Where your journey in the Netherlands starts!

Fontys

› **FOR SOCIETY**

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Meet some of our students

Aleksandra

- Age & Nationality: 20, Bulgarian
- Study programme: International Business
- Study year: 2nd year
- Location: Venlo
- Something about me:

"In my free time I love to listen to music, to read books and to meet with family and friends."

Sara

- Age & Nationality: 26, German
- Study programme: Circus and Performance Art
- Study year: 2nd year
- Location: Tilburg, Academy of the Arts
- Something about me:

"In my free time, I love to be in nature and go for walks while listening to podcasts or audiobooks. When I am with other people, I really love playing card games or cooking together."

Erwan

- Age & Nationality: 19, Irish
- Study programme: Physiotherapy
- Study year: 1st year
- Location: Eindhoven, Rachelsmolen
- Something about me:

"I enjoy reading, going to the gym and making food."

Putri

- Age & Nationality: 23, Indonesian
- Study programme: Industrial Engineering and Management
- Study year: 4th year
- Location: Eindhoven, Nexus
- Something about me:

" I love trying new restaurants, so I like culinary so much. I also love watching movies and series. I love playing violin and adore Andre Rieu, who I saw live in Maastricht."

Iustin

- Age & Nationality: 23, Romanian
- Study programme: Master of Applied IT
- Study year: master student
- Location: Eindhoven, High Tech Campus Eindhoven
- Something about me:

"I enjoy playing video games and going out. Additionally, I do have an affinity towards cars and planes and I am an active follower of motorsports."

Why the Netherlands?

Sara
"I chose to apply in the Netherlands because it is close to my home country Germany (both geographically and culturally), and because I had friends who studied here and enjoyed their time."

Putri
"Before, I considered the UK, but as it is hard to be accepted in the university I want and the UK is expensive, I searched for other countries where the majority of people speak English but are not as expensive as the UK and that's when I found the Netherlands."

Iustin
"I chose to study in the Netherlands because of the applied studies and how they are structured in this country. Also, because of the welcoming nature of this country with foreigners. You don't really need to know the language."

The Netherlands

1 Safe country

2 Centrally located in Europe

3 Internationally oriented

4 Offers applied education

5 The majority of people speak English

6 Good accessibility

7 Well-developed public transport network

8 It's easy to find a side/part time job

Applied VS research

In the Netherlands, universities are divided into universities of applied sciences and research universities, both offering bachelor's and master's degrees.

