

Key figures 2015

Internationalisation in higher education



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Higher education (2014-15)

- 13 research universities (254,541 students enrolled).
- 39 universities of applied sciences (445,725 students enrolled).
- Total number of students enrolled: 700,226.
- All research universities are in the Top 300 of the Times Higher Education Ranking 2014; 6 out of 13 research universities made it into the Top 100.
- Universities of applied sciences teach professional bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Largest offer of English-taught programmes in continental Europe:
 - 282 English-taught bachelor's programmes;
 - 1,172 English-taught master's programmes (50% > of all master's programme's);Most PhD-programmes are English-taught.
www.studyfinder.nl

International students in the Netherlands

Number of international students (2014-15) in the Netherlands: more than 90,000

- 56,288 European¹ degree students enrolled.
- 22,802 non-European degree students enrolled.
- 10,298 Erasmus students on study exchange or placement.
- One in ten students in financed Dutch higher education is an international student.
- International students came from a total of 157 different countries in 2014-15.

Countries of origin

1. Germany.....	24,030
2. China.....	6,642
3. Belgium.....	3,007
4. Italy.....	2,881
5. Spain.....	2,862
6. United Kingdom.....	2,617
7. France.....	2,572
8. Greece.....	2,205
9. Bulgaria.....	1,834
10. Romania.....	1,458



Degree cycle

- 44.2% - bachelor's at a university of applied sciences
- 27.1% - bachelor's at a research university
- 26.3% - master's at a research university
- 2.4% - master's at a university of applied sciences

Popular subject areas of enrolled international students

1. Economics
2. Behaviour & Society
3. Engineering

International students from countries with a Nuffic Neso office

(Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam).

- At least 14,000 students in total in 2014-15.
- Of whom 8,500 enrolled in full degree programmes.
- Total inflow from Neso countries has grown more than 66% between 2006 and 2014.
- More than 1,200 extra Engineering & Science students since 2006.

Trends (incoming)

Degree mobility²:

- 70% increase between 2006 and 2014.
- Stable yearly growth rate of between 4 and 7%.

Credit mobility³:

- Increasing inflow of Erasmus students.
- The combined share of German, Chinese and Belgian students has been decreasing. Therefore, the international student population is becoming bigger and more diverse at the same time.

¹ European = EU 28 + EFTA 4: Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

² degree mobility: to complete a study programme abroad

³ credit mobility: to gain credits abroad for a programme at home

Dutch students abroad

Dutch students abroad (2012-13): more than 35,000

- 19,296 enrolled within Europe.
- 4,033 enrolled outside Europe.
- 10,061 Erasmus students.
- For every full-time Dutch student enrolled abroad, there are three full-time international students enrolled in the Netherlands.
- 22% of all Dutch graduates in higher education indicate that they have been abroad for courses or an internship during their studies.

Destination countries

1. United Kingdom.....	8,500
2. Belgium.....	7,175
3. Germany.....	3,500
4. Spain.....	3,250
5. United States.....	1,900

Trends (outgoing)

Degree mobility:

- 80% increase between 2006 and 2014.
- Stable yearly growth rate of between 5 and 8%.

Credit mobility:

- Stable at 22% of all graduates (EU benchmark = 20%).

