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MEET GOINGDUTCH!

Ciao!

I'm Lonnie, founder of Goingutch. A "Dutch-ie" in Italy with 13 years of experience in the world of higher education, in the Netherlands. In those years I came to know all there is to know about Dutch Universities and the educational system of the Netherlands. Through the years I've built a large network of contacts within universities and other related organizations. I now use this to help Italian students and their parents finding their way through the jungle of information. Supporting with university orientation, admission and so forward. As long as it is related to studying in the Netherlands!

In this guide you will find a summary of all that I believe you need to know when you are considering doing a bachelor or master in The Netherlands. I hope you will find it useful and inspiring! Comments, questions and ideas are always welcome!



What makes the dutch educational system stand out?

A trio of possibilities

There are three different types universities in Holland (the Netherlands). 13 research universities of which 4 are "technological" and 41 universities of applied science.

Universities connected to businesses

Mostly the universities of applied sciences are tailored to the needs of businesses. The result is that almost all students (85%) already finds a job before graduating.

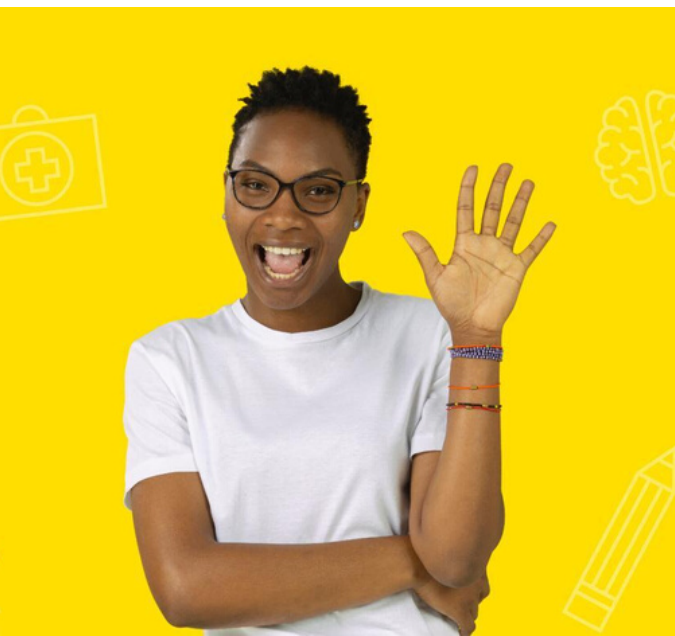
Problem based learning

Students work in groups on real cases and / or projects. The theory is directly applied to current problems that society struggles with. So theory comes to live!

The teaching style can be described as interactive and student-centered, providing students with the attention and freedom they need to develop their opinions and creativity by applying their new acquired knowledge. Respect for individual opinions and beliefs is essential for the Dutch education system.

International classroom

The context in Holland is very international. 10% of all students that studies in the Netherlands comes from abroad and participates in courses in English. The average percentage of foreign students in those English tracks is therefore more than 50%



Testimonial taken from Il Sole 24 Ore

He has lived and worked in the Netherlands for over twenty years. **Sandro Etalle, Milanese, graduated in mathematics** in Padua, now professor at the Eindhoven University of Technology and entrepreneur. He landed in Amsterdam during his doctorate (PhD), then - in 1997 - moved to the Netherlands on a permanent basis. Sandro is an expert in cybersecurity and together with two Italian students (at that time working still at University of Twente) created the startup SecurityMatters from scratch, which grew to have almost one hundred employees and was sold to the giant Forescout at the end of 2018 for a considerable amount. Today he coordinates the Dutch Intersect project on the security of the Internet of Things, with a budget of almost 10 million euros.

What are the main differences of the Dutch university compared to the Italian one?

Certainly the context in Holland is much more international. There are many foreign students who create a very diverse community. Universities are good and are very popular with students; but I don't want to say that they are better followed than in Italy: I have been gone too long to give a comparative opinion! Here in Eindhoven there is a particular situation, where high-tech companies, literally hungry for young talents!

Would you recommend an Italian student to study in Holland?

Absolutely yes. The urban context is very international and you can live here well speaking only English. Another important thing: cities are livable and within student's reach. For example, you can move easily by bicycle or take the train for longer distances.