University of applied sciences	Research university
Focus on practical application Emphasises the practical application of knowledge, preparing you for specific professions or industries.	**Focus on research** Prioritise academic research and the creation of new knowledge. They emphasise theoretical and abstract concepts.
Skill-based learning Teaching methods are hands-on, focusing on practical skills and real-world applications. Internships and work placements are often mandatory, giving you direct experience in your field. You create impact for society.	**Knowledge-based learning** The teaching style includes lectures, seminars, and independent study. You'll engage in critical thinking, analysis, and develop a deep theoretical understanding of your subjects and will generate new knowledge.
Career path Graduates from universities of applied sciences are well-prepared for specific professions and industries. The focus is on skills immediately useful in the workforce, helping you jumpstart your career.	**Research path** Graduates from research universities often pursue careers in academia, research, or fields that require strong theoretical foundations. This path is ideal if you're interested in contributing to discoveries and advancing knowledge in your field.
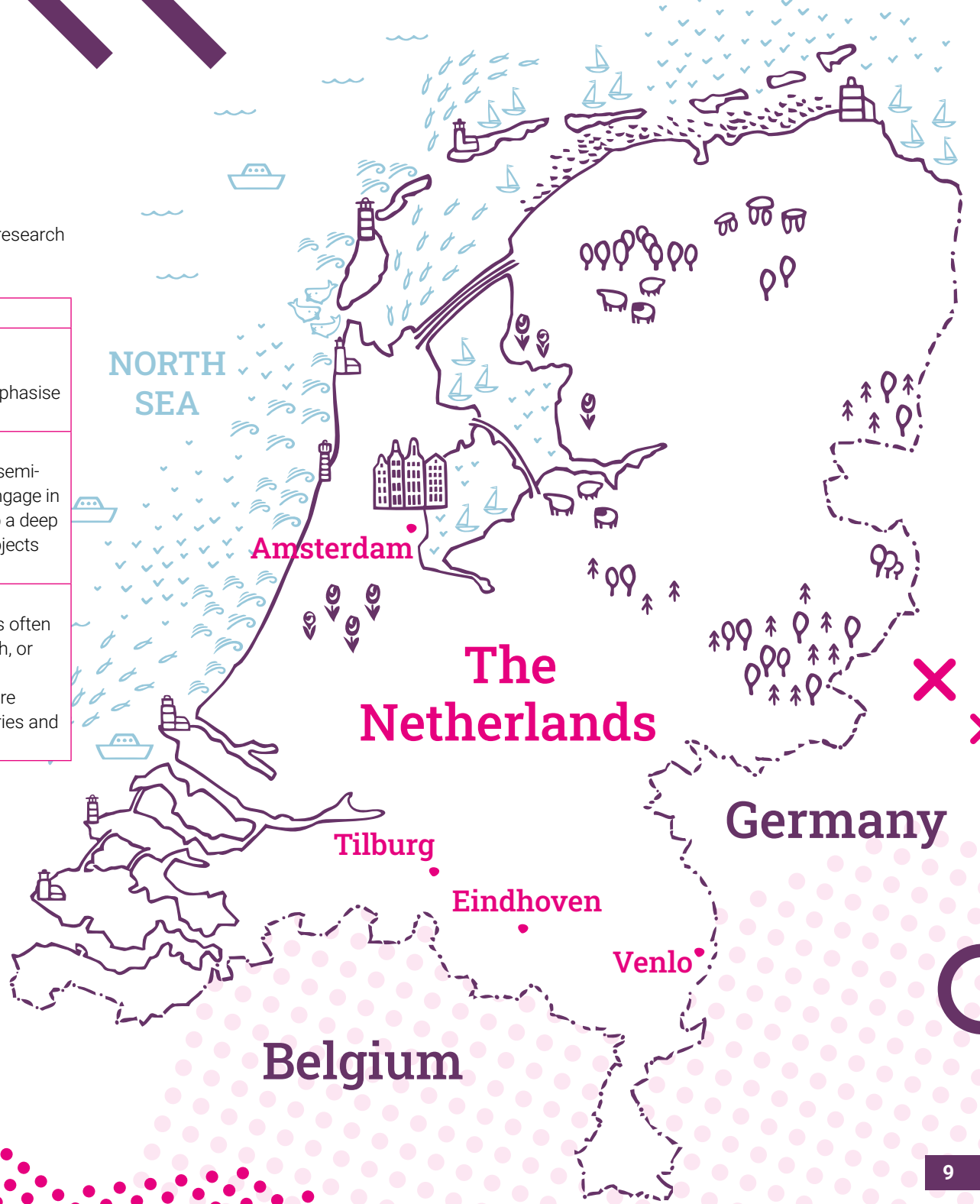
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Venlo ············ 🚆 ········· Eindhoven   **40 min**

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NORTH SEA

Amsterdam

The Netherlands

Germany

Tilburg

Eindhoven

Venlo

Belgium

Eindhoven

Brainport Eindhoven

Brainport - Europe's leading region for innovation and top-flight technology

Eindhoven is at the heart of the European centre of science and technology known as the Brainport region. Eindhoven is a genuine student city that offers a wide array of student facilities. It is the fifth largest city in the Netherlands and is hallmarked by industrial development, through its ties with Philips, ASML, DAF and numerous other high-tech companies that have long acted as a magnet for knowledge workers and students from abroad.

