from the end of April
<b>Invitation to register for our introduction week called TOP Week</b>	from mid-May onwards
<b>Information about Accommodation</b> <i>If you want to book accommodation via TalentSquare, be quick - the number of rooms available is limited.</i>	from mid-May onwards
<b>Information about Payment of Tuition Fees</b>	from mid-June onwards
<b>Invitation to register for Language Courses</b> <i>You will receive free language vouchers for 12 ECTS which you can choose to use to take a language course at the University. You will receive an invitation to register for courses for the first semester.</i>	beginning of August
<b>Unconditional Admission Letter</b> <i>You will receive this when you meet the admission requirements detailed in your conditional admission letter. You must meet the admission requirements by the deadline detailed in your conditional admission letter.</i>	see conditional admission letter for deadline
<b>Enrollment Certificate</b> <i>This confirms your registration as a student at Tilburg University. You will receive this as soon as you have received your unconditional admission letter AND you have arranged payment of your tuition fees via Studielink. Keep it safe – it will not be sent to you again!</i>	no later than October 1
<b>Registration Days</b>	August 13 & 14
<b>TOP Week</b>	August 17-21
<b>First day of lectures</b>	August 24

## 12. Pre-departure Checklist

### GENERAL

- Read this Welcome to Tilburg University Guide!
- Register in Studielink.
- Complete payment details in Studielink.
- Apply online for your Tilburg University Card.
- Join the Facebook Page/Group for your School.
- Complete the immigration process (if required).
- Register for TOP Week<sup>1</sup>.
- Watch the pre-departure webinar - more info at [www.tilburguniversity.edu/prepare](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/prepare)

### HEALTH

- Arrange your health, travel and liability insurance.
- Check if your vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Contact the public health organization in your own country to check whether you need to take any specific precautions.

### DOCUMENTS

- Send the documents for unconditional admission to your International Admissions Officer by the deadline stated.
- Make sure you have scanned copies of your insurance policies and passport (including your entry visa) OR EU/EEA/Swiss national ID card within easy reach, for example, by saving them in the cloud or emailing them to yourself.

### ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

- Book your accommodation.
- Book your travel tickets; if you need an entry visa, do not book your tickets until you have received your entry visa.

### FINANCIAL

- If applicable, complete the application form to open a Dutch Bank Account. Print it and bring it with you to Tilburg.
- Make sure you have cash in euros to cover your costs in the first two weeks.
- For EU/EEA students only: check if you are eligible for a loan or supplementary grant from the Dutch government.

### PACK YOUR BAGS!

- Pack a voltage converter and/or adapter.
- Pack clothes for all weather conditions!

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<sup>1</sup> Not applicable for Research Master students at CentER.