You are also an entrepreneur: what information do you give to a young person who wants to create his startup?

To find a good team and jump into the fray. Sure, it's tough, but it's one of the most beautiful things one can do in life. The advice I always give is to listen to everyone, but to be true to and do it yourself!



Scienze Applicate /// Ricerca?

The Netherlands has various types of higher education institutions. The two main types are universities of applied sciences and research universities. Both offer high quality bachelor and master programs!

Universities of Applied Sciences in Holland offer programs that focus on the practical application of arts and sciences. These tend to be more practice oriented than programs offered by research universities and they prepare students for specific professions.

Research Universities in Holland are mainly responsible for offering research-oriented programmes in an academic setting.

How to choose? It all depends on your qualities and what you would like to do in the future. It's a bit like choosing between pistachio or stracciatella!

Il Pistacchio e la Stracciatella?



Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS)

Real cases for or in real companies

A lot of group work

Applying and deepening new technologies orientated to how to use it in daily life and for business

Small groups (30-50)

About 25/30% of your time will be spend on internships

Professors have professional working experience

Bachelor degrees: 4 years (in some cases also 3 is possible)

Master degrees: 1 or 2 years



Research (sometimes also called science) universities

More theory in a fast past

Development of new technology and knowledge

You can organise internships but it is usually not part of the program so this will cost you extra time

More individual (less group-work)

You are prepared for a career in academic research

Professors do academic research at a University

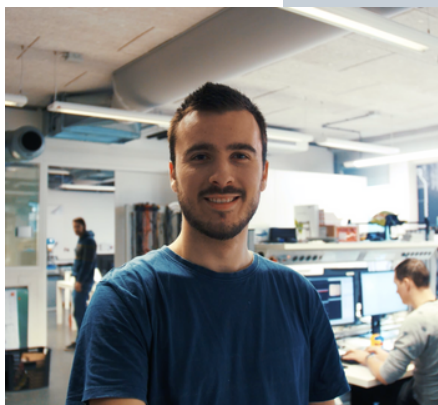
Bachelor degrees: 3 years

Master degrees: 1 or 2 years (excl. medicine)

**Are you not sure that you picked the right course or the best university for you?
Book a "kick-start chat" with goingdutch!**



Be inspired // With one of these bachelor degrees you will find a job immediatly



Electrical and Electronical Engineering **Eduardo (Spain)**

Will your future involve designing an innovative electric motorcycle, smart public transport access gates to make our transport systems easier to use, or the variable message signs above our motorways,? Or how about a self-piloting drone? With a higher education degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering the world is your oyster!

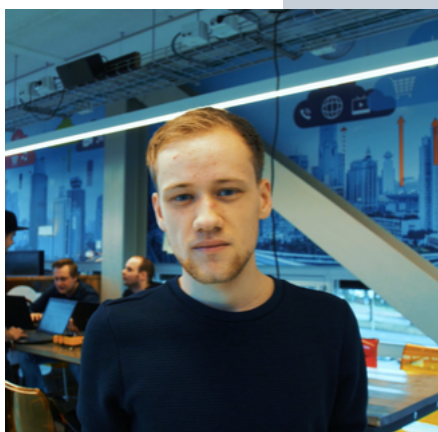
In Electrical and Electronic Engineering you learn how to design microelectronics. This includes printed circuit boards, chips, and batteries in devices you use every day. You will also familiarise yourself with sustainable energy and hardware and learn how to program hardware. The programme offers you many practical modules and projects.



Logistics Engineering & Management **Laz (Bulgary)**

Are you an organization talent that is also interested in management and in technology? Then logistics might be something for you!

Logistics concerns the organization and planning of flows goods, information and people effectively, in the shortest amount of time and at the lowest possible costs, also taking into account sustainability issues. For companies like Amazon and DHL but also for hospitals (how to avoid waiting too long?), Airports, ports, etc.



ICT (Software Engineering) **Luuc (The Netherlands)**

Information Technology concerns areas such as "software, games, web technology, company networks, databases and programming languages". You will be trained as a specialist in these areas in four years of studies.

In addition to taking technical lessons, you will also learn a range of practical skills, like project-based work, management and communication with the end user of your products. In the manufacturing laboratory, you will learn how to use innovative high-tech equipment such as 3D printers, IoT (home automatization) and robotics. These will help you design and implement pretty much anything!

