



WELCOME TO TILBURG UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE FACT SHEET 2021-22

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OUR CAMPUS

GREEN SPACE & AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY



ABOUT TILBURG UNIVERSITY

Tilburg University is a thriving university specializing in Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities. Social connection, academic excellence, and a strong campus feeling are at the heart of our education experience. Understanding and serving society is what drives us. Our green campus offers an attractive base for fostering an international community where students and teachers can inspire and challenge each other. Tilburg University consists of five different schools: Economics & Management, Law, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities and Digital Sciences, and Theology. University College Tilburg provides the interdisciplinary Bachelor's program of Liberal Arts and Sciences. TIAS School of Business and Society is the business school of Tilburg University and Eindhoven University of Technology, offering post-graduate education.



According to the three most renowned university rankings (THE, ARWU, and QS), Tilburg University belongs to the best 2% of the world's 17,000 universities. [🔗 tilburguniversity.edu/about/tilburg-university/rankings](https://tilburguniversity.edu/about/tilburg-university/rankings)

ABOUT TILBURG

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 world-class public institutions and a calendar packed with a variety of public events. It's a true university city, too: with a population of 30,000 students, 1 in 8 people in Tilburg is a student!

From the city's public library ([🔗 lochal.nl/](https://lochal.nl/)) that won the 2019 World Building of the Year Award, to museums ([🔗 depont.nl](https://depont.nl)) and the surrounding nature, there is much to see and do if you have time between enjoying Tilburg's 'Burgundian lifestyle' in one of its many cafés, bars and restaurants ([🔗 vvtilburg.nl](https://vvtilburg.nl)). In addition, travelling on the weekends could not be easier. With booming cities like Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris just a short train or car ride away, your travel calendar will fill up quickly.

CAMPUS LIFE

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 café in no time. All university buildings are within walking distance from each other, and are set amongst landscaped gardens and open green spaces. Our campus is home to over 17,000 students.

Take a virtual campus tour at [🔗 tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour](https://tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour)

Total student population in Tilburg:	approx. 30,000
Population of Tilburg:	approx. 2174,000
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:
[🔗 youtube.com/studyinholland](https://youtube.com/studyinholland)



APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES & REQUIREMENTS

A NOTE ON CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

Like most universities globally, the coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on campus life and education at Tilburg University. We are continuously monitoring the global situation, including relevant measures and travel restrictions, and will organize exchanges in the 2021-22 academic year accordingly. Of course, exchange students' safety is our priority.

As it is not yet clear how the pandemic will continue to affect us in the 2021-22 academic year, it is possible that the dates mentioned in this fact sheet will change, and that events and education may be held online instead of on our campus. We will endeavor to keep all affected partner universities and students updated as more details become known to us.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Fall 2021 and Full Year	30 April 2021
Spring 2022	1 October 2021

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall 2021 and Full Year	14 May 2021
Spring 2022	15 October 2021

REGISTRATION DAYS

Fall 2021	19 & 20 August 2021
Spring 2022	21 January 2022

T.O.P WEEK (ORIENTATION PROGRAM)

Fall 2021	23 – 27 August 2021
Spring 2022	Late January 2022 *

START OF CLASSES

Fall 2021	30 August 2021
Spring 2022	Late January / early February 2022 *

EXAM PERIOD

Fall 2021	December 2021 / January 2022 (plus re-sits in January if necessary) *
Spring 2022	May / June 2022 (plus re-sits in July if necessary) *

RE-SIT EXAM PERIOD

Fall 2021	January & mid-June / July 2022
Spring 2022	Mid-June / July 2022 *

** Period and exact dates to be confirmed and are subject to change.*

BALANCE BETWEEN SEMESTERS

Due to the high number of incoming students in the fall semester (August – January) and, consequently, a high demand for student housing during this time, we prefer an equal balance in nominations from our partners across both semesters.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/applicationprocedure

Students should check with their home university whether Tilburg University is one of their exchange partners, and apply for an exchange through their home university. Partner universities are advised to note that from 2021, we will no longer accept nominations via email. Instead, partners should submit the details of their selected students via our new online nomination system. Further details will be shared with partners in due course.

