

# AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



**Amsterdam**  
Netherlands

# KEY FACTS

**Subject Area** Architectural Technology, Business, Engineering, Law, ICT and Journalism

**Language** Language of instruction at AUAS is English. Minimum English language proficiency level of B2 required.

## Academic Calendar

Semester 1	End of August to Late January
Semester 2	End of January to Beginning of July

**Module Catalogue** Have a look through [the module catalogue](#) for modules available to exchange students.

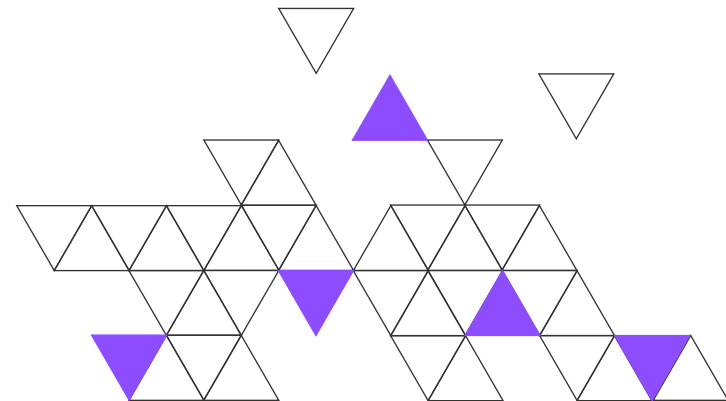
**Financial Support** As a UK Erasmus student, you are entitled to receive an [Erasmus Grant](#) for your time away at a participating Erasmus institution.

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# AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam is one of the greatest small cities in the world. From Amsterdam canals to world-famous Amsterdam museums and historical Amsterdam sights, it is one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe. Amsterdam is also a city of tolerance and diversity.

Amsterdam is a multicultural, multilingual and a student-friendly city in which English is generally understood and spoken. The city has an attractive business climate for a multitude of leading international companies that have their headquarters in Amsterdam, including ABN-AMRO, Heineken, TomTom and Philips. At the same time, Amsterdam is a creative and innovative hotspot and a hotbed for new ideas, with many opportunities for start-up businesses. Amsterdam is a historic city with a long academic tradition and is a city that thrives on its innumerable cultures, nationalities and ethnicities. Our global exchange programme gives you the opportunity to experience a global perspective and become crossculturally versatile. You will feel at home in no time.

Amsterdam is a compact metropolis, and not only in terms of business. Much to everyone's convenience, everything within Amsterdam can be easily reached by bicycle or the city's excellent public transport system. Amsterdam's central location, with easy access to Schiphol Airport and the Port of Amsterdam, makes it the ideal gateway to Europe. Brussels, Paris, Madrid, London and Berlin can all be reached within a few of hours.

**MORE  
INFO**

[timeout.com](https://www.timeout.com)  
[amsterdam.info](https://www.amsterdam.info)  
[iamsterdam.com](https://www.iamsterdam.com)



**Population** 850,000  
**Currency** Euro €  
**Time difference** GMT+1

# AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Hogeschool van Amsterdam (HvA)



The Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS) is based in Amsterdam, which is a cosmopolitan city where 175 different nationalities live and work together and where the English language is largely spoken. The city is a hotbed of education and research in all conceivable areas: culture and society, trade, logistics, aviation, shipping, ICT, sports, healthcare, education and much more. At AUAS we take full advantage of this wealth of opportunities in order to provide the best possible education and produce cutting-edge research.

The business sector needs graduates who have both intercultural and international (work/study) experience. For this reason AUAS ensures that internationalisation is integrally embedded in our educational programmes and the research activities of our schools.

The AUAS trains the professionals of tomorrow. Practical orientated research is an important component of the educational programmes offered by our faculties. The AUAS consists of seven faculties. We have a total of 43,000 students and offer a total of 80 bachelor and master programmes.

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 [amsterdamuas.com](https://amsterdamuas.com)

 Guide for International Students

 University Videos

**Erasmus code** NL AMSTERD05

**No of students** 44,000

**Style of study** Lectures, guest lectures, workshops and self-study with approximately 15 contact hours a week.

### Grade system

The AUAS uses the Dutch grading system. Grades are awarded on a scale from 1 to 10, in which 1 represents a very poor result, and 10 an outstanding performance. The minimum passing grade is 5.5.

Grade	Descriptor
10	Excellent
9	Very good
8	Good
7	More than satisfactory
6	Satisfactory
5 - 1	Fail



## Application Times

Please note that you have to apply to the exchange programme in your current year by 20 December. Applications for the host university must be submitted between April and May or September and October (depending on the Trimester), in the year following your initial application.

Going abroad in Trimester 1	Initial Application Form	20 December (current year)
	Host University's Form	April – May (following year)
Going abroad in Trimester 2	Initial Application Form	20 December (current year)
	Host University's Form	September – October (following year)

# ACCOMMODATION & LIVING



AUAS has agreements with various housing corporations in order to provide furnished accommodation to international students for a maximum period of one year.

The AUAS accommodations are located in different areas of Amsterdam and Diemen. Room types and locations range from a flat with other students in the South East of the city to small scale accommodation in the city centre.

Please note that individual students cannot apply for AUAS rooms themselves, but must be put forward by their AUAS faculty.

## Living Costs

You will need between € 900 and € 1,200 per month to cover rent, food, insurance, transport and other expenses. Some students manage to spend less, but this of course depends on your own lifestyle.

**Rent** €350 - €600/per month

**Food** €350/per month

**Insurance** €50/per month

**Public Transport** €70 - €100/per month

**Books, stationery, etc** €50/per month

**Leisure activities & other costs** €60/per month

**Amsterdam UAS fee housing** €300/per semester

**Housing Corporation deposit** approx. €600

## More on Cost of Living in Amsterdam

🌐 [Numbeo.com](https://numbeo.com)

## Transport

The Netherlands has an excellent public transport system. Public transport (metro, bus and tram) in Amsterdam is operated by [GVB](#) and trains in the Netherlands are run by [Dutch Railways \(NS\)](#).

The [OV-chipkaart](#) (Public Transport Chip Card) is the main means of payment for all public transport. The OV-chipkaart can be topped up with credit in euros for travel anywhere within the Netherlands. There are different types of cards with varying rates and applicability.

# CONTACT FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

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If you're interested in the programme or you have any queries, please contact the Edinburgh Napier University's Global Mobility team first:

- ✉ [studyabroad@napier.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@napier.ac.uk)
- ☎ 0131 455 4574 or 0131 455 3412
- 🌐 [napier.ac.uk/exchanges](http://napier.ac.uk/exchanges)

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### International Office

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# STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“ Big  
international  
family!”



Student Feedback



Photos from students



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