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Welcome to HZ

Are you considering to study in the Netherlands? At HZ University of Applied Sciences, we warmly welcome international students from around the globe. Located in the beautiful region of Zeeland, we offer a unique, international environment that fosters personal growth, academic excellence and cultural exchange.

Frontrunner in research and education

We are proud to be a frontrunner in research and education focused on three key societal themes: vitality, energy and water. Whether you're passionate about sustainable energy, water-related issues or coastal resilience, HZ provides hands-on learning and cutting-edge projects that address the world's most pressing challenges.

A high-quality education

At HZ, we are committed to providing you with a high-quality education in a diverse and supportive community. Our programmes are designed to equip you with the skills needed for success on the global stage, all while experiencing the vibrant culture of Zeeland.

Join us at HZ University of Applied Sciences, where your future begins without boundaries.



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Study in Zeeland

A spectacular coastline. Wide and clean beaches. Lots of museums, unique shops, restaurants, music festivals and summer markets. Charming and historical cities and villages. That is Zeeland, the region where we are located. Our campuses are in the cities of Middelburg and Vlissingen, where finding affordable student housing is relatively easy.

Our campus locations

Middelburg

Middelburg has one of the most beautiful town centres of the Netherlands. The town centre, dating back as far as the first half of the ninth century, has a rich cultural heritage. It offers a diverse array of shops, pubs, restaurants and events. All in all, a lovely place to discover.

Vlissingen

With its beautiful beach, scenic promenade and many pavement cafes, Vlissingen exudes a year-round holiday atmosphere. It is small enough for you to get around the Dutch way: by bike. At the same time the town is large enough to enjoy your student life. Most HZ students live in student apartments in the town centre. They organise dinners, student parties or go to local pubs or spend their evenings at the cinema.

Facts about the Netherlands

- The official language is Dutch, but around 90% of the Dutch speak English
- Our capital is Amsterdam with almost 1 million inhabitants
- Zeeland is the sunniest province of the Netherlands and has 650 kilometres of coastline
- Over 22 million bikes
- Surface area of 41,543 km² (18.41% water)
- 18.1 million inhabitants, 424 per km²
- The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy
- The currency is the Euro
- Summer temperatures range from 18 °C to 30 °C and winter temperatures range from 0 °C to 6 °C

'Designed to make you feel at home'

'I chose HZ University of Applied Sciences because it is an international university and there are many extracurricular activities and engagement. HZ has an incredible number of international partner universities and Middelburg (where I live) is simply a beautiful Dutch city (plus it's close to the sea). Moreover, the building is very modern and is designed to make you feel at home. The approaches of the university are focused on practical learning as well as your personal development.'



Greta from Germany

Research university vs a university of applied sciences

	Focus	Degrees offered	Internships	Education approach	Teaching style
Research university	Academic and theoretical research	Bachelors, Masters, Doctorates (PhDs)	Optional or limited	Theory-oriented, analytical	Lectures, seminars, theoretical exams
University of applied sciences	Practical and professional training	Bachelors and Masters	Integral and extensive	Practice-oriented, hands-on	Case studies, group projects, internships

Reasons to study in NL



Number 1 high English proficiency

The Netherlands is ranked number 1 in English-speaking skills according to the 2024 EF English Proficiency Index.



Studying in a strong economy

The Netherlands is the 4th, most competitive economy in the world (Global Competitive report).



A safe and great place to live

The Netherlands is one of the safest countries in the world and ranks among the top 10 happiest countries worldwide.



Excellent career opportunities

Some of the biggest multinationals are Dutch. We are world leaders when it comes to multiple areas of expertise, such as water and sustainable energy.



Discover studying in Zeeland and the Netherlands

Would you like to know more about studying in Zeeland? Scan the QR-code with your phone or go to www.hz.nl/en/about-the-netherlands.



Welcome to HZ's community

At HZ you are part of an inspiring and diverse community where students from around the world come together to learn, grow, and share experiences. Our welcoming and inclusive environment ensures a unique, vibrant student life that enriches both your academic journey and personal development.

Where students matter

At HZ, you're not just a number. Our dedicated teachers and staff provide personalised guidance, helping you choose the right courses and explore career opportunities. Need extra support? The Student Success Centre, run by a team of student buddies from various programmes, is there to support you for extra needs.

Excellent career prospects

Your future looks bright with an HZ degree! While 25% of our graduates continue with a Master's programme, an impressive 70% enter the job market right away. Leading companies actively recruit HZ graduates, ensuring you step into a world of opportunities. (Source: HBO Monitor 2024).

Ranking

HZ consistently ranks among the top 3 multidisciplinary universities of applied sciences in the Netherlands, according to the national Keuzegids Hoger Onderwijs. We've proudly held this position for 13 years in a row!



HZ facts and figures

13

years ranked in the top three of best medium-sized universities of applied sciences

11

10 international Bachelor degree programmes and 1 Master degree

70+

student nationalities

100+

partner universities

800+

international students

5000+

students

Discover our lively community

Grow with our community

At HZ, your personal development is a top priority. We believe in supporting your growth both academically and outside the classroom. We offer a variety of activities designed to enrich your experience in different areas, such as culture, sports and wellbeing and sustainability. You are also welcome to join one of our student associations. Our students are passionate about creating and leading initiatives, such as our student jam sessions (see picture below). You can get involved in student-run communities and connect with others outside of your studies.

Contribute to a better world

If you're looking to make a positive impact, broaden your horizons and meet like-minded people, HZ offers plenty of opportunities. Whether you're passionate about societal issues, the sustainable development goals, eager to immerse yourself in new cultures, or want to deepen your knowledge, you'll find activities that allow you to contribute to a better world and create lasting memories.

