

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students 2017-2018: Faculty of Law



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Useful Web Pages	
Radboud University Nijmegen	www.ru.nl
Radboud Youtube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/user/Radbouduniversiteit https://www.youtube.com/user/Radbouduniversity
Information guide	www.ru.nl/exchangestudents
Faculty of Law	www.ru.nl/law
Faculty of Law – student info	www.ru.nl/law/students
LLM European Law	www.ru.nl/masters/europeanlaw
Study in Holland	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwkfsqGp3qo

General Information

Student population Radboud University	20.000
Student population Nijmegen	> 40.000 (relatively large!)
Population Nijmegen	165.000
Distance to capital Amsterdam	120 kilometer

Radboud University

Radboud University is a truly international institution with students from all over the world. It is the fastest rising Dutch university in the international university rankings, where high-quality, research-based programmes are guaranteed. On a compact, green, sustainable campus, close to the city center, there are many international courses and programmes in which Dutch and foreign students participate together. The different backgrounds of those who study and teach at the University help to reinforce our common objective: to achieve the highest possible standard of education and research. Radboud University offers a full range of more than 250 courses in English for exchange students at all faculties. Our personal style of teaching gives you the opportunity to work closely with leading researchers and excellent teachers in interactive, small seminars. Professors are easily approachable to discuss your study subjects.

Faculty of Law

Traditionally amongst the smaller in the Netherlands, the Faculty of Law has a long standing reputation for quality in research and teaching. Our LLM in European Law has an outstanding position in international rankings, and offers an internationally recognized degree. The brand new Law Building, called Grotius, offers a beautiful modern and open environment, where both academics and students can easily meet. The faculty cooperates closely with - and advises - external partners such as civil-law notary offices and law firms, financial organisations, international businesses, courts, government bodies, ministries, NGOs and European organisations, in key areas such as Business Law, Financial Law, European Private Law, Migration Law, Fundamental Rights and Security issues.



The City of Nijmegen

The city of Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, but is also named the safest city to live and study in the Netherlands. It has a very active student life with a variety of restaurants and cafés, the largest art house cinema of the Netherlands (LUX), numerous museums and galleries, and is also a host to countless festivals and sports activities like the Four Day Marches. Nijmegen has great train connections to e.g. Amsterdam (only 1,5 hours away). But Brussels, Paris and Berlin can also easily be reached by train.



The Netherlands

The Netherlands, or Holland as it is often referred to, is a country with a truly international orientation. The first things that comes into mind are probably cheese, bikes, tulips and clogs, but we have much more to offer. The Dutch are also known for their innovativeness and creativity. Therefore, as a student, you will find studying in Holland hopefully to be an inspiring experience.

Cost of Living & Money Matters

Living in Nijmegen is relatively inexpensive compared to some other Dutch university cities. The monthly costs of living are approximately €800 per month. The table below gives you a general overview of your costs of living in Nijmegen per month. These estimated costs can vary per person and also depend on your lifestyle.

Estimate of the monthly Cost of Living:

Accommodation	€300 - €450
Food	€250
Books and Readers	€80
Health, liability, and travel insurance	€45
Total	€675 - €825

Additional expenses for travel, phone etc. are not included above. A second-hand bicycle and security lock will cost you about €125 and a university sports pass €15,30 per month.

For visa costs (if applicable), see

<http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/visas-and-permits>

Exchange students within the Erasmus programme, staying for more than three months, might prefer to open a Dutch personal bank account. Although most banks offer fairly similar services, the costs and conditions of opening a bank account can vary. More information can be found on the following website: <http://www.ru.nl/algemeen/zoeken/@786249/money-finance/>



Academic Calendar 2017-2018

Semester 1 (Autumn)	Arrival Day: 20 August 2017 Introduction Week: 20 – 27 August 2017 Start classes: 4 September 2017 End exam period: 26 January 2018
Semester 2 (Spring)	Arrival Day: 22 January 2018 Introduction Week: 22 – 26 January 2018 Start classes: 29 January 2018 End exam period: 16 July 2018

Application Deadlines

Autumn semester

Nominations: 15 May

Applications: 1 June

Spring semester

Nominations: 15 November

Applications: 1 December



Application procedure for Law students

An e-mail containing a password to access various registration forms will be sent to the student directly after having been nominated by their coordinator (name/gender/address/e-mail address/date of birth) at the **Law** International Office: internationaloffice@jur.ru.nl.

Course Information

Information on courses open to exchange students can be found here: <http://www.studiegids.science.ru.nl/2016/en/law/prospectus/fdirects/>

Students select their preferred courses before arrival in consultation with the Radboud Faculty of Law. The International Office Law will register all students before arrival for the courses. Exchange students are not able to register themselves online for selected courses. Please also check out our [Radboud Minors programme \(pdf, 3.4 MB\)](#), in which interesting courses have been clustered thematically for your convenience, some of them even on an interdisciplinary level.