What is a University College?

Basically a University College is a 3- year bachelor program with a very international profile. The most important difference with a normal bachelor program is that at a University College you do not choose a single subject, but you can choose from a huge number of different subjects. You can for example follow Neuroscience and Economics at the same time, or Biomedical science and Philosophy, or Law, Politics, and so on. So, students that don't want to be limited to a fixed topic, like to be challenged on a wide range of subjects and are capable of putting together a good mix of courses (this asks for a certain level of independence) will feel at home here! It is a very challenging program, so you need to be ready to work hard!



Photo: University of Twente
<https://www.utwente.nl/en/>

Does it also mean campus-life like in America?

Well yes and no. In many cases (but not all) you will live on campus at University Colleges. At the University of Twente for example (that offers the Atlas University College) you will live on campus with all your schoolmates from Atlas. You do have your own room, so you actually live in a student house near your school. 'Community' is very important at a University College: you live and study together. Of course, there is a lot to do on campus also outside of the group you are studying with. There will be a very lively world of committees and activities to participate in. If you have time.... ;)

After your bachelor

Most University College students start their masters after three years. That can be anywhere in the world and in almost any kind of field, depending on the main direction you have chosen. When it comes to finding work: many employers these days are very keen to hire 'all-round' trained people, and University Colleges are highly regarded when it comes to that. Statistics show that former students easily find a job!

Where do I find them and what are the differences?

Almost everywhere! There are many University Colleges from Maastricht to Groningen, from Enschede to Leiden. The programmes are always connected to a University (or a cooperation between Universities). There are some differences but there is no space in this article to explain all. Contact me for more info!

Is it private or public?

University colleges are a public and not 'a private school', as some people think. They are all connected to public universities. In the Netherlands, private universities are rare and do not stand for better quality. On the contrary!

Admission process

You will go through a kind of tough admission procedure to be able to start at a University College. On average one third of the candidates get accepted. The process will include a motivation, proof of your English skills, sometimes references and an interview or an invitation to a selection day (depending on the program). If you are taking your final exam this year, register before 15.01.2021 to be sure not to miss a deadline!

Costs

Some University Colleges are be more costly than a normal bachelor program in the Netherlands. You will pay from €2143 (the standard fee for a bachelor for EU students) till € 11,500 per year (for the most expensive program). In some cases, you have everything for that: tuition, your room and food (apart from breakfast). Check out what is included on the website of the program! In any case a University College is a great investment in your future!

**A great investment
in your future!**

High-tech jewel: Brainport Eindhoven

Why to pick a university that is part of the Brainport consortium?

The combination of excellent higher education institutions and a large number of technology and IT companies working with the latest technologies and carrying out innovative research makes the Brainport Eindhoven region unique. In Brainport, intelligent minds and skilled workers from all over the world invent, develop and produce together cutting-edge intelligent hardware and software that help solve the challenges of global society.

They offer:

- High-quality study programs taught in English in an international environment.
- Education with a strong link with business and industry.
- A study in a leading technological region where you can contribute to solutions for society's challenges.
- Excellent career opportunities thanks to the high concentration of technology and IT companies such as Philips, ASML, DAF Trucks, Vanderlande and TomTom automotive.

Which universities and schools are part of the consortium?

[Avans University of Applied Sciences](#)

[Fontys University of Applied Sciences](#)

[TU/e \(Eindhoven University of Technology\)](#)

[Tilburg University](#)

[HAS University](#)

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Scuola professionale:

Summa College

Il Sole 24 Ore:
In 2017 the GDP of the
"Brainport" area shows a
growth of 4,9% versus
3,2% growth in NL and
1,5% in Italy

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Dai licenziamenti di massa alla svolta digitale: il «miracolo» di Eindhoven, gioiello tech olandese

di Enrico Marro



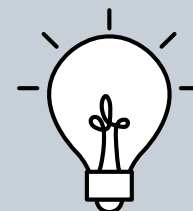
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Tutto è iniziato nei **primi anni Novanta**, quando Eindhoven venne travolta da una **crisi senza precedenti**: i due colossi manifatturieri che reggevano l'economia del distretto, Philips e Daf, chiusero buona parte degli stabilimenti **lasciando senza lavoro un esercito di 26 mila persone**, un terzo del totale. Una tragedia per la città industriale ai confini con il Belgio, costretta a reinventarsi da zero. Ma anche una scossa che ha liberato enormi energie, in grado non solo di rilanciare il distretto, ma

Il Sole 24 Ore:
"The pride of the district are the two tech-
focused universities: the famous TU / e
(Technological University of Eindhoven) and
Fontys, University of Applied Sciences.

