

General information		
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Academic information		
Study programmes	Fall semester 2026 Introduction Lectures, exams, retakes Nomination deadline Registration deadline	Dates 24-28 August 2026 31 August 2026 – 29 January 2027 1 May 2026 15 May 2026
	Spring semester 2027 Introduction Lectures, exams, retakes Nomination deadline Registration deadline	Dates Week of 15 February 2027 (provisional) 15 February – mid July 2027 1 November 2026 15 November 2026
	Exams: Exchange students have the right to take at least one exam for each course on their learning agreement. The exam dates differ by programme. The exact dates will be published on the student portal in a timely manner. The exams will be finished before the official end date of the exchange period.	
	Retakes: Exchange students have the right to a scheduled retake, but this must be completed in person on campus. We do not send exams/retakes to exchange students and offer no alternative assignments. Most retakes take place at the end of the semester. If regular retakes are scheduled before the departure date, students are allowed to take part in those retakes. If they are not scheduled before the departure date and students would like/need to participate, they must return to the Netherlands.	

Nomination deadline	Fall: 1 May, Spring 1 November
Registration deadline	Fall 15 May, Spring 15 November
Teaching Language	English
ECTS	A student's workload is measured in ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). Under Dutch law, one credit equals 28 hours of work, and 60 credits equal one year of full-time study. The grading system used in the Netherlands ranges from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding).
Additional	
Fontys way of studying	At Fontys, students study in various ways. There are lectures in classrooms with about 25 other students. They work independently or as part of a project team on practical assignments. The campus offers many facilities for studying alone or in groups. During the study programme, they will work on projects, stimulating a hands-on, independent approach to work. At Fontys, we believe in interaction. We like it when students ask questions during lectures. Outside of lectures, we are there for them.
Buddy programme	Every international student coming to Venlo will have a personal Fontys buddy. The buddy will inform them about important matters before arrival and help them find their way upon arrival in the Netherlands. We do not offer an airport pick-up, but the buddy will meet the student at the Venlo train station.
Tuition fees	Students from partner universities do not pay tuition fees, while students from non-partner universities pay 75 euros per ECTS.
Costs of living	€900 - €1300 a month, this also covers rent.
Accommodation	Students can reserve a room by completing the accommodation form on our website. Monthly rent is difficult to indicate at this time (March 2026) due to the constantly changing housing market, but it will not exceed 650 euros. Although Fontys has no campus dorms, we cooperate with several housing agencies and landlords. Through such cooperation, Fontys can help students find accommodation for a semester or an academic year. We are confident we can offer housing for most students in Fall 2026. Please note that applying for accommodation through Fontys does not automatically guarantee housing.
Visa	Required for all non-EU students, the Fontys visa department will handle the application and provide all necessary information in a timely manner.
Insurance	This is recommended for all exchange students (information will be provided through the online application system), but is mandatory for non-EU students who receive this information during the visa application.
Study Abroad Fair	Once a year, we organise a Study Abroad Fair for our students. We appreciate receiving information from our partners for use at the fair, as well as the help from incoming students from our partner universities.