

IHS studying and living in Holland

***‘Holland,
Europe’s
primary
power in
higher
education’***

The Times



Both Holland and higher education in Holland enjoy a worldwide reputation for its high quality, which is achieved through a national system of regulation and quality assurance.



► The Dutch education system is favourable for international students because it is interactive and focuses on teamwork, which encourages a dialogue between teaching staff and students.

The level of education has grown to its current position of being the 9th best in the world. Open dialogues and interactive teamwork characterise the Dutch way of education and teach you to develop an open mind and increase international orientation.



► The country itself ranks 12th according to the Index of Economic Freedom. The population is known for its social tolerance, which is immediately visible when you arrive at Schiphol, the 3rd largest airport of Europe. Although being one of the average 131.000 daily travellers, you can immediately feel yourself welcome in Europe's country known for clogs, windmills and water.

Holland is also an attractive country to live in.

The majority of Dutch people speak English. In Holland's multicultural and open society, international inhabitants learn to develop an open mind and increase their international orientation. Because of Holland's favourable location, you can easily travel to other European countries during your stay.





Rotterdam, the cradle of urban development



▶ Continuing your Holland – IHS Experience, After 50 minutes of train ride from the Schiphol airport, you will travel to Rotterdam, the 2nd largest municipality in Holland. The city has a population of almost 600.000. With a history of being bombed during the Second World War but rebuild completely afterwards, Rotterdam stands for the Dutch culture of initiative and self-reliance. It has grown to become Europe's central node in international commerce and trade, logistics and supply chain management.



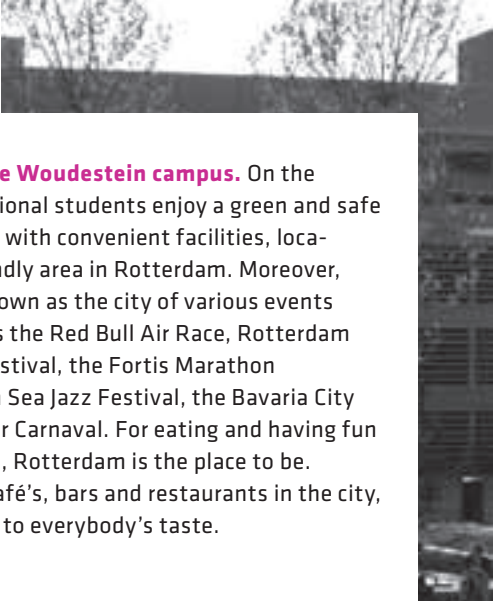

Rotterdam has a young and international population, as is evident through its cultural events, festivals, restaurants, cafes, bars and live music venues.



► **Rotterdam has an excellent public transportation system** and there are dedicated cycle routes throughout the city. The TGV European Railways Network connects Rotterdam with all the other major cities in Europe. Paris, Berlin, London, Brussels and other major European cities are only a few hours away from Rotterdam.


Cycling around the city you will notice the multicultural and open society that is created by the 25.000 Dutch and 3.000 international students that choose to study at the Erasmus University Rotterdam every year.





► **IHS locates on the Woudestein campus.** On the campus, the international students enjoy a green and safe campus environment with convenient facilities, located in a student-friendly area in Rotterdam. Moreover, Rotterdam is also known as the city of various events and festivals, such as the Red Bull Air Race, Rotterdam International Film Festival, the Fortis Marathon Rotterdam, Northern Sea Jazz Festival, the Bavaria City Race and the Summer Carnival. For eating and having fun during the night time, Rotterdam is the place to be. With around 3.600 café's, bars and restaurants in the city, there is food and fun to everybody's taste.