Learn more about our HZ community

Scan the code or go to community.hz.nl/en and discover more about our community.



Discover HZ's campuses



Middelburg HZ Groene Woud

This campus hosts most of HZ's technical programmes. With innovative labs, interactive learning spaces and a strong connection to the industry, it's ideal for students looking to develop technical expertise in a dynamic environment. Plus, it's located in the heart of Middelburg, a vibrant city full of culture and student-friendly spots!

- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- Global Project and Change Management
- Industrial Engineering & Management
- Information & Communication Technology
- River Delta Development
- Water Management



Vlissingen HZ Edisonweg

This campus hosts HZ's business, management, maritime and social programmes. It offers modern lecture halls, study areas and social spaces where students from around the world connect. With student housing nearby, a sports centre and the beach just minutes away, it's the perfect place to live and study!

- International Business
- Logistics Engineering
- Tourism Management



Middelburg JRCZ

The Joint Research Center Zeeland (JRCZ) is a brand-new, cutting-edge research institute where students, researchers, businesses and government organisations collaborate on solving real-world challenges.

Located next to the HZ building in Middelburg, this dynamic hub focuses on water, energy and vitality. As a student in one of HZ's technical programmes, you study and work in an inspiring, high-tech environment, equipped with state-of-the-art labs and the latest technology. With a strong emphasis on sustainability and innovation, JRCZ prepares you for the future by offering hands-on experience in groundbreaking research and industry projects.

Labs at JRCZ: cutting-edge facilities for hands-on learning

Datalab

Work on data-driven solutions, including big data, data modelling and data science. Use state-of-the-art technology to present research visually and solve real-world problems.

Chemistry lab

Conduct chemical analysis and in-depth research across analytical, organic and life sciences. Work with the latest equipment on multidisciplinary projects connected to HZ research groups.

Engineering Lab

Gain practical skills with technologies like 3D scanning, laser cutting and CNC machining. Tackle assignments from business and industry, exploring the interaction between technology and the environment.

Ecological Lab

Focus on saltwater research, working on real-life challenges like climate adaptation, aquaculture, and freshwater supply with projects linked to marine and estuarine environments.

Student accommodation



When you are looking for accommodation in Zeeland, there are possibilities to find an affordable room in Vlissingen or Middelburg that is close to our campus. Most student houses are near the city centres and within cycling distance of HZ.

Book in time

Finding student accommodation in Zeeland might not be that big of a struggle, but you need to make sure you book it in time: preferably in the early spring so you have the best chances to book the room that suits your wishes.

Guaranteed housing

We understand finding housing can be a major concern for students, which is why we offer guaranteed housing to all students who apply to one of our programmes before May 1st.

Comfortable & affordable student housing with our housing partner APV

APV Housing offers a wide range of fully furnished and move-in-ready rooms in Middelburg and Vlissingen, perfectly suited for international students. The rooms vary in size from approximately 10 m² to 30 m² and are available with or without a private kitchen, shower and toilet. You can choose to live alone or share a room with another student, depending on the type of room.

What's included:

- Rent from just €300 to €525 per month (net)
- Energy costs, high-speed WiFi, and 24/7 support
- Access to laundry facilities and shared common areas

Renting a room in Vlissingen or Middelburg



Housing options

A wide range of housing options available near campus in Middelburg or Vlissingen



Affordable rents

Affordable rents compared to other regions in the Netherlands



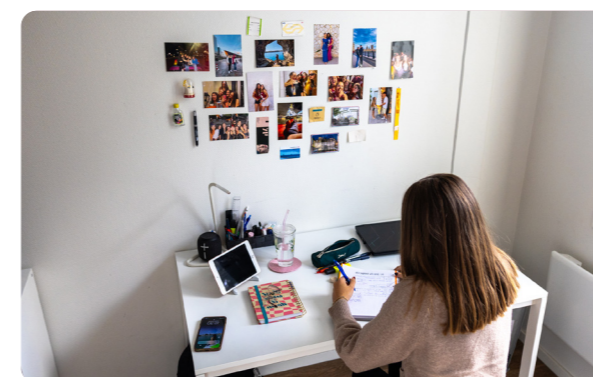
Housing guaranteed

Housing guaranteed for the entire duration of your studies if you register at APV before May 1st

'Securing housing in Zeeland is much more manageable'

'Like many international students, I was considering a couple of different countries before making my final decision. But being able to find affordable and nearby housing in Zeeland played a big role in choosing HZ. While housing in the Netherlands can be tough to secure, in Zeeland it's much more manageable, especially with the support from HZ and APV Housing. Now I enjoy living on the student campus of the beautiful coastal town of Vlissingen. And the best part? The community! By living on campus I get to hang out with my fellow HZ students quite often.'

Samuel
from Slovakia



Find out more!

Would you like to know more about finding student accommodation? Scan the QR-code with your phone or go to www.hz.nl/housing. To register online with APV, go to www.apvhousing.com









Check
hz.nl/chemistry-en
 for the
 full programme

Chemistry

Chemistry is all about experimenting, researching and analysing. What is a cheap way of making clean drinkable water? If we ever run out of crude oil can we produce fuels from natural gas, algae, coal or waste wood? You help to ensure diseases are no longer life-threatening, or you solve murder cases based on DNA analysis.

