

# NKU Academic Exchange in The Hague, The Netherlands



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Spend a semester or academic year studying at  
**The Hague University of  
Applied Sciences!**

A brief introduction...



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## **NKU Academic Exchanges**

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in The Hague, The Netherlands. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially those regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the exchange university, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

### **The Netherlands**

The Netherlands is a small country (about twice the size of New Jersey) bordering the North Sea, Belgium, and Germany with a dense population of 16 million and a very rich history. A modern and industrialized nation they are the world's third largest exporter of agricultural products and a major European transportation hub due to their vast waterways, location, and accessibility. The Dutch people have a strong value for history and art, and happily boast that they have the highest concentration of museums in the world. There is also a great appreciation for the outdoors and with nearly 3,000 miles of waterways and 10,000 miles of bike paths there are many opportunities to enjoy the natural sights of the country. The Netherlands has a temperate climate with cool summers and mild winters and the rainfall average is spread fairly evenly throughout the year.

### **The Hague**

Located just 30 miles southwest of Amsterdam, and on the coast of the North Sea, The Hague is the third largest city in the country, and home to over 500,000 as well as the Dutch royal family. Despite Amsterdam's status as the nation's capital, The Hague serves as the government seat of The Netherlands and is often referred to as the city of Peace and Justice due to its hosting of multiple International Peace Conferences, and currently serves as the seat for the judicial office of the United Nations.

### **The Hague University of Applied Sciences**

The Hague University of Applied Sciences has a diverse student population of over 20,000 students from 135 different nationalities. The campus is within walking distance of the city center and is set in a unique location, completely surrounded by water making it a city within a city. Due to its location in the government center of the country it is a perfect location to gain knowledge on international trade, law and diplomacy. The university offers courses in European Studies, Business and Management, International Communication, Law, and Public Management, and all courses offered to International students are taught in English. The campus facilities range from numerous dining facilities, an extensive library, and a fully equipped fitness center.

## **Housing**

The Hague has a couple of options for housing when studying at the university. Students have the freedom to find and secure their own housing prior to arrival in The Netherlands, or can seek the assistance of the university for locating apartment rental spaces for the duration of their stay. These fully furnished facilities range in price between 2,000 and 3,000 Euros (roughly \$2,700 to \$4,000) per semester, and are either single or double rooms with shared facilities. Rent typically includes most utilities and all accommodations are between 5 and 20 minutes from campus.

## **Transportation**

The Hague is has over 20 bus and tramlines that crisscross the city for fast and efficient transportation. The OV- chipcard, a transportation debit card, can be activated and used for all bus, tram, metro, and train travel throughout The Hague, as well as the entire country. The Hague is in close proximity to a handful of airports as well as The Netherlands Railway station.

## **Residence Permit and Health Insurance**

U.S. citizens who participate in exchange programs at The Hague are required to have a residence permit before entering the country. Necessary paperwork in regards to your enrollment to the university, as well as a valid passport, is required for processing. Assistance in completing the necessary paperwork can be found through the International Office at The Hague.

Students are suggested to have both health and liability insurance during their study in The Netherlands. Exchange students who are unable to show the International Office medical coverage before arrival can be covered by the university for 16 Euros a month (roughly \$22).

## **Useful Links**

The Hague University of Applied Sciences: <http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/>

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov>

U.S. Department of State information: <http://travel.state.gov/>

Semester Estimated Expenses not available at this time.