Why Eindhoven?
- 32.000 students are currently studying in Eindhoven
- The city is located in the centre of the high-tech and design region of Brainport
- A lot of opportunities for talents with a passion for technology and innovation
- Eindhoven is centrally located in Europe and easily accessible via Eindhoven Airport

Design capital

What makes Brainport unique:
- Technological & innovative region
- Monthly +3000 tech & IT jobs
- Opportunities to work in key technologies
- Career development & professional growth
- A well-connected hub at your fingertips

> **brainporteindhoven.com/en**

Glow Festival

Iustin

"I live and study in Eindhoven, and I really appreciate the city's efficiency. Everything is easily accessible by public transport or bike. It's not the most beautiful city in the Netherlands, but it has its advantages. It's very student-friendly and offers many opportunities for work in the tech sector. Plus, if you want to travel, there's an airport and a well-connected train station. Another great aspect of Eindhoven is the constant stream of events, from major ones like Dutch Design Week and Glow Festival to parties in the various clubs around town. One of my favourite places is the Down Town Gourmet Market, where you can sample a wide variety of dishes from different cuisines worldwide."

Several museums

Campuses:
- Rachelsmolen - ICT & Software Engineering, Allied Health Sciences and Communication & Economics
- TQ - Where students, innovators, researchers and engineers create the technologies and businesses of tomorrow
- Nexus - Home of all Engineering & Applied Science programmes in Eindhoven

Central station

Tilburg

Campuses:
• Fontys Academy of the Arts - all our art programmes
• Stappegoor - Communications & Creative industries programmes

The home of creativity, arts and business
Tilburg is a dynamic city that offers a raft of cultural events and is the home to a progressive, creative community. With a population of just over 214,000, Tilburg is the sixth-largest city in the Netherlands. Its down-to-earth residents are well used to an influx of foreigners. Tilburg is currently experiencing explosive growth in numbers of international students and expats, all lured to the city by the many multinationals based there, including Coca-Cola, Tesla, FUJIFILM, Sony, Ericsson, Schenker Logistics and the creative and cultural partners.

Biggest fun fair of the Benelux

Why Tilburg?
• 30.000 students are currently studying in Tilburg
• Down to earth, creative place with a lot of space for makers
• Tilburg is one of the greenest cities in the Netherlands
• The city has several museums and music venues that are well-known internationally

Music festivals

Sara
"I live in Tilburg and it's very nice for students. It is relatively cheap compared to many other big cities and you can bike a lot. There is a market every week which is great for cheap food shopping and there are many nice cultural events, such as concerts, or performances, also there are two nice lakes in which you can go swimming in the summer."

Piushaven (harbour)

Spoorzone

Cozy centre

Venlo

Where Business, Logistics and Technology come together
The entrepreneurial spirit and engineering power of Venlo are widely recognised in the high-tech, sustainability, agro-production, innovation, and retail sectors. The area is also known as Greenport, a sustainable hub. The city, located close to the border with Germany, is renowned as a logistics hotspot, because of the presence of companies like Amway, Canon, and Viking, combined with world-leading businesses such as Michael Kors, Herbalife, DHL and UPS.

What makes Greenport Unique?
• Sustainable & innovative region
• Opportunities to work in substantial economic developments
• Career development & professional growth
• An accessible logistics hub at your fingertips

Home to logistics

Historic buildings

Why Venlo?
• 3,500 Fontys students are currently studying in Venlo, which makes us a small-scale and personal campus
• Many different nationalities are studying in Venlo, with the opportunity to collect even more international experience during your studies
• Our practical approach supports networking with sustainable companies in the region
• Situated close to the German border

City hall

Campuses:
• International Campus Venlo - Logistics, IT and business programmes

Aleksandra
"Venlo is a nice, calm and most of the time quiet town. I like that everything is nearby. Here in Venlo, you can walk to all the places that you need to be, because the distances are not that big. There is very convenient public transport from the city centre to the university. One of my favourite places is the university because it is located at the end of the town, there you can feel connected to nature. Around the university, there is very small river, a lot of trees and free space that is not built up with houses. Venlo is a student-friendly town, here there are a lot of students. People are very open to internationals and always happy to help. There are nice restaurants, cafes and bars in the city centre and the ones that I have been to are not that expensive."