Chemistry in short

-  Bachelor of Science
-  Middelburg
-  3 or 4 years
-  Required subjects: Maths and Chemistry



Programme

- Year 1** — **Study at HZ**
 You learn to carry out experiments in the laboratory, interpret the results, plan follow-up research and communicate your results. This year the focus is on themes such as: Food & Chemistry, Biobased Products & Technology and Health.
- Year 2** — **Study at HZ**
 You work on topics such as: Forensic Science, Environmental Chemistry & Toxicology and Research & Sustainability. You lay a solid foundation to become a professional expert.
- Year 3** — **Minor and study track**
 This year is all about your study track: Applied Chemistry or Life Sciences. You embark on the chosen study track and choose a minor/internship. For example, you can do an international internship, take courses at another university (pre-master) or conduct your own research or project in one of our research groups.
- Year 4** — **Graduation internship in NL or abroad**
 You work on various research projects at one or two companies in the Netherlands or abroad. In your graduation research you must prove you have reached the Bachelor of Science level.

Study tracks

In the third year you specialise in either Applied Chemistry or Life Sciences:

- Applied Chemistry**
 The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), drawn up by the UN, are guidelines for a sustainable world. These goals can only be achieved if we fully improve the process from raw materials to products and vice versa. You learn to conduct practice-oriented research. You will use advanced analytical techniques to answer your research question. Experts from large multinationals and market leaders in their respective fields, share their experience with you by providing guest lectures.
- Life Sciences**
 Knowledge about human diseases such as cancer, metabolic disorders, autoimmunity and infectious diseases at the level of cells and their molecules helps researchers to develop new drugs, vaccines and other treatment strategies. It enables them to thoroughly cover technical principles such as recombinant DNA technology, bioinformatics and cell culture. You gain practical experience in the laboratory with techniques such as: immunological tests, biochemical analyses and genetic screening.

Three-year track

If you are looking for a substantial study challenge, the three-year track might be something for you. In order to enter this track you have to be highly motivated and qualified for an intensive and challenging programme.

Career prospects and further studies

As a chemist you will have excellent career prospects. Our graduates have secured positions as:

- Chemical-physical analyst
- Research analyst
- Researcher (R&D)
- Environmental advisor
- Laboratory manager

Continue studying in NL or abroad

Many of HZ's Chemistry graduates undertake further study at Masters or PhD level. Abroad, you can usually enrol straight away in a Master programme. If you have done your minor at a research university in the Netherlands you can get direct access to a Master programme as well. Otherwise you may be required to follow a pre-Master's programme.

'Gaining practical skills helped me understand the theory'

'I chose Chemistry at HZ because of its strong practical approach and the opportunity to specialise in either Life Sciences or Applied Chemistry after the second year. The programme is well-structured and closely connected to the professional field. What I value most are the practical skills I've gained, which have allowed me to fully understand the underlying theory. One of the most fascinating experiences was the Gram staining lab—seeing cells under the microscope and drawing real conclusions made the learning process feel truly alive to me.'

Ana
 from Romania





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 for the full programme

Civil Engineering

Worldwide civil engineers work every day to improve life on this planet, by designing, building, managing and maintaining civil engineering constructions and systems. During your studies you learn all the main aspects of civil engineering and you apply your knowledge and skills in real-life situations.

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ



You explore the world of civil engineering by understanding the different roles and job opportunities in the field. You study existing constructions and systems, you work on real-life assignments, you perform field work, experiments and research. You focus on topics such as construction materials, hydrology, mathematics and mechanics.

Year 2

Study at HZ

You learn how civil engineering systems are interconnected and how to design infrastructure in complex environments, from inland to coastal areas. You develop skills in designing, building, and maintaining roads, bridges, canals, and coastal defenses, as well as managing construction projects with a focus on engineering, finance, and sustainability.

Civil Engineering in short

-  Bachelor of Science
-  Middelburg
-  3 or 4 years
-  Required subjects: Maths



Year 3

Minor and internship abroad in NL or abroad

- Internship: you gain work experience at a civil engineering company (as a contractor).
- Minor: you broaden your knowledge by choosing a programme in NL or abroad to specialise in.

Year 4

Graduation internship in NL or abroad

You further develop your skills and expand your knowledge with interdisciplinary and international projects. You complete your bachelor degree with a thesis at a Dutch or foreign organisation.

Three-year track

If you are looking for a substantial study challenge, the three-year track might be something for you. In order to enter this track you have to be highly motivated and qualified for an intensive and challenging programme.

February and September

This programme offers two entry moments each year giving you the flexibility to begin your studies when it suits you best. You can start either in February or September

Career prospects and further studies

Our graduates have secured positions in various engineering consultancies, such as Arup, Boskalis, van Oord Offshore and Balfour Beatty. Think of positions such as:

- Project engineers
- Designers
- Contractors
- Different engineering functions

There are several options to continue studying after your bachelor degree.

• River Delta Development at HZ

With your HZ bachelor degree you have direct access to the River Delta Development master programme at HZ. This way you can obtain your BSc and MSc in 6 years.

