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Your exchange in

ROTTERDAM

- ▶ Largest port city in Europe
- ▶ Buzzing modern metropolis
- ▶ Over 170 nationalities

ROTTERDAM UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES



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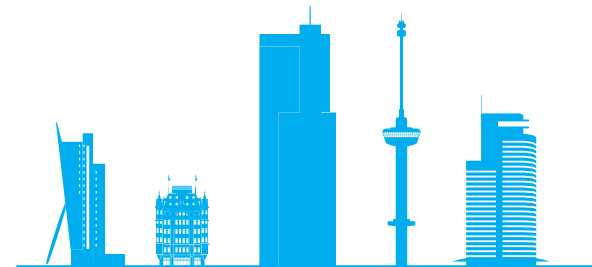
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Hi my name is Mariana and I'm currently studying at Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. A year ago I started thinking to go on my exchange to Rotterdam. I've been a student since September and after 4 months I consider myself a good guide, knowing a lot about my new 'home' city. I'll take you through this guide, sharing a few of my most memorable experiences with you. This way I hope to give you a better picture of the student life in Rotterdam.



Here I arrived and set my first footsteps on Rotterdam ground

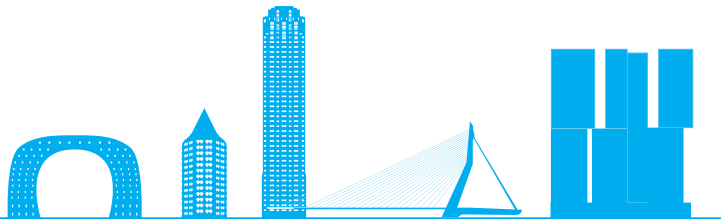


Studying at Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) means studying in the dynamic harbour city of Rotterdam, located in the Netherlands. Rotterdam offers the perfect location to embark on an international study career.

Study in

ROTTERDAM

In Rotterdam you'll find a lot of modern buildings, as much of the city was destroyed during World War II. Rotterdam is not only famous for its great architecture but also for its art. With more than 600,000 inhabitants, Rotterdam is the second largest city in the Netherlands.