> **greenportvenlo.eu**

Why Fontys?

Erwan
"Fontys offered courses in English, and I had a great experience during the open day at the start of last year. It helped me decide that this was the right place for my studies."

Practical orientation
Study programmes at Fontys focus on practical hands-on learning. This way, we prepare you for your future career.

Industry integration
We collaborate closely with industries and businesses in the region, to ensure valuable internships and thesis work, real-world projects, and networking with professionals in the field.

Focus on soft skills
Besides academic knowledge, Fontys focuses on developing soft skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership. These skills are crucial for success in professional settings.

Student support services
Fontys offers various support services to students, including academic advising, counselling, and (mental) health resources, within a personalised education system where small classes ensure that lecturers know you by name.

Intercultural experience
As a student, you have several opportunities to broaden your intercultural horizon. Participate in one of the intercultural activities on campus, or go abroad for your minor or internship.

Sara
"The best thing at Fontys is the community and the people. In the circus programme we go through tough times a lot, but we are never alone. With being involved in school life, going to see performances, going swimming in the lake, and visiting the market together it is almost harder not to make friends."

Putri
"I chose Fontys because of the opportunities in the Brainport region. It's a great place for students without a strong science background to study. I like how Fontys allows students to do internships or projects with companies, giving us real experience on how office work looks like."

Iustin
"I chose Fontys because of their applied sciences programmes as I am a person who learns better by doing stuff rather than rehearsing the theory. I also like the opportunities that Fontys presents with the partners in education that they have or with the various events they organise (Career days, IT Festival, Night of the Nerds)."
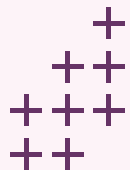
Fontys in numbers

3	**120**
3 cities where Fontys is located	Students of more than 120 different nationalities
5,600	**3,700**
Staff members of whom 3,700 lectures & educational coaches	Lectures and educational coaches
43,000	**5,300**
5,300 international students in a total community of 43,000 students	5.320 international students
105	**12**
We offer 105 bachelor's programmes of which 24 are English spoken	We offer 12 master's programmes of which 10 are English spoken

Fontys support

Every Fontys campus is equipped with state-of-the-art learning facilities including group and individual workstations, excellent IT support, research laboratories, libraries and restaurants.

Erwan
"I think the facilities at Fontys are very modern and catch the interest of their students as well as creating a vibrant environment to connect with fellow students."

Fresh at Fontys
When you register at Fontys, you'll get access to an entire website full of information about successfully starting your studies. Practical tips on what to prepare, study associations to join and events to participate in. All information can be found: **fontys.nl/en/freshatfontys**

Fontys Helps
Fontys Helps offers various workshops, trainings and events to improve your skills, your mindset or join the community. You can find more information and guidance if you're struggling with a learning disability or if you would like to set up a meeting with a counsellor or a psychologist. More information: **fontys.nl/en/helps**

Student services
Our international student service will help you with your application procedures and getting settled, so you feel at home as soon as possible. Every international student is also linked to a student coach. They will help you with (study) questions and offer useful tips and advice, whenever necessary.

Introduction week 'Purple'
The week before the start of studies is filled with various events where you get to know your peers, campus, facilities and the city. Each year we have a big festival on Thursday, and an international welcome barbecue on Friday!

Aleksandra
"Purple created the opportunity to meet a lot of my future classmates and we had a lot of activities planned. The most interesting of all was the Purple Festival. I had a lot of fun during this week."

Bachelor programmes

We offer a broad scope of bachelor's programmes, but all of them have a similar construction. Would you like to know more about a specific programme? Look at our website: **fontys.nl/en/study-at-fontys/ programmes**

Four-year bachelor's programme
Year 1: Explore
Year 2: Focus
Year 3: Internship & minor
Year 4: Final specialisation

Iustin
"Fontys provides you with internship offers from their partners in education and helps you with events such as Career days."