• Continue studying in NL or abroad

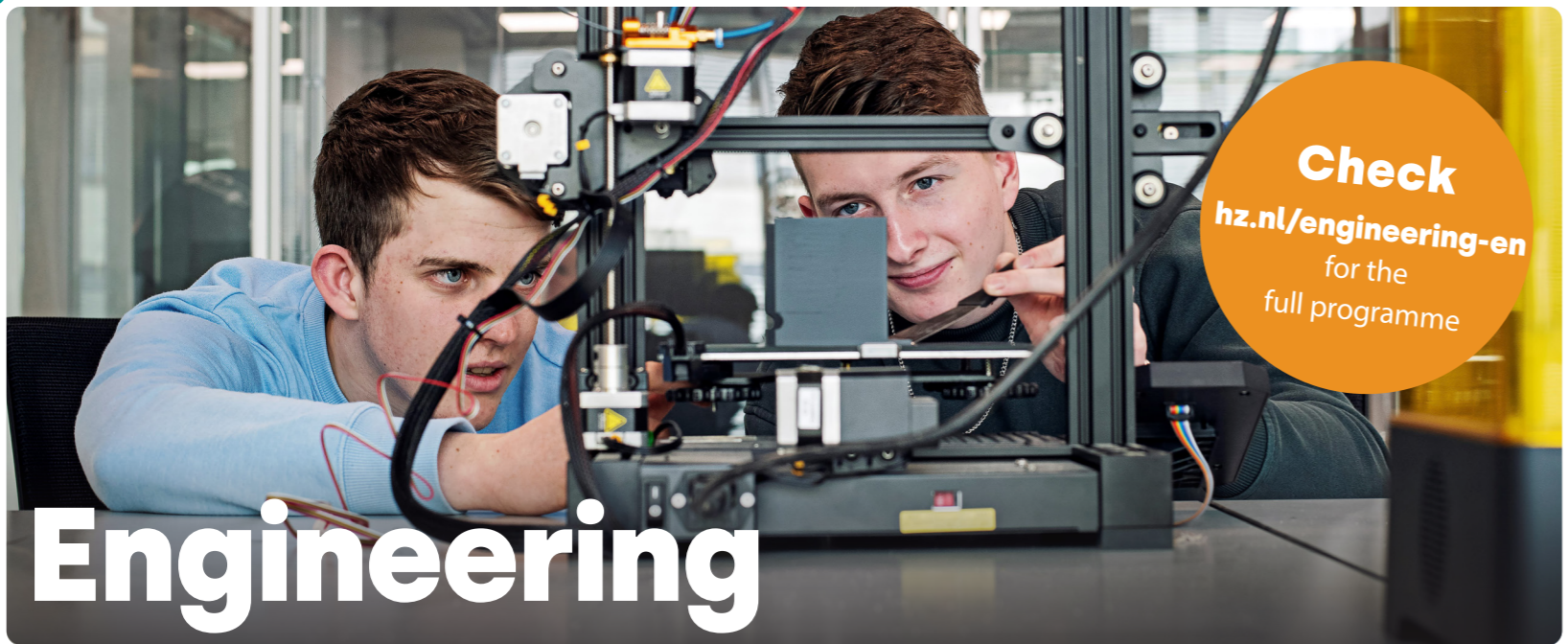
When you choose to continue studying in NL a pre-master may be required. Abroad you can often immediately enroll with your HZ bachelor.

'This programme offers the tools to build a better tomorrow'

'I'm from Rwanda, and my identity is closely tied to contributing to my country's growth. I chose Civil Engineering to help shape its future—it's an essential field that builds a better tomorrow. What I love most is how it challenges my thinking and connects to everything, from infrastructure to sustainability. Each course brings something new and keeps me curious. My favourite project was Coastal Zone Development, where we explored coastal protection and building an energy island. It addressed global issues practically, included field trips, and gave me a clear vision of my future in Civil Engineering.'



Mareva from Rwanda



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 for the full programme

Engineering

Are you a curious problem-solver with a passion for technology? As an engineer, you design, develop, and create smart solutions for the major challenges of today and tomorrow. Whether it's sustainable energy, care robots, solar-powered boats, or machines that remove plastic from the oceans: engineers make a real difference.

Engineering in short

- Bachelor of Science
- Middelburg
- 4 years
- Required subjects: Maths and Physics

Programme

Year 1 **Study at HZ**
 You are introduced to broad technical basic skills. In practice, you carry out assignments that come close to the professional field. This helps you find out which study track suits you best.

Year 2 **Study at HZ and study track**
 You choose a field of study: the technical track (Energy Transition Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering) or the creative track (Commercial Engineering and Product Engineering). In the technical track, you focus on the underlying technologies and you further develop your beta knowledge. If you choose the creative track, you mainly focus on realising solutions for people and society with the help of technological developments. Furthermore, you will start your own business with students from other programmes.

Year 3 **Minor and internship**
 You choose your minor. A minor enables you to deepen or broaden your knowledge and skills. You can do this at the HZ or at another university of applied sciences in NL or abroad. The HZ offers various minors that complement the Engineering programme, such as Offshore Renewable Energy Mechatronic, Energy Transition and Product Design.

Year 4

Graduation internship in NL or abroad
 In the final year, you choose one of the study tracks listed below. In the first semester, you have classes and projects. You spend the second semester at a company, working on your graduation research.

Study tracks

- **Mechatronic Engineering**
 Every company with technical installations has to deal with mechatronics. This is where the knowledge of electrical, mechanical and software engineering come together.
- **Energy and Process Engineering**
 You focus completely on sustainable forms of energy, such as solar and wind energy.
- **Product Engineering**
 You learn how to design a product using, for example, biological materials.
- **Commercial Engineering**
 You focus on the business market (B2B) and the consumer market (B2C).

Career prospects and further studies

After graduation, you will be in demand on the job market. You will likely start your career as:

- Product developer
- Product engineer
- Maintenance manager
- Mechatronics technician
- Process technologist
- Environmental expert
- Project leader
- Product manager

Continue studying in NL or abroad
 With your HZ bachelor's degree, you can enrol in a master's programme. If you want to do this abroad, you can usually start straight away. If you wish to do this at a research university in the Netherlands, you may be required to follow a pre-master's programme.