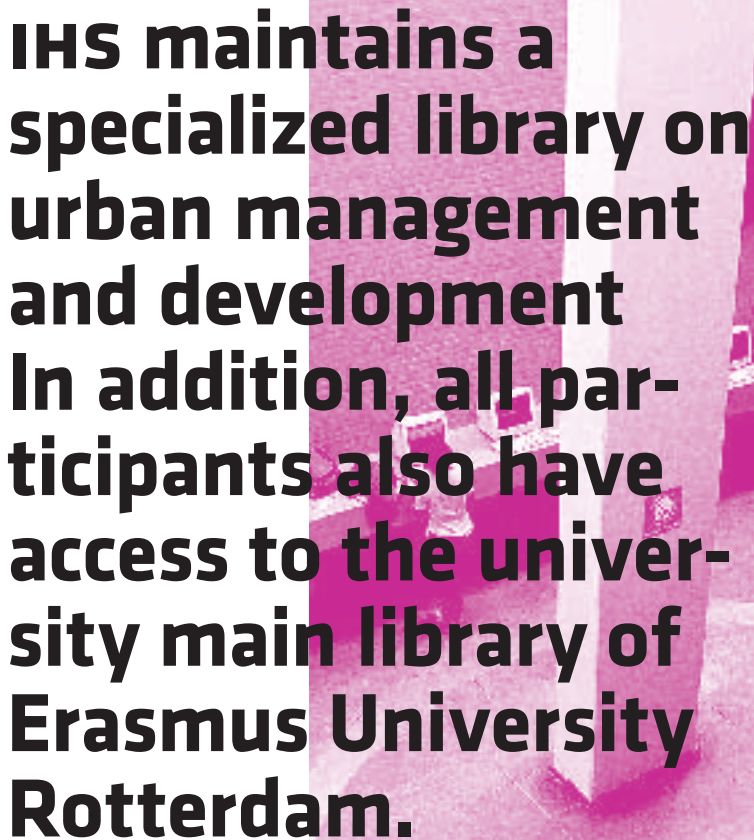


► **Participant accommodation:** you can arrange airport pickup with IHS in advance, so later upon arrival you will be brought to your accommodation in Rotterdam. All that you need to do is let us make the reservation for you. Fill in your preferences on the hotel booking form, which you will receive automatically once you have been admitted to the course, and we will take care of the rest.

Master students and short course participants can make use of IHS students' dormitory, Weenapad. The Weenapad hostel is situated in city centre close to the Rotterdam Central Station, and within walking distance to shops, the market and places to go out in Rotterdam downtown. All rooms at Weenapad have free internet access.


For Executive course participants, since the executive courses are short and intensive, participants are advised to stay in hotels. IHS will make the hotel reservations upon requests. It is also possible to book your own accommodation. You can indicate your preferences on a hotel booking form, which you will receive automatically once you have been admitted to the course. A three star hotel room costs about 75 euro per night.

IHS maintains a specialized library on urban management and development. In addition, all participants also have access to the university main library of Erasmus University Rotterdam.

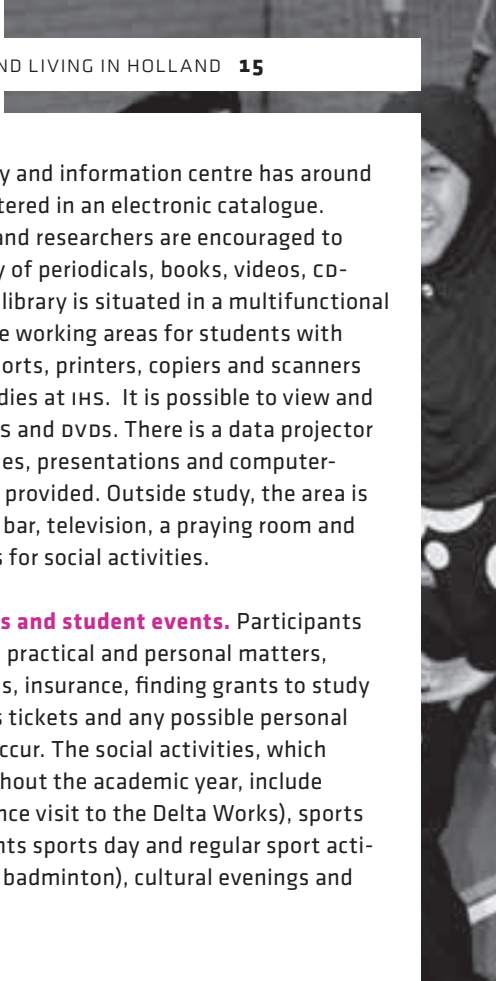








► IHS' unique library and information centre has around 60.000 records registered in an electronic catalogue. Course participants and researchers are encouraged to make use of a variety of periodicals, books, videos, CD-ROMS and DVDs. The library is situated in a multifunctional area that includes the working areas for students with computers, lap-top ports, printers, copiers and scanners to facilitate your studies at IHS. It is possible to view and copy videos, CD-ROMS and DVDs. There is a data projector where special exercises, presentations and computer-aided training can be provided. Outside study, the area is also equipped with a bar, television, a praying room and other relaxing spaces for social activities.



► **Student supports and student events.** Participants are well supported in practical and personal matters, such as housing, visas, insurance, finding grants to study in Rotterdam, flights tickets and any possible personal problems that may occur. The social activities, which are organized throughout the academic year, include excursions (for instance visit to the Delta Works), sports (International students sports day and regular sport activities like soccer and badminton), cultural evenings and social parties.



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'Rotterdam is the most happening place. As an architect, I love being in Rotterdam because I get to see how the city is rowing day by say and rising into the blue sky with skyscrapers, creating its unique image in the world. The city has an alluring mix of art ad culture that inspired me to join the festival of Museumnacht. The most amazing experience that night was the boat trip to Schiehaven. The beauty of Rotterdam at night was spellbinding. The city stood under the starry night sky, and I just fell in love with it. I know I'll miss it once I go back home.'

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