Aleksandra – Russia

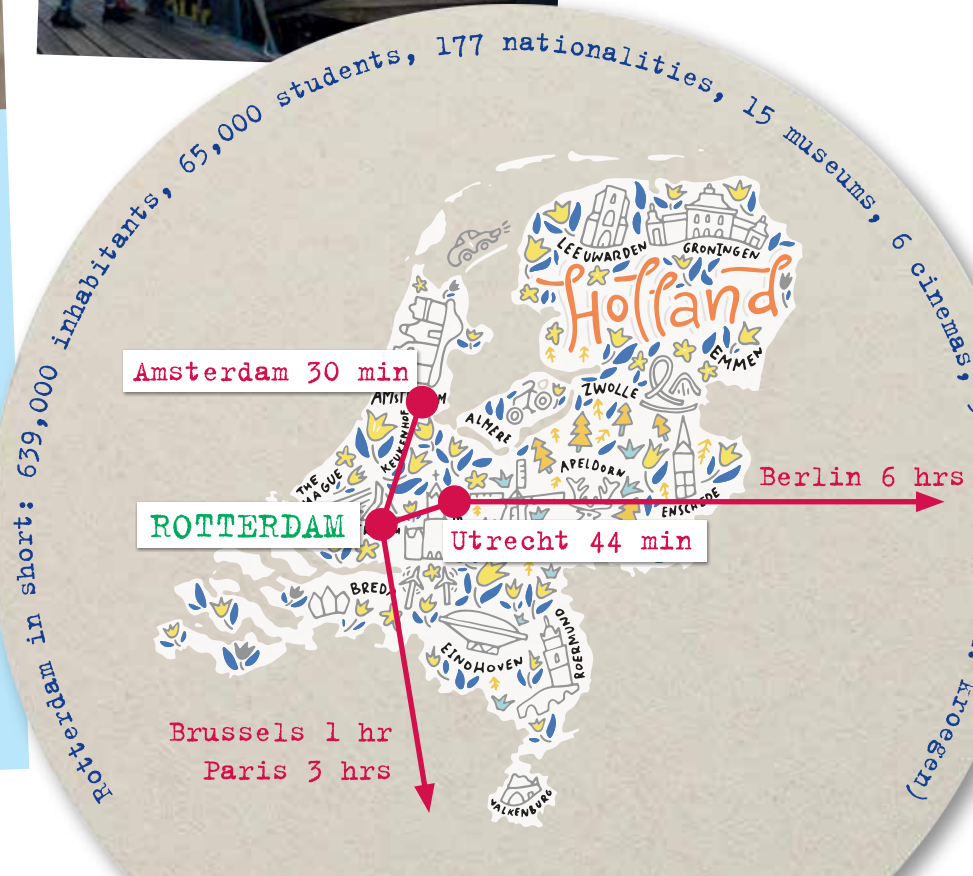
Logistics and Transport Management

Rotterdam gives me the impression of a completely new metropolis. Delicious food, smiling people and lots of birds that's my first impression. Rotterdam is also a combination of a business city, a cultural centre and a place where parties always take place.

Studying in Rotterdam means drinking coffee before morning classes, repeating Dutch words for classmates, running during breaks to Albert Heijn (supermarket) to buy sandwiches and wraps. And always take an umbrella and a waterproof suit with you.



Taking the watertaxi





Enjoying Rotterdam

The city's many festivals, concerts, museums and cafes make it a perfect study destination. Over the last few years different publications such as; The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and Lonely Planet have defined Rotterdam as a 'must visit' destination.

Find out for yourself and take this challenge by following one of our exchange programmes.



The Netherlands

Rotterdam is located in the Netherlands, also known as Holland. For decades the country's historical ties with other parts of the world has brought rich culture and ideas from abroad.

This makes the Netherlands a very tolerant and open-minded country. This openness is not only seen on a professional level, but also both socially and culturally. Therefore, the Netherlands is ideally suited for receiving students who seek to enrich their international knowledge.

17 million people live in an area of approximately 41,500 km², making the Netherlands one of the most densely populated countries in the world.



On a day trip to Amsterdam.



Dutch King's Day on April 27th.
The national colour is **ORANGE**.



The Netherlands is not known for sunny weather and scorching temperatures. However, when I arrived at the end of August, I had plenty of time to enjoy the sun. Even going into October! As the Netherlands is a small country, with fantastic public transportation, I went to the beach a few times, and occasionally took the train to Amsterdam and the Belgium capital, Brussels.



The wooden shoe, couldn't miss it!



International atmosphere

Although Dutch is the national language, most people also speak English. It is possible to survive without any Dutch language skills. However, learning Dutch is always a bonus, especially if you want to work in the Netherlands or truly integrate yourself during your stay.

Food you must try

Drop – The Dutch love liquorice - both the sweet and salty versions that are sold in all supermarkets.

Kaas – The Netherlands is famous for their cheese, such as: Gouda, Leerdammer and Maaslander.

Stroopwafels – Best when you buy them fresh at the market.

Oliebollen – Traditionally eaten on New Year's Eve. The best oliebollen in the Netherlands are sold in Rotterdam at Richard Visser's oliebollen stand.

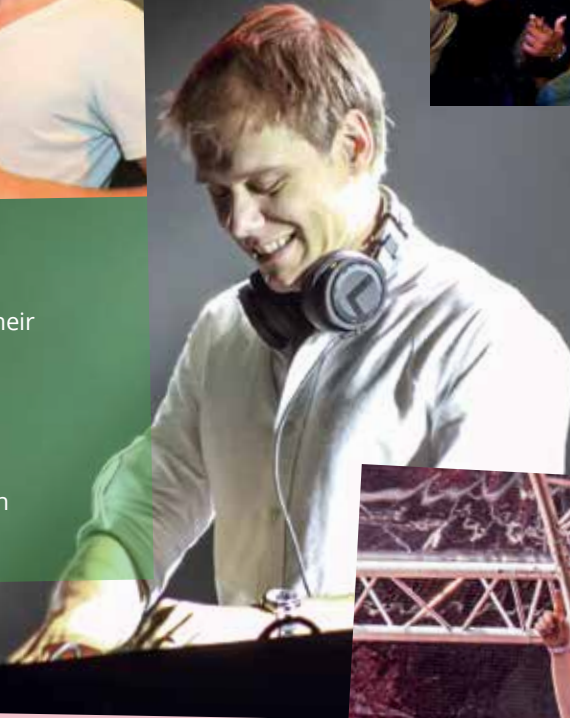


Eating stroopwafels @ Erasmus bridge



Music culture

Many high ranked DJs have their roots in the Netherlands. For example, Martin Garrix, Armin van Buuren, Hardwell and DJ Tiësto. All who have performed at the Flying Dutch Festival.