Please note that as of 2016-2017, advanced exchange students who are in the last year of their Bachelor's (with a minimum of 160 EC completed) or in their Master's can only take **one** out of five compulsory courses of the LL.M European Law.

Assessment and Grading

Oral or written examinations, individual or group papers, essays, case studies, in-class presentations and other forms of coursework all count towards the final grade. There is an examination period after each semester. Exchange students may take part in re-sits of the exams. In case you passed your exam, it is not possible to have a resit. Only in specific circumstances, re-sit exams can be transformed into distance exams.

In the Dutch grading system, grades from 1 up to 10 are used. In general, grades with one decimal are issued; the lowest passing at Radboud University is a 6.0.

Grade	Description	American Grade	ECTS
10.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A+	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	A/B+	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	B/C+	C
6.0	Sufficient	C	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	D/F	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F	F

Conversion table as determined in consultation with Nuffic; June 2009

Credit system

A full academic year consists of 60 European Credits (ECTS). Most courses open to exchange students are 7 ECTS, which is a study load of 196 hours. A full study workload consists on average of four courses.



Language Requirements

All courses open to exchange students are taught in English. Therefore, non-native English speaking students must show proof of their proficiency of English, by one of the following documents:

- A Cambridge First Certificate in English with a minimum level of B2;
- A TOEFL test certificate with a score of at least 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based);
- An IELTS certificate with a score of at least 6.0;
- A University Certificate of an English language course (comparable to B2 level);
- Or a TOEIC test with a minimum score of 670. The modules 'Speaking and Writing' and 'Listening and Reading' have to be successfully completed.

Languages Courses

Do you want to learn a new language in Nijmegen? Radboud in'to Languages will teach you to communicate effectively in different languages and at various levels. All of our courses are linked to the proficiency levels defined by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Please have a look at the following website for more details:

<http://www.ru.nl/radboudintolanguages/en/languages/>

Housing Information

Housing is available for exchange students providing students apply by the deadlines. Students can request for housing by indicating on the online application that they will need housing. More information on housing can be found on www.ru.nl/exchangestudents/housing. Students can also search for accommodation themselves. A useful document on finding rooms in Nijmegen is '[Searching for Accommodation \(pdf, 311 kB\)](#)'. A furnished room with shared kitchen, toilet and shower facilities will rent for approximately up to €400 per month.

Health Insurance and Visa

Radboud University will submit the application for visa or residence permit to the Immigration and Naturalisation Service Department on behalf of students who will need a visa or residence permit to study in the Netherlands. The university will apply for a residence permit for the period it officially takes to finish your study programme. More information can be found on www.ru.nl/exchangestudents/visa.

Services and Facilities

Radboud University offers a wide range of facilities. All the university's facilities are concentrated together on the one square kilometre of the former Heyendaal estate: the lecture rooms and research labs, the University Hospital, the libraries, offices, the accommodation for student organizations, the sports centre, the guesthouse and a book shop.

Orientation and Social Activities

At the beginning of each semester there is an Orientation especially for our new international exchange and Masters' students which is organised by the International Office in cooperation with Radboud International Students (RIS), consisting of 2 student coordinators and student mentors. Depending on the semester, this Orientation includes fun activities such as: tours of the university and the city, sporting events, parties, excursions to other famous cities in the Netherlands etc. By participating in this programme you will quickly get to know both Nijmegen and Radboud University, and make new friends from around the world!

Sports facilities

The state-of-the-art Sports Center offers a wide variety of sports and exercises facilities at all levels. If you want to play sports at the Radboud Sports Centre, you need to have a valid sports card.

High tech university library

Both the University Library and the Faculty of Law library are places to find information, to study, meet up, relax and to work together. During the summer of 2015, the University Library has been renovated and expanded. More than 250 workplaces have been added, such as rooms to work in groups and silent workplaces. All in all, there are more than 1,000 seats where students and employees from Radboud University but also external visitors are able to work. The library is a nice place to spend your time: there are bright, open spaces with lounge couches, cosy and comfortable seats and bar-high tables and stools. At the coffee-corner, students can buy sandwiches and snacks as well as hot and cold beverages. In the Learning Zone, a massage chair will give your mind and body a chance to get some relaxation. On the first floor of the library, several display cases exhibit books and other book-related trinkets all-year-round. Even if you are not on the campus, you can access the 24/7 digital library services and collections.

Radboud Summer School

Renowned academic staff from Radboud University and its international partners will offer more than 40 carefully selected courses at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level, that will inspire students and researchers and provide them with the opportunity to extend their network. All courses are taught in English. More information can be found on the following website:

www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool.

Connect with us!



Radboud University – Faculty of Law manages a Facebook group for all incoming international exchange and degree students. Students are invited to join and meet & greet fellow exchange students. Like us at: www.facebook.com/RUfacultyoflaw



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We have a LinkedIn page for alumni of both the Exchange and LLM program:
[Alumni Faculty of Law, Radboud University: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8316729](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8316729)

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