Internships
One of the most exciting parts of studying at a university of applied science is your internship. This way you will get hands-on experience, learn more about yourself, build a network and boost your CV!

Minor
The minor is the part of your bachelor's programme in which you are free to choose the courses you want to study. With a minor, you can choose a completely different field of study, or specialise in your field. It gives a personal touch to your education. You can:
• stay at Fontys
• go to another Dutch university of applied sciences
• go abroad at one of our 100+ partner universities all over the world

Aleksandra
"I will be going to the American University in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria for my minor. I am very excited to go there, to see the programmes and to combine it with going home for one semester."

Did you know that after completing a bachelor's degree from Fontys, you can choose to pursue a master's degree at Fontys, another university of applied sciences, or a research university?

Master programmes

Are you looking to deepen or broaden your professional knowledge? Fontys offers master's programmes that combine hands-on education with real-world experience. You'll link research to practice, applying what you learn directly to your profession. Plus, you'll benefit from our large network of partners, giving you lots of opportunities to collaborate and grow during your studies.

Would you like to know more about a specific programme? Look at our website: **fontys.nl/en/study-at-fontys/programmes**

Iustin
"I decided to pursue a master's degree after my bachelor's because I wanted to enhance my research skills and saw it as a valuable addition to my undergraduate education."

	Master at Fontys University Of Applied Sciences	Master at a research university
Content	Acquire more in-depth knowledge of a specific profession	Specific specialisation and training in research methods
Final part	A thesis or final project, with an emphasis on applied research	Research focused thesis
Admission requirements	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree and premaster
Target group	Students of all ages	Students who just finished their bachelor's degree
Diploma/ title	• Master of Arts (MA) • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • Master of Science (MSc)	• Master of Arts (MA) • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • Master of Science (MSc)

Admission

Admission
Specific admission requirements and application procedures apply to each study programme. Please refer to the study programme of your choice for further instructions, **fontys.nl/en/home**. You can apply for enrolment via the Dutch website **studielink.nl**.

Timeline

① Study orientation

② Application (through Studielink)

③ Submit the required files

④ Enter your payment information in Studielink

⑤ Arrange housing and other important matters

⑥ Meet your fellow students (Purple introduction week)

⑦ Start study programme
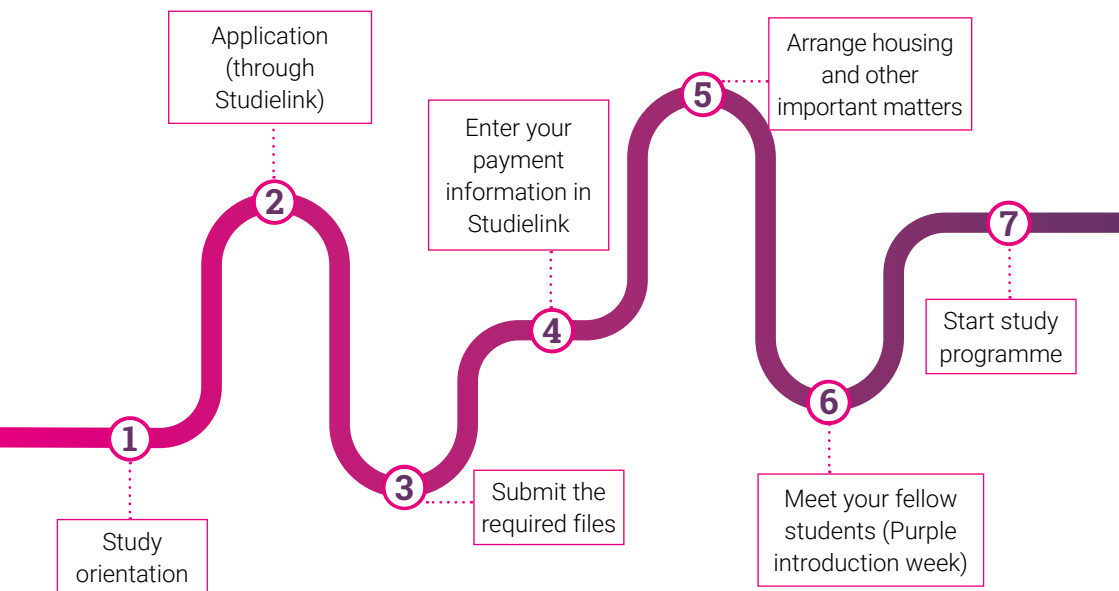
Putri
"I received emails with clear instructions, and it was easy to follow the process."