Studying at RUAS

Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) is one of the major Universities of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands.

Currently more than 37,000 students are working at RUAS on their professional future. We educate a diverse student population to enter professional careers, which will lead to working together with people of various cultures in an environment with an international character. Further details about our programmes can be found on our website rotterdamuas.com/programmes.



What is a University of Applied Sciences?

RUAS is a University of Applied Sciences. This means that our approach is very practical. We prepare students directly for specific professions. This means that our education is strongly focused on professional practice and more dedicated to applied research rather than scientific research.





Working on the project with our teacher.

Learning by doing

As RUAS wants to benefit from the internationally oriented city of Rotterdam, we strongly invest in relations with professional organisations, businesses and health care institutions in Rotterdam and its surroundings. These relationships generate many student projects and internships, which make it possible for you as a student to practice your knowledge and skills in a 'real life' setting. The good relationship with this network also enables us to continually attune our education to the needs of the labour market.



RUAS in a nutshell



1988 established



10 schools that offer courses in almost every sector; from education to business and communication to health care.



90 degree programmes for specific professional sectors



3500 lecturers



All our degree programmes are accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organisation (NVAO)



Your exchange at RUAS

Annually we welcome over 500 international students. We offer a wide range of exchange programmes. These programmes vary from business to health care and from engineering to communication.



In a short time I met young people from 30(!) countries, and we all are exchange students at RUAS. Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

A few of them would also like to tell you something about their experiences regarding the exchange programmes.

You can read Mariana's testimonial online:

rotterdamuas.com/exibms



Exchange programmes

Students from our partner universities can study in one of our programmes starting in September and February. The programmes are offered by different schools.

An overview of the most recent exchange programmes can be found on the inserts or online rotterdamuas.com/exchange. An overview of all our schools and their bachelor programmes can be found on page 22.



Josefina – Chili

Business Pressure Cooker

Hogeschool Rotterdam is a University of Applied Sciences that opens doors to relate, communicate and learn from others. What I really like is the way they teach, by letting us take the lead, through learning with and from each other.



Frederico – Italy

International Management
and Consultancy

At the start of our programme, we went to Charleroi, Belgium to meet the manager and some employees of ABB, a Swedish-Swiss multinational tech company. ABB presented their situation regarding client services and asked us to find different ways to offer better services to their clients. Every week we studied the company and thought about different solutions. At the end of the programme we presented in front of ABB and their managers graded us. This for me was a real-life experience.

Rafael – Curaçao

IBM exchange

I thought my programme, IBM exchange - minor Finance & Accounting - would just be about numbers, but I was mistaken. I had to work on actual problems of a company and do research on financial forms, assignments such as crowdfunding and how to get companies started, which are all in my opinion, extremely interesting. My advice: When you get an assignment, work on it! The lecturers will expect a lot from you. In the end, you will notice that you learned something new and that all the hard work was worth it.



Margarida – Portugal

Supply Chain Management

The programme I chose is a demanding one, with many things happening at the same time and with deadlines that need to be met. What I liked most was an online group game called “The Cool Connection” where students form a team to run a business. Each team member is responsible for a department (Supply Chain, Purchasing, Sales and Finance). This game gave me an insight on how a company works. The lesson I learned is the staff you hire can make or break a company.

Services



Our locations

RUAS has over 10 locations within the city of Rotterdam. There are many services which RUAS offers, such as comfortable and modern libraries, IT services, access to printers, PCs or laptop service support. Also, every location is equipped with a canteen. A few locations also have a grand cafe or a special coffee bar.



I like to go for a stroll around the city. A few of my friends bought a sports card for Erasmus sport (erasmussport.nl) which is close to the Kralingse Zoom campus. There you can try one of the 50 different sports, make use of professional trainers and instructors or join 1 of the 22 student sport associations. My friends do some fitness there, but when the weather is nice they prefer to go for a run. That way you can enjoy your sports and the skyline of Rotterdam at the same time..



Living in Rotterdam

Your finances will influence your standard of living and overall experience during your stay abroad. Therefore, it is important to draw up a budget for your basic needs and personal preferences. On average students spend between € 5000 and € 7000 per semester.