'A programme that makes you stand out'

'The general Engineering course was an excellent choice for me, as it provided the opportunity to explore various fields, gain hands-on experience, and discover which area aligns best with my interests. In my first-year project, we developed a trash sorting system for a floating boat designed to collect and sort waste in rivers while identifying and safely returning wildlife. The prototype used sensors to sort coloured plastic balls, and we had to apply skills in coding, Arduino wiring, and design. It's truly amazing how much I've learned from these practical projects. This hands-on approach to learning gives me confidence that it will help me stand out and better prepare me for my future career.'

Lenita from South Africa/Portugal









Check
hz.nl/gpcm-en
 for the full programme

Global Project and Change Management

Are you passionate about creating a fairer, greener, and more sustainable world? This programme empowers you to lead global change: whether tackling ocean plastic, promoting ethical fashion, advancing sustainable business, or improving food systems. You'll gain skills in project and change management, innovation and leadership to become the changemaker the world needs



GPCM in short

-  Bachelor of Business Administration
-  Middelburg
-  4 years
-  Required subject: none

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ

Start your journey with two of the world's most critical sustainability themes: water and energy. You learn through real-world assignments, fieldwork and group projects. You build a strong foundation in:

- Project and change management
- Sustainable business practices
- Climate, society, and development
- Research and communication skills
- Personal and professional growth

Year 2

Study at HZ

You focus on two urgent global themes: vitality and food for a healthier planet. You explore innovative solutions to tackle global challenges such as healthy ageing, climate-resilient agriculture, and food security. Through hands-on Living Lab projects, you co-create real solutions that improve lives locally and globally. Key topics include:

- Advanced project & change management
- Innovation & entrepreneurship
- Research & communication
- Sustainable development & climate impact
- Personal and professional growth

Year 3

1st semester minor abroad or in NL, 2nd semester at HZ

In the 1st semester, you choose a minor to specialise or broaden your expertise. This can take place at HZ, at another Dutch university of applied sciences or at one of our many partner universities abroad. In the 2nd semester, you join the Value Creation programme. Working in small, international teams to develop sustainable innovations in collaboration with regional stakeholders. From idea to prototype, you will turn vision into action.

Year 4

Internship and graduation in NL or abroad

In your final year, you put your knowledge into practice through a 20-week internship at an organization in business, government, or NGOs – anywhere in the world. You gain valuable work experience while also working on an individual project. In the 2nd semester, you conduct applied research and solve a real-life challenge at a company or institution of your choice.

Career prospects and further studies

After graduation, you can start working in various roles, such as project manager or change manager at companies and organisations across different sectors. Examples of potential employers and fields include:

- Start your own business focused on sustainability
- Organisations in renewable energy or waste management
- An NGO working to tackle poverty or climate change for example
- A clothing company focused on fair production practices
- A commercial company striving to advance sustainable entrepreneurship
- International institutions, banks, health

Continue studying in NL or abroad

With a HZ bachelor's degree, you can enrol in a master's programme. If you want to do this abroad, you can usually start straight away. If you wish to do this at a research university in the Netherlands, you may be required to follow a pre-master's programme.

'I always wanted a study programme with a practical approach'

'I wanted to study something related to sustainability and in English, but with a bigger focus on society than biology, chemistry and physics. With GPCM, I found a mixture of project management and sustainability. I will learn how to implement projects that make a difference with all the basic information I need to become a professional in that area. Moreover, I did not only want to focus on one certain topic, but learn about different ones to have more possibilities in my future career.'



Nina from Germany



Industrial Engineering & Management

When you have completed the Industrial Engineering & Management programme you will be involved in designing, managing, optimising and improving business processes. You learn how to use technology, data, management and finance to help organisations more efficient and innovative, minimise risks, improve production processes and maximise profitability.

Industrial Engineering & Management in short

- Bachelor of Science
- Middelburg
- 4 years
- Required subject: Maths

Programme

Year 1 **Study at HZ**
 In your first year, you build a strong foundation in technology, economics, organisational science and management. From day one, you work with real companies on projects in quality management, process optimisation, and maintenance. Key themes include: Production & Business Processes, Asset & Maintenance Management, Quality Management and Operational Excellence.

Year 2 **Study at HZ**
 In your second year, you deepen your knowledge as projects grow more complex, focusing on innovation and sustainability in a global context. Key themes include:

- Process Design & Redesign
- Material Sciences
- Business Information Systems
- Innovation, Sustainability & Change Management
- Marketing & Supply Chain Management

Year 3

Minor and internship abroad or in NL
 In the third year of the programme, you choose your minor. A minor will enable you to deepen or broaden your knowledge and skills. During the other semester, you gain work experience with your internship. You can choose whether you stay in the Netherlands or go abroad.

Year 4

1st semester at HZ, 2nd semester internship in NL or abroad
 In your fourth year, you further expand your knowledge and skills while preparing for your final thesis. You focus on strategic innovation and professional integration in areas such as:

- Process improvement through data analysis
- Asset Management
- Sustainability the Bachelor of Science level.

Career prospects and further studies

There is a large demand worldwide for professionals with combined technical and managerial background. Our graduates have secured positions as:

- Asset managers
- Process engineers
- Quality engineers
- Health engineers
- Safety engineers

Continue studying in NL or abroad
 With a HZ bachelor's degree, you can enrol in a master's programme. If you want to do this abroad, you can usually start straight away. If you wish to do this at a research university in the Netherlands, you may be required to follow a pre-master's programme.

'A blend of physics, business and finance'

'I chose Industrial Engineering and Management because it blends fields that are both technical related and business related in one programme. We gain real-world experience already from the first year, for example, we're assigned to companies and work there twice a week. This helps us apply the theory learned in class into practice. For instance, I had the chance to work with my fellow classmates on a project to design a bridge for Efteling Park in the Netherlands. Our task was to define key objectives, including stakeholder management, aligning with the park's vision, and focusing on safety and innovation in risk management. We also had to handle resource management, covering materials and finances.'