All nominated students will receive an email with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange program at Tilburg University a few weeks before the application deadline. Students should complete their application online. All required documents need to be uploaded through the online application system. We no longer require original documents. As part of their online application, students must upload:

1. Transcript of records **in English** (students who are in their Master studies must upload both their bachelor and master grade list)
2. Additional documents may apply for specific courses (e.g. motivation letter and/or essay). Please find more information in the 'courses for exchange students' section of this fact sheet (below)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR / UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

1. Proficiency in English. We rely on our partner universities to nominate students who are proficient in English. Students with mainland Chinese nationality need to submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate to obtain a visa. Students' English proficiency should meet the following level:
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.
2. Successfully completed at least 1.5 year of education, but preferably two years of studies within in a relevant field of studies (economics, business, law, social & behavioral sciences, humanities, theology).

MASTER / GRADUATE EXCHANGE

1. Proficiency in English. We rely on our partner universities to nominate students who are proficient in English. Students with mainland Chinese nationality need to submit a TOEFL or IELTS certificate to obtain a visa. Students' English proficiency should meet the following level:
TOEFL: 600/250/100 (paper/computer/internet-based);
Academic IELTS 7;
Cambridge First, Advanced, or Proficiency;
Common European Framework level C1.
2. Successfully completed an undergraduate program in a relevant field of studies (economics, business, law, social & behavioral sciences, humanities, theology).

The requirement for students with Chinese nationality to submit an IELTS or TOEFL certificate applies only to students from mainland China (not Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan). It applies to all mainland Chinese students, including those who are studying for their degree program outside of China.

TILBURG UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool

The Tilburg University Summer School offers students a taste of living and studying in Tilburg. It offers a unique way of combining learning with fun and meeting students from all over the world. Visit the website for more information on the available courses, tuition fees, social program and more.

CONTRACTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

For any queries regarding exchange contracts and partnerships with Tilburg University, please contact our International Relations Managers directly at internationalrelations@tilburguniversity.edu.



COURSE INFORMATION

COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/courses

Tilburg University offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses to exchange students. Our incoming exchange students are allowed to take courses from all schools, as long as they meet the prerequisites of the courses at the start of the semester. In some cases, other restrictions or selection criteria may apply (e.g. minimum grade average, motivation to take a course, etc.). These will be mentioned as “conditions apply” on the course webpage. 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	Public Administration
Culture Studies	Philosophy	Liberal Arts & Sciences (restricted)
Global Law (restricted)	Law	Communication & Information Sciences
Data Science	Cognitive Science & Artificial Intelligence	

LANGUAGE COURSES

tilburguniversity.edu/education/languages

Our on-campus Language Center offers regular courses to students who wish to improve their skills in Dutch, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, 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!



CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/courses/certificate-programs

All fall semester exchange students are invited to participate in one of our Certificate Programs. These programs are designed for students who would like to specialize and gain a depth of understanding in a focused area of study. A certificate will only be awarded if the student successfully completes all courses from the program. The following certificated programs are available:

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

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 METHODS

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)
- A full time workload for one semester is 30 ECTS
- A regular workload for exchange students is 4 or 5 courses (24 – 30 ECTS)

GRADING SYSTEM

The Dutch grading system uses grades from 1 to 10. Grades with one decimal place can be issued. The lowest passing grade is a 6.0. Any grade below 6.0 is a fail.

BACHELOR GRADES:

Grade	Description	% of students with same grade	% of students with same grade or higher
10.0	Excellent	1%	1%
9.5	Excellent	1%	2%
9.0	Excellent	4%	6%
8.5	Excellent	7%	12%
8.0	Very good	12%	25%
7.5	Very good	15%	40%
7.0	Good	18%	58%
6.5	Good	17%	75%
6.0	Sufficient	25%	100%

MASTER GRADES:

Grade	Description	% of students with same grade	% of students with same grade or higher
10.0	Excellent	0%	0%
9.5	Excellent	1%	1%
9.0	Excellent	4%	5%
8.5	Excellent	9%	14%
8.0	Very good	17%	31%
7.5	Very good	20%	52%
7.0	Good	20%	72%
6.5	Good	14%	86%
6.0	Sufficient	14%	100%

LIFE IN TILBURG

COST OF LIVING, HOUSING & SERVICES



COST OF LIVING

Living in Tilburg is relatively inexpensive compared to other Dutch university cities. The cost of living is approximately €825 per month. Below is a general overview of monthly costs for students. These estimated costs can vary from person to person and also depend on individual lifestyle.

MONTHLY LIVING COSTS (ESTIMATE)	
Accommodation	€360-400
Food	€300
Books and readers	€80
Health, liability, travel insurance	€45
<i>Total</i>	<i>€785-825</i>

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost about €125. A university sports card costs €99,50 per semester.