Housing

RUAS meets part of the demand for accommodation by international students. We have reserved approximately 220 furnished rooms at the largest provider of student housing (SSH) in the Netherlands. The registration opens after you have received your official Letter of Acceptance. More information about housing possibilities can be found on our website rotterdamuas.com/student-housing.



Monthly living expenses

Accommodation € 400 - € 600
Food € 150
Going out/sports € 100
Telephone € 30
Insurance € 80 - € 100
Gym membership € 20,00
(discounts every start of a new semester)
Public transportation € 40 - € 100
(one-way ticket (2hrs) € 3,50)





The view from my room

I really looked forward to the moment that I could study in Rotterdam, but at the same time it was very exciting and at some points also a bit scary. Will I find a place to stay? How will I survive living in an unknown country? And what do I do when I miss home? Luckily for me I settled down very nicely. When I missed home I took my bike and went to one of my favourite places; King Kong.



My free time



Having a drink at Witte de Withstraat



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Strolling through the Vroesenpark



Drinking coffee with friends at the cosy King Kong Hostel



Eating apple pie



Party time!



Festivals

As host city for the Summer Carnival, The City Racing, the World Port Days and the North Sea Jazz festival, Rotterdam is the ultimate festival city of the Netherlands. Every year there is the International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR). Besides these big events, other smaller festivals are also worth a visit. Rotterdam is lively all year round, hosting festivals and events that show the best of the city's international culture, sports and music.



Margarida: *My rented bike really brought me everywhere in Rotterdam and its surroundings.*

Bicycles

Studying in Rotterdam and not having a bicycle is possible. However, this way of transportation is the most common. As a student you can choose to buy or rent one. But if you invest in a bike you will get to know the surroundings faster and save money! There are special cycling lanes on almost every road.

Anastasia - Germany

My name is Anastasia, I am from Germany and did a full exchange year at RUAS. It is not an exaggeration to say that that year turned out to be the best one of my life!

During my exchange, I met so many amazing people from all over the world, attended some extremely practical and useful courses and founded my own student travel company: 'Wanderlust Student Trips'. We are now doing trips starting from Rotterdam and traveling to the whole of Europe.

Now, after two years, I am still visiting my friends in Mexico and Finland, which is great! So, I can honestly say that this experience has shaped my life.



Partner information

International cooperation

One of our main objectives is the establishment of an international network with foreign universities and education institutions. We believe that international cooperation strengthens both parties, as skills and experiences are shared and we learn from each other. In addition, opportunities can be created for partner students to learn to cooperate internationally during projects and student exchange. If you want more information about cooperation possibilities or staff mobility, email coia-exchange@hr.nl.



Projects

RUAS has several international cooperation programmes funded by the European Commission and the Dutch government. These projects range from educational cooperation, such as curriculum development or student and teacher exchange, to educational capacity building in developing countries. There are also national projects with external funding where RUAS works together with local companies creating solutions for practical challenges. With these projects we want to give our lecturers and students a chance to challenge themselves and to improve their skills in developing and executing international projects.

Short courses

Short courses are wonderful opportunities to learn about many topics in a shorter period of time. These courses are very practical and contribute to your knowledge and experience. RUAS offers a few different short courses every year. Read more about these courses online rotterdamuas.com/short-courses.

Research opens up great opportunities

As a University of Applied Sciences we are strongly focused on the implementation of professional practice. Through joint efforts between research, education and work in the field, real life and complex situations are examined and tackled. Students, lecturers and professors work together with professional organisations on solutions

We focus our research activities on 5 themes:

- ▶ Business Innovation
- ▶ Creating 010
- ▶ Innovations in Care
- ▶ Sustainable Port Cities
- ▶ Urban Talent



More information about our research centres can be found on our website rotterdamuas.com/research.



International events

The international atmosphere that you find in the city is also represented in our extra-curricular activities. All year round RUAS organises various events e.g.:

- ▶ International weeks accompanied by companies, workshops and lectures.
- ▶ International projects abroad
- ▶ Case competitions
- ▶ International Business game

During these events you can feel and experience the international vibe. Each of these events are hosted by different schools within RUAS.

Overview degree programmes

The list below shows an overview of all our degree programmes. Most programmes are only offered in Dutch. However, some programmes offer part of the programme in English in order to enable student exchange, short stay programmes, projects or internships.