Vega from Spain



Information & Communication Technology

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is at the heart of today's connected world. From apps and smart devices to AI and data security, ICT drives innovation across every sector. By studying ICT, you learn how to design, build, and manage the systems that power our digital lives, equipping you with skills that are in high demand worldwide.

ICT in short

-  Bachelor of Science
-  Middelburg
-  4 years
-  Required subjects: none

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ
 You start with the basics of software engineering. While working in small teams on real projects, you build your skills step by step. You focus on three key themes:

- **Computer Science:** learn how computers work and start coding.
- **Game Development:** create your own game and learn how to code using object-oriented programming.
- **Modern Software Development:** learn how websites and apps are built using frameworks and put your skills to the test by working on a real project for an external client.

Year 2

Study at HZ
 This year you work on projects for actual companies. Together with your team, you find smart IT solutions that meet the needs of your client and you focus on two key themes:

- **Business & Innovation:** creating IT solutions and use creative thinking to design valuable, user-friendly products with your team.
- **Data Scientist:** dive deeper into topics such as machine learning, cloud computing and data visualisation, along with entrepreneurship and the ethical side of working with data.

Year 3

Minor and internship abroad in NL or abroad
 You choose one of the two study tracks: Software Engineering or Data Science. Your internship (in the Netherlands or abroad) is centred on your chosen study track. You broaden your knowledge by choosing a minor in NL or abroad, such as Cybersecurity or Game Design. The choice of your minor is up to you.

Year 4

Graduation internship in NL or abroad
 The first semester is dedicated to your study track of choice. You conclude the study programme with a graduation research project at a company in The Netherlands or abroad.

Study tracks

In the third year you get to choose from one of the following study tracks: Software Engineering or Data Science.

- **Software Engineer (SE)**
 In the Software Engineer track, you'll learn how to design, develop, and maintain smart software solutions that power everything from apps to entire business systems. You'll build a strong foundation in coding, system architecture, and agile teamwork while working on real-life projects with companies.
- **Data Scientist (DS)**
 The Data Scientist track focuses on unlocking the power of data to drive smart decisions. You'll dive into statistics, machine learning, and data visualisation while learning to turn raw information into valuable insights. With hands-on projects and practical tools, you'll be prepared to tackle real-world challenges using data-driven solutions.

Career prospects and further studies

Your possibilities are endless. You can work for commercial companies such as banks and insurance companies, industrial companies, IT companies and start-ups. There is also high demand for IT professionals in the non-profit sector, including in healthcare, defence and local governments:

- IT-consultant
- Data engineer
- Software engineer
- Cloud engineer
- Web developer/Front-end or back-developer

Continue studying in NL or abroad

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'What I love about studying ICT at HZ is the sense of community'

'At first, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do in IT, but this programme stood out because it covers a wide range of topics. It gave me the chance to explore different areas and figure out what I enjoy most. What I love about studying ICT at HZ is the sense of community—we support each other, You can always go to people from different years or lecturers and ask about anything or just have a nice chat. We also have great events like Hackathons, DataFest, and the annual IT Conference. My favourite project so far was the Framework project, where we built an app for a real company. It felt meaningful and prepared us for real-world work.'



Kaloyan from Bulgaria



International Business

Do you dream of an international career? The International Business programme prepares you for a successful future. During this programme, you develop into a business expert with an eye for global challenges and opportunities. You will gain international experience, build a valuable network and spend 2 to 3 semesters abroad for your internship and/or your minor.

International Business in short

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Vlissingen
- 4 years
- Required subjects: none

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ
 You lay a solid foundation for your future in international business. You immediately apply your knowledge in challenging business cases for real clients. This year you work on themes such as:

- Internationalisation
- Strategy Development
- Supply Chain Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Human Resources
- Exporting

Year 2

Study at HZ
 You deepen your understanding of international business through real projects. You will launch your own company, develop a business plan and manage finances and marketing. Key themes this year are:

- Negotiation Strategies
- Market Analysis
- Digital Collaboration
- Process Optimisation (SDGs)
- International Supply Chain
- Product Development

Year 3

Minor and internship abroad
Minor
 You take a minor abroad, where you immerse yourself in a field that interests you while discovering a new culture. You take your chosen additional language into account.

Internship
 You do an internship abroad and gain valuable work experience in an international environment. You take your chosen additional language into account.

Year 4

1st semester at HZ, 2nd semester in NL or abroad
 You focus on two main components during the last year of this study. In the first semester at HZ, you prepare for your graduation project in the second semester. You learn everything you need to conduct a successful research project. In the second semester, you apply your knowledge in practice: you do an internship at a company of your choice, in the Netherlands or abroad.

Master a new language: Dutch, German, French or Spanish

In the first year of the programme, you choose an additional language, which you learn over the course of four years. The languages you can choose from are Dutch, German, French and Spanish. The language you choose in year 1 determines where you will go for your minor and/or your internship.

Career prospects and further studies

As a business expert you have a wide range of opportunities. Our graduates have secured positions as:

- International marketing managers
- Digital marketing managers
- Entrepreneurs
- Import/export consultants
- Purchasing managers

Continue studying in NL or abroad
 With a HZ bachelor's degree, you can enrol in a master's programme. If you want to do this abroad, you can usually start straight away. If you wish to do this at a research university in the Netherlands, you may be required to follow a pre-master's programme.