Language requirements

Fontys has set minimum language requirements for all programmes conducted in English. To prove that you meet these requirements, you will be asked to send one of the English language certificates, as shown in the table below.

Test	Overall score
IELTS Academic	≥ 6,0
Cambridge	≥ 169
TOEFL IBT	≥ 80

Note: There are several exceptions to this table, look at **fontys.nl/en/enrolment** for more information.

Sara
"English is sufficient in everyday life. Sometimes you meet people, and they are annoyed you don't speak Dutch, but the vast majority of people are very friendly and helpful and speak perfect English."

Costs

Tuition fees
Tuition fees Fontys tuition fees indicator helps you to determine the tuition rate for your situation. More information:
fontys.nl/en/tuitionfees.

Please check information about tuition fees per master's programme at:
fontys.nl/en/masters.

**EXAMPLE
Monthly expenses of a student**

Expense	Cost
Rent	€ 400-800
Groceries	€ 150-200
Health Insurance	€ 130
Other	€ 320-370
Total	€ 1000-1500

Iustin
"Cook for yourself and follow discounts and offers at the supermarket."

Putri
"There are many part-time job options to add some hustle money."

Erwan
"I got a place in Eindhoven through an apartment website. Beware of scams on Facebook."

Accommodation

Sara
"I found housing in Tilburg through other people."

Aleksandra
"It is not easy to find accommodation in Venlo, however, it is not impossible. You must be patient and my advice is to start a little bit earlier. I started in March and found my accommodation in May. My monthly expenses are around 1000 - 1100 euro."

Before starting your studies at Fontys, you have to find suitable housing. Unfortunately it is difficult to find accommodation in the Netherlands. Start your accommodation search early.

How do I get accommodation?

Step 1
• Apply via Fontys (check **fontys.nl/en/accommodation**)

Step 2
• Search by yourself
• Start your search early
• Use (trusted) housing agencies

Step 3
• Expand your search (don't fear a commute, public transport is great!)
• Look for friends to live together

fontys.nl/en/accommodation

Information for parents & caregivers

Many children today look beyond their home countries for university, inspired by TV shows or a fascination with different cultures. Studying abroad offers an amazing opportunity for growth and cultural learning. As a parent or carer, you want to ensure your child reaches their full potential and is happy at university. Starting university is a big step for both of you, especially if your child will study abroad.

How can you support your child during the study choice process?

Have an open conversation with your child, below are some questions you can ask:

1. What makes you happy?

2. What is something you're good at?

3. What gives you energy?

4. What is something that you don't want to do?

Visit **fontys.nl/en/parents** for more information.

Sara
"Once I was accepted my mom and I drove all my stuff here in a big van and she helped me move in."

Interview with Gaby, Sara's mom, about Fontys:

Where did you first learn about Fontys?
"My daughter Sara told me she would apply for Fontys. So I visited the homepage, which presents clear and extensive information."

Were you involved in Sara's study choice?
"Sara spoke to me about her intention but decided on her own."

Were you worried about sending Sara to study abroad?
"I wasn't worried, because I am usually an optimistic person. In studying in the Netherlands I see no obstacles, that can't be overcome."

Have you visited Sara in Tilburg?
"Yes, Sara showed me around. Yes, I love to be in Tilburg. It's a very liveable city with guest-friendly people. If possible I visit my daughter's performances, usually staying for one night, being invited to my daughter's shared apartment. It is always a pleasure to see her accommodations and meet her roommates. There are also nice Airbnb Rooms in Tilburg. I tried that too. Tilburg and Fontys are good places to be."