More than a quarter of all
international students that study
engineering in the Netherlands are
subscribed to one of these 2
universities. Needless to say: a large
part of courses and programs are
taught in English



Be inspired // With these bachelor degrees you will stand out!



Creative Business **Eleonora (Italia)**

Would you like to get more out of your passion for movies, TV series, or music? Are you interested in all forms of media, from magazines and YouTube to video games and Instagram? Look no further than the bachelor course in Creative Business and become a specialist and future manager in media, entertainment or the creative industries.

You can carry out your internship in the Netherlands or abroad or you can start your own business in the creative industry. Over the course of four years you will become a creative professional, capable of playing a leading role. Both in the spotlight and behind the scenes!



Watermanagement **Jessica (Germania)**

Water is one of the most important substances on Earth. It is essential to many of the things we need and enjoy in life: food, transport and recreation, but managing it can also pose some serious challenges. Around the world water managers contend with droughts, floods, sea level rise, over fishing, pollution, plastic soup and many other risks to both our natural environment and our society. We need water managers to safeguard our future! During the water management programme you will develop in your own field of expertise as you focus on the major water-related issues facing us today and towards solutions for UN Sustainable Development Goals like fresh water availability, clean seas, food production, healthy ecosystems, biodiversity and coastal safety.

[Learn more about watermanagement!](#)



Built Environment **Carlo (Italia)**

Do you want to find out how you can keep your country and cities accessible in the future? In our globalizing and urbanizing world, ever greater importance is placed on cities built for human well-being, with attractive living and working environments, traffic accessibility, traffic safety and sustainability. In the study program International Spatial Development (Built Environment), a differentiation area of Built Environment, you will explore spatial development from an integrated perspective, based on urban planning, urban design and mobility – looking across country borders.

5 common mistakes when subscribing to a Dutch University

You've chosen your University and course, great! But now you need to 'get in' and 'get through' the admission process. Missing a deadline can be crucial in the Netherlands. So make sure you are well informed! We've made a shortlist of most common mistakes.



1. "I've subscribed via studielink, so now I'm ready!" No! Check your mailbox and your spam filter for the mail that should arrive from the University of your choice. If it does not arrive within a few days, something is wrong. Contact the admission office of the University to check if your application arrives. Then follow the steps noted in the mail.

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2. Taking your English test to late: some Universities give you time to pass the test until the start of the program (September 1st) but others demand it before they close their admissions (so January 15th for numerus fixus programs and May 1st for other programs). Make sure you have your certificate on time! Because of the Covid-19 crisis Universities now also accept the online test that you can find here: <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/>.

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3. Waiting with subscribing until you have passed your exams in Italy. Don't wait! You'll be too late if you do that and there is no reason to wait. You can send your official diploma after graduating. Don't get spooked by 'the admission system' asking you for your diploma all the time, they just want to make sure that you know that you still have to send it to be able to start the course

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4. Istituto Tecnico? Sorry, you will not always be accepted at a research University, but don't worry! There is a way, it might just be a bit longer. Applied Science Universities do accept students graduated from an Istituto Tecnico and sometimes even offer short tracks. Via an Applied Science University you can then enter in bachelor or master program at a research University (for masters sometimes a connective year is needed). Sometimes you can change bachelor (from applied to research) already after 1 year. Ask for advice about the best path to choose: info@goingdutch.it

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5. When I subscribed, I have to take (and pay for) the course, so I better wait till the last moment till I'm 100% sure. No! See it as a pre-subscription. If you decide to not go to the course, you can unsubscribe before the starting date. You can subscribe for up to 4 bachelors (or max 2 numerus fixus programs and max 1 course in medicine) via studielink.

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Scholarship // Studyloan?