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE TEAM

The Study Abroad & Exchange Team is the first point of contact for exchange students. We are here to help you before, during and after your exchange to help your exchange experience run as smoothly as possible.

VISA APPLICATION

[tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/immigration](https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/immigration)

Tilburg University's team of specialist immigration officers process visa applications for all incoming students who require a visa to reside in Tilburg. 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 information and possible costs, see the link at the top of this section.

HOUSING

www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/accommodation

Tilburg University itself does not offer on-campus student accommodation. However, we are partnered with student housing organization WonenBrebung, which offers furnished accommodation to international students via [yourroomintilburg.com](https://www.yourroomintilburg.com). The estimated monthly rent is around €360 to €400. All students must pay the rent for the entire semester at the time of registration. Most of the rooms are in the building on Professor Verbernelaan (popularly known as "Verbs"), on the edge of campus. In addition, there are a small number of rooms available at the Goirkestraat facility for full-year exchange students. Unfortunately, rooms in the Talent Square building are not available for exchange students. The number of available rooms at both facilities is limited, so we cannot guarantee rooms for all students. They are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis via registration in an online system.

Students who are not able to register for these facilities will need to find their own accommodation on the private market. It is their own responsibility to arrange this and our housing office (studenthousing@tilburguniversity.edu) can assist where needed. There is an extremely high demand for housing on the private market, especially in fall semesters, meaning that sourcing accommodation can be difficult. Students with a flexible choice regarding in which semester to study abroad are advised to come to Tilburg in the spring semester to avoid a potentially stressful search for accommodation.

INSURANCE

[tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/insurances](https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/insurances)

All students are required by law to be covered by appropriate health insurance for their full period of stay in the Netherlands. We strongly recommend students to also have appropriate liability and travel insurance. Students are advised to purchase insurance before their arrival in the Netherlands. It is students' own responsibility to purchase insurance. Tilburg University recommends Aon+ Student Insurance: [aonstudentinsurance.com/students/en/](https://www.aonstudentinsurance.com/students/en/)

MENTOR SYSTEM

esntilburg.nl

ESN Tilburg (formerly I*ESN), our international student organization, organizes a mentor system for incoming international students. ESN also organizes regular activities for all international students and internationally-minded Dutch students at Tilburg University. ESN runs a dynamic international hub in Tilburg city center.

ORIENTATION: REGISTRATION DAYS, PROGRAM INTRODUCTION & T.O.P WEEK

tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/introduction-activities/topweek

tilburguniversity.edu/education/welcome-new-student/introduction-activities/registration-days

Tilburg University organizes a Registration Day to offer a warm welcome to Tilburg. On this day, we provide students with all kinds of information and amenities that will contribute to a relaxed and organized start in Tilburg. The Study Abroad & Exchange team runs a mandatory Program Introduction (PI) for all incoming exchange students during the optional Tilburg Orientation Program (TOP) week. During the PI, we welcome all exchange students. Students will get to meet the Study Abroad & Exchange Team and their mentor, and receive more information about, for example, how to make use of our digital student environment as well as our academic and cultural environment. We recommend participation in the TOP week to get the full introduction to student life in Tilburg!

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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. It is home to an impressive collection of e-books, e-journals. In addition, its collection of over 800,000 books, journals, illustrations, early works and manuscripts provide a treasure of scholarly information.

STUDENT LIFE

FACILITIES & EVENTS

STUDENT LIFE

Tilburg University has a rich student life with over 40 student organizations, excellent sports facilities and a large number of pubs, 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.

DESTINATION: EXCHANGE EVENT

We invite our incoming exchange students to be part of our Destination: Exchange Event, which takes place each semester. The event is aimed at Tilburg University's outgoing students who are about to embark on their semester abroad. It offers a chance for our outgoing students to meet incoming students currently in Tilburg, to share tips and inspiration about studying abroad. For our incoming students, this contact with local students aids their settling in and integration into Tilburg and for our outgoing students, they can receive valuable advice from students who are already in the exchange experience, as well as handy information from students who come from the host country that they will be travelling to.

STUDY AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

tilburguniversity.edu/students/studying/student-associations

Study and student associations are a great place to meet like-minded students and make new friends. Among the student organizations in Tilburg are:

- **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 more sustainable world.
- **AEGEE:** one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organizations, striving for a 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 events.
- **Asset:** the study association of the Tilburg School of Economics and Management.
- **Magister:** the study association of the Tilburg Law School.

SPORTS FACILITIES

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, rock climbing, boxing and yoga.

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