

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students 2019-2020: Faculty of Law



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Useful Web Pages	
Radboud University Nijmegen	www.ru.nl
Radboud Youtube Channel	www.youtube.com/user/Radbouduniversiteit
Information guide	www.ru.nl/exchangestudents
Faculty of Law	www.ru.nl/law
Faculty of Law – student info	www.ru.nl/law/students
LLM International & European Law	www.ru.nl/masters/law
Study in Holland	www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNCSTVOcSq8

General Information	
Student population Radboud University	20.000
Student population Nijmegen	> 40.000 (relatively large!)
Population Nijmegen	175.000
Distance to capital Amsterdam	120 kilometers
<p><i>Radboud University</i></p> <p>Radboud University is a truly international institution hosting 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 more than 250 English-taught courses for exchange students, spread over 7 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 subject of studies.</p>	
<p><i>Faculty of Law</i></p> <p>Traditionally amongst the smaller in the Netherlands, the Faculty of Law has a long standing reputation for quality in research and teaching. Our LL.M in International and European Law has an outstanding position in international rankings, and offers an internationally recognised degree. The new Law Building, called <i>Grotius</i>, 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.</p>	
<p><i>The City of Nijmegen</i></p> <p>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 (less than 1.5 hours away). Brussels, Paris and Berlin can also easily be reached by train or express bus.</p>	
<p><i>The Netherlands</i></p> <p>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 the Netherlands an inspiring experience.</p>	

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 approx. €16 per month. For visa costs (if applicable): <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 2019-2020

Semester 1 (Autumn)	Arrival Day:	18 August 2019
	Orientation Week:	18 - 25 August 2019
	Start classes:	2 September 2019
	End exam period:	31 January 2020
Semester 2 (Spring) * During the first week of February several Orientation activities will be organised.	Arrival Day:	2 February 2019
	Orientation Day*:	2 February 2019
	Start classes:	3 February 2020
	End exam period:	10 July 2020

Nomination and Application Deadlines

Autumn semester

Nominations: 1 May

Applications: 23 May

Spring semester

Nominations: 1 November

Applications: 23 November

Partner universities can nominate their students by using the **nomination (excel) sheet**. The excel sheet can be found here: <https://www.ru.nl/law/students/information/exchange-information/application-admission/>

Application procedure for Law students

An e-mail containing a password to access various registration forms will be sent to the student directly after the student has been nominated by their coordinator at the **Law** International Office: internationaloffice@jur.ru.nl.

Course Information

Information on courses open to exchange students can be found here:

<https://www.ru.nl/law/students/information/exchange-courses/exchange-courses/>

The offer of courses in 2019-2020 will approximately be the same as the courses offered in 2018-2019. The courses for the Academic year 2019-2020 will become available online around June 2019.

Students select their preferred courses before arrival in consultation with the Radboud Faculty of Law. The International Office Law will register all students before their arrival for the courses. Exchange students are not able to register themselves online for selected courses.

Please note that advanced Law exchange students who are in the last year of their Bachelor's (with a minimum of 160 ECTS in Law subjects completed) or in their Master's can only take **one** out of the five compulsory courses of the LL.M International and 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. There are 2 exam opportunities per course per academic year. 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.

Radboud University Faculty of Law	ECTS grade	Definition of grade
Pass:		
10	A	outstanding
8.5-9.5	A	excellent
7.5-8	B	very good
7	C	good
6.5	D	satisfactory
6	E	sufficient
Fail:		
5	Fx	unsatisfactory
<5	F	poor

Credit system

A full academic year consists of 60 European Credits (ECTS). Many courses open to exchange students are 7 ECTS. 1 ECTS corresponds to 28 hours of full student workload (not limited to contact hours) A full study workload for one semester consists of an average of four courses.

Language Requirements

All courses open to exchange students are taught in English. Therefore, non-native English speaking students must demonstrate their proficiency in English by one of these 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.
- A statement from the home university confirming the required language level (>B2) of the student will be accepted by our Faculty of Law as well.



Support during the study

Radboud University offers different kind of counseling and workshops to help students during their study. Please check the following websites for more information or discuss the possibilities with our International Office Law.

Nijmegen Centre for Academic Writing:

Support in writing your thesis: 5 individual sessions for free <http://www.ru.nl/asn/english/>

Student deans / Student coaches / Student trainers / Student psychologists:

Counseling, study and career planning, studying with special needs, personal issues, workshops <http://www.ru.nl/currentstudents/>

Radboud In'to Languages:

Language courses (with student discounts) <http://www.ru.nl/radboudintolanguages/en/>

Housing Information

Housing is available for exchange students, provided 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. The monthly rent of a furnished room with a shared kitchen and shared facilities will approximately be €400.

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 organisations, 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 Master's students which is organised by the central International Office in cooperation with [Radboud International Students \(RIS\)](http://www.ru.nl/ris) and [ISN Nijmegen](http://www.ru.nl/isn), 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 Centre offers a wide variety of sports facilities at all levels. If you want to play sports at the Radboud Sports Centre, you need to have a valid membership card (approx. €16 per month). More information can be found on <http://www.ru.nl/sportscentre/>.

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 50 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 LL.M programme:
Alumni Faculty of Law, Radboud University: www.linkedin.com/groups/8316729

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