Scholarships

Because the university fee for all EU students is as low as it is for the Dutch students it might be difficult to find a scholarship for your bachelor or master course in the Netherlands. Most are for certain courses or specific countries. You can find all scholarships here: www.grandfinder.nl

50% discount for the first year of your bachelor course in the Netherlands

The first year of your bachelor course is now - in most cases - discounted with 50% from €2143 to €1072! Please contact goingdutch to understand if this is also the case for you!

Studyloan from the Dutch state

If despite that you still need financial support to pay for your bachelor or master course, the Dutch government offers the possibility to ask for a studyloan. You can apply for this loan the moment you are a resident in the Netherlands. So be sure that you can at least pay for the first 3 months of your stay because it could take some time to arrange all. For more info contact goingdutch!

source: www.studyinholland.nl



Finding a room in the Netherlands

Searching for housing is not easy in the Netherlands. Mostly in the bigger cities it can take months before you find a room. This can generate a lot of stress of course for students going abroad. But there are ways to increase the chance of finding a room on time. Here are our tips:



1. Start a.s.a.p! Subscribe to the local student housing agencies (your university will have a list of reliable housing companies) immediately after subscribing for a University. Waiting time is usually several months, so don't worry about getting a room before you start! And even if: better a month to early then to late.
2. Follow local housing Facebook groups (but ALWAYS make sure offers are legit! Way too many people get scammed).
3. Unfair but very true: most houses (that are not offered by international student housing agencies) will go to people who already live/are present in the Netherlands. The demand is huge and the tenants prefer to see the people who are renting their place. So if you can: spend some time in the Netherlands during your summer holiday to search for rooms 'on location'.
4. Find something temporary until October or November because a lot of housing offers become available in October and November when there is less demand and you actually have a chance to go and see the house.
5. Once you are in the Netherlands finding something becomes easier, you get to know a lot of people who know others looking for roommates, subletting their rooms, renting our houses... So remember: your first room does not have to be your final one. Paying slightly more for a while, or staying in a small room for a few month is better then nothing!
6. Again: always make sure it's not a scam and also meet the owner (or plan a phone-call at least)
7. Consider booking a room in the Student Hotel (if your city has one) while you are searching for cheaper housing
8. Ask help from locals if you know any other Italian students, or met some students at open days or other orientation moments like fairs or 'student for a day' events. Try to keep in touch with them and ask them for tips.
9. Also look into smaller cities near your University city which are only 30/45 minutes away by train (the train stations are usually very close to the universities).



Health Insurance

Only in the Netherlands to study?

It is legally not allowed to take out Dutch public health insurance if you are in the Netherlands for study purposes only. Make sure you have health insurance from your home country with sufficient coverage or take out private health insurance or in your home country.

If you come from the EU / EEA, you may be entitled to receive a European Health Insurance Card (TEAM) which covers the medical expenses necessary during your stay. The Italian tessera sanitaria can also be used as a European Health Insurance Card.

Study and Internship

If you are carrying out an internship for which you are paid at least as much as the Dutch minimum wage (€ 1635.60 // data of the year 2019), you are subject to compulsory insurance under the Wlz scheme.

Study and work

If you have a part-time job you must have Dutch public health insurance.

How to ask for a Dutch public health insurance:

1.
You must be registered with a municipality before you can take out basic health insurance.
2.
Choose your health insurance from one of the Dutch public health insurers.
3.
Registration is complete after receiving an insurance policy (in Dutch: polisblad).
4.
If you stop working or leave the Netherlands, cancel your insurance.



Your 'welcome to The Netherlands' gift!

Gifts from goingdutch.

When you register / are registered at a Dutch university (partner) we offer you a super 'welcome in Holland' gift! Send an email to info@goingdutch.it to receive yours!

In the gift-box:

- **An ISIC travel card** that offers a 15% discount on trains on weekends and outside rush hour, access to public transport (without a card it is not possible to enter), bicycle storage, and much more! (valid for 1 year)
- **An ISIC student card** that offers over 42,000 student discounts, not only in the Netherlands but worldwide (valid for 1 year).
- A '**Dutch for beginners**' trial lesson with our language teacher Eleonor ten Bokum

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University of Twente // Avans University // Saxion University
The Hague University // Fontys University // HAS University
Breda University // HZ University // NHL Stenden University





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