

The Netherlands – Saxion University of Applied Sciences



Basic information

Saxion University of Applied Sciences is one of the largest institutions of higher education in the Netherlands, with over 24,000 students (and still growing!). Saxion University has a rich history – its roots can be traced back to 1875.

Language

Dutch, a Germanic language, is spoken everywhere in the country. In addition, there are few dialects spoken throughout the country. A lot of people on the Netherlands speak at least two foreign languages and nearly everyone understands and speaks English.

Useful links

- <http://www.saxion.edu/about-saxion/> - official website
- <http://www.mzv.cz/hague/en/index.html> - Embassy of the Czech Republic in The Haag

Transport

Basic information

Nowadays, there is a contactless smart-card system, the OV-chipkaart, for all public transport in the Netherlands. There are two types of cards: anonymous one, which you can buy from the OV-chipkaart machines, or personal one, which you need to arrange online or by mail. Your card can be loaded from one of the OV-chipkaart machines strategically placed at train stations and metro stations.

- **By plane** – you will probably travel to the Netherlands by plane either to Rotterdam The Hague Airport or to Schiphol airport in Amsterdam. It is cheaper to travel to Amsterdam.
- **By train** – The Nederlandse Spoorwegen – the national railway company.
 - www.ns.nl
 - There are several discounts possibilities offered by NS in the Netherlands, such as season tickets and discounts for off-peak travel. We recommend checking current offer on its website.
- **By bus** – Buses are used for regional transport rather than for long distances, which are rather travelled by train. Buses and trams operate in most cities, and Amsterdam and Rotterdam are also served by metro.
 - <http://9292.nl/en#>

Syllabi

On request

Courses

- **International Finance and Accounting**
<http://www.saxion.edu/site/programmes/exchange/details/international-finance-accounting/international-finance-accounting/> - more info

Study guide for 2015/2016

<http://www.saxion.edu/wps/wcm/connect/63026d21-94c3-484b-a955-e8f4b2470c7d/Studyguide+IFA+2015-2016.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=63026d21-94c3-484b-a955-e8f4b2470c7d> – this link will lead you to a **study guide**

The fall semester

The fall semester starts usually at the beginning of September and ends at the end of January.

The spring semester

The spring semester starts usually at the beginning of February and ends at the end of July.

Application and registration

Firstly you have to apply at your home university. If you are nominated, the Saxion University of Applied Sciences will receive an official nomination from your home university stating that you have been selected.

You can apply for the course of your choice by completing the online application form. Besides that, you'll have to submit the following documents to complete your application

- 1 copy of passport
- 1 legalized copy of your High School diploma (including mark/grade lists), both in the original language and English translation
- 1 legalized copy of all Higher Education qualification (including mark/grade lists), both in the original language and English translation
- Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable): TOEFL, IELTS or other type of score mentioned in the entrance requirement of each course
- Curriculum Vitae

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/568427/ApplicationManual/PortalManual-latest.pdf> - Saxion application manual (this link will help you with the application)

Accommodation

Students from EU/EEA countries may contact the Saxion housing office to inquire about where to look for housing possibilities. If you would like to receive more information, contact the university.

Do not forget to pack

- Passport or identity card
- Health Insurance: European Health Insurance Card + additional health insurance, if necessary
- Letter of acceptance
- 2 passport size photos
- Copies of important documents
- Debit/credit card

Holidays

1 January	New Year's Day
<i>variable</i>	Easter
27 April	King's Day
5 May	Liberation Day (not a national holiday – not required by law)
<i>variable</i>	Ascension Day (40 days after Easter)
<i>variable</i>	Pentecost / Whitmonday (7 weeks after Easter)
5 December	Saint Nicholas' Eve
25 – 26 December	Christmas Day and Boxing Day

In addition to these public holidays, there are several days off at the university – **Autumn holiday, Christmas holiday, Spring holiday, May Holiday, Summer holiday** – check exact days at Study Guide or contact the university

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