What advice would you give to other parents?
"Trust your child! You brought up a wonderful person, self-confident, able to master their life, and - if necessary- able to ask for support."

Engineering

Curious about technology, processes, and love designing products and systems? An engineering programme could be perfect for you. Engineering is a broad field with endless job opportunities. You'll learn to create products, solve problems and understand the function and purpose of technology. Your outcome will be a specific product or solution, ready for the real world.

Bachelor programmes
Science & Mathematics
• Applied Mathematics - Data Science
• Applied Physics
• Applied Science - Chemistry & Chemical Technology

Engineering
• Automotive Engineering
• Electrical and Electronic Engineering
• Industrial Design Engineering
• Industrial Engineering and Management
• Logistics Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering
• Mechatronics

Master programmes
• Master Digital Technology Engineering
• Master System Design

Your future profession
• Automotive engineer
• Data Scientist
• Designer of robotic aids for people with disabilities
• Designer of high-tech equipment
• Engineer
• Logistic manager
• Manager Operations
• Supply Chain Manager
• System Architect
• Project manager
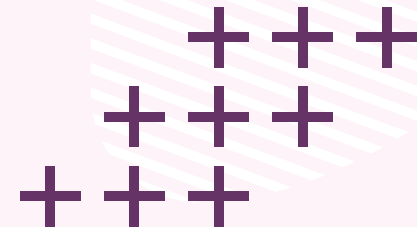
**fontys.nl/en/
studyengineering**

ICT and Software Engineering

Discover innovation with Fontys' Bachelor in ICT and Software Engineering. Master diverse ICT subjects, develop technical and social skills, and work on real company projects. Enjoy dynamic learning environment, personal coaching, internships, and a significant graduation project. Shape tomorrow's technology today!

Bachelor programmes
We offer a lot of different tracks, so you can tailor your educational experience to your interests!

ICT: Information & Communication Technology
• Artificial Intelligence
• Business
• Cyber Security
• Education
• Future Innovators
• Game Design and Technology
• Infrastructure
• Media Design
• Smart Industry and IoT
• Smart Mobile
• Software Engineering
• Technology

• Academic Preparation
• Associate Degree ICT
• Open Learning Semester

Information Technology
• Business Informatics
• Cyber Security
• Data Science / Artificial Intelligence (AI)
• Embedded Systems
• Software Engineering

Master
• Master Applied IT

Your future profession
• Artificial Intelligence Expert
• Business Intelligence Consultant
• Cloud Engineer
• Cyber Security Specialist
• Front-end Developer
• Game Developer
• Embedded Software Engineer
• Software Developer
• User Experience designer

fontys.nl/en/studyict

Allied Health Professions

Are you independent, brave, helpful, organised, and fascinated by the human body? If so, consider a career in healthcare. This field offers diverse opportunities to make a positive impact on people's lives and society.

How do we ensure together that good health and care remain feasible and affordable? This requires a shift in our thinking: a shift from illness and care to health and behaviour. Within this context, Allied Health Professions, Physiotherapy and Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy, focuses on fair opportunities for a healthy life for all. The ambition for Allied health is for everyone to have a fair chance of a healthy life. To achieve this, we work together with care organisations, government, industry, citizens and other knowledge partners. We take a broad view on health: it is also about prevention, healthy behaviour, lifestyle and skills. We focus on technical and social innovation. We connect education, research and practice. From that role, we drive research and innovation and bring parties together.

Bachelor programmes
• Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
• Physiotherapy

Your future profession
• Physiotherapist
• Medical imaging and radiotherapy expert

**fontys.nl/en/
studyalliedhealth**

fontys.nl/en/studylogistics

Logistics

Studying logistics goes beyond transport, planning, and warehousing. It equips you with skills to improve the world. How do you prevent overproduction and reduce waste? How can 3D printing make supply chains more sustainable and reduce waste? Our students have found smart ways to decrease package volume and CO2 emissions. With a logistics programme, you can discover many ways to make a positive impact. Explore the possibilities and make a difference!

