

## Starting information for September 2017

Are you starting your studies at The Hague University in September? Here you will find useful and important information

**Programme: European Studies**

### When and where will we welcome you?

The European Studies Introduction Week will take place from 28 August to 1 September, but you may need to come to school earlier if you need to take an intake test for your foreign language courses. This depends on your individual language choices and educational background.

Intake tests will be held on Friday, 25 August at 10:00. Please arrive at 9:30.

If you aren't sure whether you need to take a language test or not, see the 'Language Test Information' Below

### Introduction

All registered students will receive a detailed, personal invitation to ESIntro, the European Studies Introduction Week, which runs from 28 August until 1 September. Throughout the week, we'll have a team of eager second and third-year students around to help you with everything you need. They'll be wearing bright blue ESIntro T-shirts so you won't miss them.

Some details of the programme are subject to change and others will remain under wraps until the appropriate time, but here's what we can tell you now:

#### **International Student Registration on Monday, 28 August from 9:00 to 15:00**

All international students have to register with the International Office at The Hague University of Applied Sciences on Monday, between 9:00 and 15:00. Bring any paperwork that you might need, including your passport and diploma(s). When you arrive, our students will welcome you at the door and show you the way.

#### **Walk in, check in and log in at your own pace 28 and 29 August**

There's a lot to adjust to when you start a bachelor programme. To help you get ready, we're offering a personalised service to all students. On Monday and Tuesday, our students will be standing by to help you set up your account, so that you'll have access to course content, schedules and grades. They'll also teach you how to use all of our IT applications. In addition to this vital service, our team is prepared to give you an interactive tour of the building that will help you feel at home.

All you have to do is show up between 9:00 and 17:00 on Monday or between 9:00 and 14:00 on Tuesday. Our Intro Team will meet you at the door and show you the way.

#### **Official Welcome on Tuesday, 29 August at 13:30**

All students are expected to check in between 13:30 and 14:00, just inside the main entrance to the university. There will be an official kick-off ceremony in the auditorium at 14:30 that you won't want to miss.

#### **Meet your class on Wednesday, 30 August from 9:00 to 18:00**

At European Studies, classes are grouped together based on the languages students have chosen and on our goal to make each group as international as possible. That makes the process a little more complicated than it is for other programmes and it takes a little longer. Class lists will be published at 9:00 on Wednesday and you'll meet your classmates and supervisor in an important preparatory session, immediately followed by a fun, afternoon-long challenge that will end with drinks at a (for now) undisclosed location. Your group will also be assigned a project that you'll need to start working on immediately.

#### **Attend your first lectures and do your first assignment on Thursday, 31 August from 11:00 to 18:00**

On Thursday, you'll have your very first official lectures. A team of teachers will introduce you to the core concepts of the programme in a rapid-fire, interactive session that attempts to cover all four years of European Studies in just 90 minutes. After that, you'll have time to work on your project or to engage in some other

activities, and later that night you'll want to head downtown to check out Oh Oh Intro, The Hague's official festival for welcoming students, down on the Lange Voorhout.

### **Show off your project for prizes and get a Semester 1 preview on Friday, 1 September from 12:00 to 18:00**

We'll start late on Friday, for the benefit of everyone who goes out to enjoy Oh Oh Intro on Thursday night, but we'll gather at school at around noon for brunch, after which there will be a project review, during which prizes will be given for the best project. During a final presentation, you'll get a quick preview of the first semester and some indispensable tips for surviving your first year from teachers and students. And when it's all over, we're going for drinks in a nearby café.

Classes will start on Monday, 5 September.

The Introduction week is an opportunity to get to know your classmates and teachers while doing essential preparation for your studies. If you really want to start your studies off right, you should make the most of this opportunity. Full participation is expected.

## **Booklist**

The booklist for European Studies is published online at [www.studystore.nl](http://www.studystore.nl). Studystore is an on and offline bookseller that is partnered with the University. You are not required to purchase your books there, but it is the fastest way to find the booklist. Simply go to the site and use the filters on the main page to find The Hague University of Applied Sciences and European Studies.

The booklist is still being updated and will be finalised soon. Check the site by mid-July.

## **Schedules**

Schedules are one of the many areas in which European studies is unique among programmes at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Like our classes, the schedules are made based on the languages our students have chosen to study. Language learning is intensive and takes time, so we build our schedule around it.

Unfortunately, this process also takes time, especially at the start of the year when new students are still picking their languages or taking tests to determine what languages they can take. Schedules are usually published the week before classes start. You can expect to have around 20 hours of class a week, spread out over 5 days. Classes can start as early as 8:45 and end as late as 18:00 in the first term.

## **Contact information**

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**You can reach us:** anytime

**For Fast Answers:** join our [Facebook Group for Incoming Students](#) where questions are answered within 24 hours, 365 days a year.

### Language Test Information

All European Studies students follow French, German or Spanish. Dutch students with a HAVO/VWO diploma are required to do this at an advanced level and usually continue with the language that was part of their final exams at secondary school. International Students and Dutch students with an MBO diploma can choose to do a beginner's course or an advanced course, but must take an intake test if they choose the latter. You already made this choice when you registered on Studielink.

Intake tests are offered during the Meet & Match on 28 June and again on Friday, 25 August at 10:00. You need to take an intake test if:

- You have a HAVO/VWO diploma and signed up for an Advanced language that was NOT included in your secondary school exams
- You are an international student or a Dutch student with an MBO diploma and you signed up to do French, German or Spanish at an Advanced Level
- You signed up for Advanced Spanish – All students requesting Advanced Spanish must take an intake test