ROTTERDAM BUSINESS SCHOOL *

- ▶ Bachelor of Accountancy
- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration
- ▶ Bachelor of Business IT & Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Entrepreneurship & Retail Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Finance & Control
- ▶ Bachelor of Finance, Tax and Advice
- ▶ Bachelor of Human Resource Management
- ▶ Bachelor of International Business **
- ▶ Bachelor of Marketing Management
- ▶ Master in Consultancy and Entrepreneurship **
- ▶ Master in Finance and Accounting **
- ▶ Master in Logistics Management **

At Rotterdam Business School the following schools of RUAS have combined their strengths: School of Commercial Management Studies, School of Financial Management, School of Management studies and Rotterdam Business School.

ROTTERDAM MAINPORT INSTITUTE *

- ▶ Bachelor of Chemical Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Logistics Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Maritime Officer
- ▶ Bachelor of Maritime Technology

SCHOOL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT *

- ▶ Bachelor of Architecture and Construction Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Facility Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Logistics Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Real Estate Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Spatial Development
- ▶ Bachelor of Water Management
- ▶ Master of Architecture
- ▶ Master of River Delta Development
- ▶ Master of Urbanism

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *

- ▶ Bachelor of Communication
- ▶ Bachelor of Communication & Multimedia Design
- ▶ Bachelor of Computer Science
- ▶ Bachelor of Creative Media and Game Technologies
- ▶ Bachelor of Information Technology

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION *

- ▶ Bachelor of Education in Primary Schools (age 4 - 12)
- ▶ Bachelor of Teacher Education in:
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ Biology
 - ▶ German

- ▶ General Economics & Finance and Control
- ▶ English
- ▶ French
- ▶ History
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Dutch
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Master of Learning and Innovation

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE *

- ▶ Bachelor of Automotive
- ▶ Bachelor of Biology & Medical Laboratory Research
- ▶ Bachelor of Chemistry
- ▶ Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Health Technology
- ▶ Bachelor of Industrial Design Engineering
- ▶ Bachelor of Industrial Engineering & Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

SCHOOL OF HEALTH CARE STUDIES *

- ▶ Bachelor of Allied Medical Care
- ▶ Bachelor of Health Care Management
- ▶ Bachelor of Midwifery
- ▶ Bachelor of Nursing
- ▶ Bachelor of Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- ▶ Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy
- ▶ Bachelor of Teacher Education in Welfare and Health Care
- ▶ Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
- ▶ Master of Manual Therapy Health Care
- ▶ Master of Pediatric Physiotherapy
- ▶ Master Physician Assistant
- ▶ Master of Sport Physiotherapy

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

- ▶ Bachelor of Social Work
- ▶ Master Human and Organizational Behavior
- ▶ Master of Educational Theory

WILLEM DE KOONING ACADEMY *

- ▶ Bachelor of Fine Art*
- ▶ Bachelor of Fine Art and Design in Education **
- ▶ Bachelor of Leisure & Events Management **

- ▶ Bachelor of Design **
- ▶ Master of Design**
- ▶ Master of Arts in Fine Art and Design **
- ▶ Master of Interior Architecture
- ▶ Master of Education in Arts **

ROTTERDAM ACADEMY

- ▶ Associate degree Accountancy
- ▶ Associate degree Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Associate degree Crossmedial Communication
- ▶ Associate degree Engineering
- ▶ Associate degree Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Associate degree Health Care Management
- ▶ Associate degree ICT Internet of Things
- ▶ Associate degree ICT Service Management
- ▶ Associate degree Integral Construction Management
- ▶ Associate degree Logistics Management
- ▶ Associate degree Maintenance & Mechanics
- ▶ Associate degree Management
- ▶ Associate degree Pedagogical Educational Professional
- ▶ Associate degree Sales and Account Management
- ▶ Associate degree Social Financial Services

* Schools which offer an exchange programme in English

** Full degree English taught programmes

Practical and Enrolment information

Centre of International Affairs

The Centre of International Affairs (CoIA) is the department within our institution that provides support to international students and staff. We help you with your application and give advices about partnerships and international projects.

Application deadlines

Fall semester Between 1 Apr and 1 May
Spring semester Between 1 Oct and 1 Nov
Apply via our website rotterdamuas.com/apply-exchange

Student ambassadors

Our Student Ambassadors can provide a valuable insight into the life of international students in Rotterdam as well as of your studies in RUAS. They are a diverse group of students from many corners of the world, with a broad outlook of issues that international students might face on arrival. Feel free to contact them for questions about public transportation, campus facilities, the city of Rotterdam and other tips on studying in the Netherlands.

Email coia-studentambassadors@hr.nl

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