'It's a nice mix of learning, collaborating, and growing in an international setting'

I chose International Business because it genuinely felt like a good fit for me. I've always been curious about other cultures and truly enjoy meeting people from different backgrounds. Fortunately, this programme allows me to explore various areas—marketing, supply chain, entrepreneurship—so I never feel stuck in one direction. Additionally, the opportunity to go abroad for a minor or internship made it feel right from the start. What I appreciate most is the practical work; we often collaborate on real cases in international teams. Moreover, the cultural mix in class makes learning even richer. One especially rewarding project was developing a market entry plan for a local Zeeland company.'

Théotime from France



Logistics Engineering

How can your sneakers arrive the next day from across the world? It may seem simple, but there is a smart and complex process behind it. Companies like DHL and Amazon rely on cutting-edge technologies - like drones, warehouse robots and advanced planning systems- to move goods quickly and efficiently. This is one example of the world of logistics, and it's changing fast. At HZ, you'll become part of that change where we prepare you to innovate and lead in this dynamic field.

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ

Gain a strong foundation in logistics and explore your future career options. You'll also take part in practical real company projects and group assignments to experience how logistics works in real life. Courses include: international logistics, financial management and event logistics.

Year 2

Study at HZ & 1 day internship per week

Expand your knowledge of logistics and management with topics like: marketing & export management, distribution & maritime logistics, production planning & big data and leadership & change management.

Year 3

Minor and internship in NL or abroad

In the first semester, you customise your study path by choosing a minor to specialize or broaden your skills. In the second semester, you complete an internship for real-world experience. Staying in the Netherlands or going abroad, both options are possible for your minor and internship.

Check
hz.nl/le-en
for the
full programme

Year 4

1st semester at HZ, 2nd semester internship in NL or abroad

In the final year, you choose a study track and complete your graduation internship based on a real company project.

Study tracks options

• Supply Chain Management

Learn to manage the journey of products and services from supplier to customer. Focus areas include product planning, transportation, inventory and order management.

• Maritime Logistics Management

Focus on seaport logistics and cargo transportation by sea. You learn how to manage storage, port facilities, and terminal operations.

Graduation internship

You complete your graduation internship at a company of your choice, either in the Netherlands or abroad. During this internship, you will carry out a research project that addresses a real-world logistics challenge. Work on real-world challenges such as:

- Optimising cargo ship loading
- Reducing waiting times in healthcare logistics
- Benchmarking port efficiency
- Cost-Effective Multi-modal Transport Solutions in Global Supply Chains
- The Impact of Warehouse Automation on Efficiency and Employment
- Cost-Effective Multi-modal Transport Solutions in

Career prospects and further studies

With your degree, you will be ready to streamline global supply chains and make logistics more efficient and sustainable. Possible roles include:

- Logistics Manager
- Supply Chain Manager
- Supply Chain Planner
- Process Improvement Specialist
- Purchasing Officer
- Logistics Consultant
- Material Manager
- Manager Sustainability

Continue studying in NL or abroad

With a HZ bachelor's degree, you can enrol in a master's programme. If you want to do this abroad, you can usually start straight away. If you wish to do this at a research university in the Netherlands, you may be required to follow a pre-master's programme.

Logistics Engineering in short

- Bachelor of Science
- Vlissingen
- 4 years
- Required subject: Maths

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'I chose HZ because of its supportive and approachable teachers'

'During high school, I discovered my passion for planning and optimising, especially when combined with my love for math—so logistics felt like the perfect fit. I chose HZ because I heard of its supportive and approachable teachers, and that's exactly what I've experienced these years as a student. They genuinely want their students to succeed. Living abroad has helped me grow personally, especially in time management and networking. I've also worked on many interesting projects, including field trips to logistics hubs. My favourite was managing a virtual logistics company—it was fun, challenging, and gave me a real feel for how the industry works.'

Dzonatans from Latvia





Check
hz.nl/tm-en
 for the full programme

Do you like discovering new destinations and cultures? Do the leisure branch, healthy lifestyle, travel and hospitality appeal to you? With the Tourism Management programme at HZ you develop yourself into a pioneer in the travel world. And all that while studying in an international setting in a fantastic travel destination: the Zeeland tourist region.



Tourism Management in short

- Bachelor of Arts
- Vlissingen
- 3 or 4 years
- Required subjects: none

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ and workfield orientation in NL or abroad
 You discover the foundations of tourism and the leisure industry. You participate in projects for both Dutch and international companies and organisations. At the end of the 1st year you do your first internship. You focus on topics such as:

- Marketing
- Hostmanship (customer focus)
- Human resources
- Operational management
- Business modeling
- Value creation

Year 2

Study at HZ and workfield orientation in NL or abroad
 In year 2 you focus on topics such as:

- Cultural communication
- Organisation cultures
- Digital intelligence
- Company analysis
- Technological trends, e-tourism
- Destination development
- Investment analysis and experience design

At the end of the 2nd year you do another internship.

Year 3

Study at HZ and minor in NL or abroad
 You practice your research skills in preparation for your graduation assignment. Together with your project group, you carry out a project in the field of tourism and leisure for the duration of 10 weeks, going through the entire graduation process. This year you focus on topics such as: strategic management, commercial skills, responsible tourism and ethics. You also choose a minor: a choice package of six months to deepen your knowledge. This you can do in the Netherlands or abroad.

Year 4

Graduation phase and traineeship NL or abroad
 The 4th year is all about graduating. You can personalise your graduation year with the Tourism Management programme. Do you want to continue studying and do a master? Then you can spend a larger part of the year on your thesis and a smaller part on your management internship. If you think it is important to gain as much practical experience as possible, you choose a larger practical part and a smaller thesis part.

