



WELCOME TO TILBURG UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE FACT SHEET 2020/21

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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

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/) that won the 2019 World Building of the Year Award, to museums (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). 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

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



APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES & REQUIREMENTS

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Fall 2020 and Full Year	1 May 2020
Spring 2021	1 October 2020

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Fall 2020 and Full Year	15 May 2020
Spring 2021	15 October 2020

REGISTRATION DAYS

Fall 2020	21 August 2020*
Spring 2021	15 January 2021*

T.O.P WEEK (ORIENTATION PROGRAM)

Fall 2020	24 – 28 August 2020*
Spring 2021	18 – 22 January 2021*

START OF CLASSES

Fall 2020	31 August 2020
Spring 2021	Late Jan / early Feb 2021*

EXAM PERIOD

Fall 2020	Dec 2020 / Jan 2021*
Spring 2021	May / June 2021*

RE-SIT EXAM PERIOD

Fall 2020	Jan & June / July 2021
Spring 2021	Mid-June / July 2021

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

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 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 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).

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 should nominate their selected students via email (studyabroad@tilburguniversity.edu), mentioning the students' full name, e-mail address, study level, study program and desired exchange semester.

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 (students who are in their Master studies must upload both their bachelor and master grade list)
2. Copy of passport
3. 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)

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.



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	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 at Tilburg University is a 6.0. Any grade below 6.0 is a fail.

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	ECTS GRADE
10.0 – 9.5 – 9.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	C
6.0	Sufficient	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F

LIFE IN TILBURG

COST OF LIVING & STUDENT LIFE

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 can be obtained for €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 will be there to help you before, during and after your exchange to help your exchange experience run as smoothly as possible.

VISA APPLICATION

studyinholland.nl/plan-your-stay/visas-and-permits & ind.nl/en/Pages/Costs.aspx

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

tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/practicalissues/beforearrival/accommodation

Tilburg University itself does not offer on-campus student accommodation. However, WonenBreburch offers furnished accommodation to international students through yourroomintilburg.com. The estimated monthly rent lies between €360 and €400. Students must pay the rent for the entire semester at the time of registration – this applies to both fall semester and spring semester students. Most of the rooms are in the Verbs facility, very close to campus. In addition, there are a small number of rooms available at the Goirkestraat facility for full-year exchange students. Once all available rooms have been allocated, students will receive directions and instructions how to find accommodation through other platforms and agencies. We often receive questions if accommodation is available at Talent Square. Unfortunately, this accommodation is only available to degree-seeking students, and therefore not offered to exchange students.

INSURANCE

tilburguniversity.edu/education/practicalissues/beforearrival/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/



MENTOR SYSTEM

iesntilburg.nl

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

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

top-week.nl/en & tilburguniversity.edu/education/practicalissues/arrival/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 to life 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!

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.

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:

- **I*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 democratic, 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. For example: T.S.B.V. Pendragon (Basketball), T.S.V.V. Merlijn (Soccer), T.S.G.V. Underpar (Golf), T.S.R.C. Tarantula (Rugby)

HIGH-TECH 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.