Bachelor programmes
• Logistics Engineering
• Logistics Management

Master programmes
Our Logistics master's programmes are a collaboration between Fontys Venlo and University of Plymouth (UK) and have three variants:
• Master of International Logistics and Supply Chain Management
• Master of Science International Procurement and Supply Chain Management
• Master of Science Operations and Supply Chain Management

Your future profession
• Warehouse manager
• Supply chain manager
• Unit manager
• Operations manager
• Project manager
• Logistics manager
• Global buyer
• Consultant
• Lecturer
• Researcher
• Logistics Engineer

Business, Economics, Marketing & Communication

Are you curious about the world of business? Fontys offers a wide range of study programmes in business. From general business programmes giving you a helicopter overview of what is going on in the international business field, to more specialised study programmes, focussing on specific terrains like marketing, financing or communication.

Bachelor programmes
- Communication - International Communication Management
- Finance & Control
- International Business
- Logistics Management
- Marketing Management - Digital Business Concepts
- Marketing Management
- Trend Research & Concept Creation in Lifestyle

Master programmes
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Business and Management
- Master of Science in Finance

Your future profession
- Independent entrepreneur
- Accountant
- Project manager
- Head of administration
- Manager
- Marketing manager
- Sales manager
- Communications manager
- Consultant
- Online marketer
- Financial advisor
- Financial Controller
- Business Controller
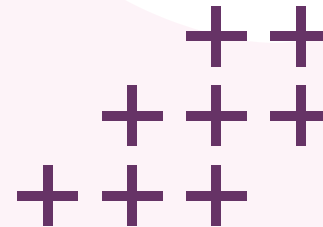
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Performance Arts

Fontys Academy of the Arts in Tilburg, offers professional education at Bachelor's and Master's levels in performing arts, design, and art education. Our primary goal is nurturing creative talent. With 17 diverse art programmes all under one roof, we provide a unique and experimental learning environment. Here, you'll gain the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving art landscape. Join us and explore your artistic potential.

Bachelor programmes
• Circus and Performance Art
• Dance - Dance Arts in Context
• Music - Music and Performing Arts

Master programmes
• Master Architecture
• Master Choreography
• Master of Music
• Master Performing Public Space
• Master Urbanism

Your future profession
• Contemporary circus artist
• Professional dancer
• Choreographer
• Musician
• (Creative) Producer
• Composer / creator
• Performance artist
• Music, theatre or dance teacher
• Architect
• Urban designer
• Project manager / policy maker

fontys.nl/en/studyarts

Study orientation activities

Aleksandra
"Talk to your fellow students and your coaches about what you are going through, most of them had been there, or are there at the same time."

To help you during study orientation, we offer various orientation activities.

General information session
The general information sessions are online events, where we tell you more about Fontys, our broad scope of programmes, how to get accommodation and more. Students also talk about their life as a Fontys student.

Study programme information sessions
Study programme information sessions are online events, where lecturers and students will tell you all about the curriculum of the study programme, projects, internships, and career opportunities.

Open days
Open days are on-campus events. Students and lecturers will show you around and tell you everything you need to know about our programmes, student life in the Netherlands, and Fontys in general.

Experience days
During experience days, you can feel what being a student is like. We host both online and offline experience events, which differ per programme.

❯ **fontys.nl/en/meetus**

Iustin
"I chose my study programme after a lot of consideration and comparisons of other studies at different universities in the Netherlands, at the end of which I chose Fontys."

Sara
"Once you decide where you are going, fully commit and try it out. You can always change your mind again and you have more time than you think you do, but you never know if something is right for you if you don't give it a real chance. No school or course or university is perfect, they are all very different, and some work better for you than others do."

Student ambassadors
We hope you feel more
informed about Fontys after
reading this brochure. Do you
still have questions about
studying in the Netherlands, Fontys,
or student life in general? Ask our student
ambassadors, they are happy to help!

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