Three-year track

If you are looking for a study challenge, the three-year track might be something for you. In order to enter this track you have to be highly motivated and qualified for an intensive and challenging programme.

Career prospects and further studies

The range of jobs within the field of tourism is as varied as the tourism destinations you can think of. Our graduates have secured positions as:

- Marketing managers
- Policy advisors
- HR consultants
- Hospitality managers
- Sales consultants

Continue studying in NL or abroad
 Do you want to continue studying after the Tourism Management programme? For example, choose the Master Strategic Business Management and Marketing, Imagineering or Destination Management. You may have to follow a pre-master before being allowed to enrol in the master. Check the information from the institution for more information.

'It's more than just tourism, it's about understanding people, places, and the stories that bring them together'

'I've always loved traveling and discovering new cultures. I'm really passionate about connecting with people from different backgrounds, and this programme just felt like the right fit—it lets me turn that passion into something I can build a career around. I get the chance to develop myself professionally. We don't just sit in class learning theory; we actually get to experience the tourism industry through internships, trips, and group projects. One of my favourite projects was creating a marketing plan for a destination—it really opened my eyes to the strategy behind tourism and what influences people's travel choices.'



Ruben from Portugal



Check
hz.nl/wm-en
 for the full programme

Water Management

How do we deal with floods, sea level rise, drought, water pollution and plastic soup? How does a city remain liveable despite extreme heat? And how do we ensure sufficient clean drinking water for a growing world population? With the Water Management programme, you will work on solutions to the water problems of today and the future.

Water Management in short

- Bachelor of Science
- Middelburg
- 3 or 4 years
- Required subjects: none

Programme

Year 1

Study at HZ
 Start your journey by exploring the essentials of water and its ecosystems. You learn how biology, ecology, and environmental factors like soil, flow, and temperature influence life in and around water. Social and economic perspectives are also introduced to help you understand the broader impact of water-related issues. From day one, it's hands-on. You work outdoors on real-life projects for organisations in Zeeland, developing practical skills in observation, analysis and communication. Collaboration is key: you team up with fellow students and professionals to tackle real challenges in water management.

Year 2

Study at HZ
 Work on real challenges with classmates, HZ research groups, and international organisations. Each project blends three areas of expertise in which you choose which role to play:

- Aquatic Ecologist: dive into water quality and ecosystems
- Creative Designer: shape landscapes from concept to plan
- Delta Manager: lead strategy, manage stakeholders, drive solutions

Year 3

Study at HZ and minor in NL or abroad
 You complete a six-month minor. With a minor you can further specialise in your field of study or choose to broaden your knowledge in another study programme. You can do an in-depth minor at the HZ research groups in the field of water, but you can also study for half a year at another university of applied sciences in NL or abroad. During your second semester, you will do an internship in NL or abroad with an organisation in your field.

Year 4

Graduation phase and traineeship NL or abroad
 In the first semester you join an HZ research group (like Aquaculture, Water Technology, Building with Nature, or Resilient Deltas) and tackle complex, real-life challenges during the Coastal Challenge with students from other disciplines. In your final semester, complete your graduation internship, while staying connected through online sessions to share insights and support with fellow students on your path to a bachelor's degree.

Three-year track

If you are looking for a substantial study challenge, the three-year track might be something for you. In order to enter this track you have to be highly motivated and qualified for an intensive and challenging programme.

'I want to be someone who can make a difference'

'Water has always been a big part of my life. With over 13 years of scuba diving experience—both recreational and professional—I've developed a strong connection to water and a growing awareness of the challenges our water systems face. That connection is what led me to study Water Management, so I can help make a real difference. What I enjoy most is how interdisciplinary the programme is. We learn a wide range of subjects—from natural sciences to societal and political aspects. We tackle real-world issues from many angles, and I especially love the fieldwork and lab sessions—they're immersive, collaborative, and really bring everything we learn to life.'

Tia from Serbia/Hungary

Career prospects and further studies

Our graduates have secured positions as:

- Policy makers and advisors
- Assistant urban planners
- Environmental engineers and ecologists
- Project managers

There are several options to continue studying after your bachelor degree.

- **River Delta Development at HZ**
 With your HZ bachelor degree you have direct access to the River Delta Development master programme at HZ. This way you can obtain your BSc en MSc in 6 years.
- **Continue studying in NL or abroad**
 When you choose to continue studying in NL a pre-master may be required. Abroad you can often immediately enroll with your HZ bachelor.



River Delta Development

Check hz.nl/rdd-en for the full programme

Everywhere in the world urbanisation and climate change are endangering upon fertile and ecologically valuable regions. This requires versatile delta professionals who do not only have knowledge of river delta systems (coast, fluvial and urban), but also possess the necessary research and communication skills to make meaningful contributions to the environment.

River Delta Development in short

- Master of Science
- Middelburg, Velp, Rotterdam
- 2 years
- Required: a Bachelor degree in an adjacent field

Themes

- Intro**
 - Middelburg: introduction**
 - Introduction into riverdelta systems
 - Excursion
 - System analysis
 - Transition theories
 - Case study
- Semester 1**
 - Middelburg: Coastal Systems**
 - Insight into coastal systems
 - Research in Living Labs (including coaching, transition and intervention)
 - Assessment
- Semester 2**
 - Velp: Fluvial Systems**
 - Insight into fluvial systems
 - Research in Living Labs (including coaching, transition and intervention)
 - Assessment
- Semester 3**
 - Rotterdam: Urban Systems**
 - Insight into urban systems
 - Research in Living Labs (including coaching, transition and intervention)
 - Assessment

Final phase

Middelburg, Rotterdam or Velp: Final phase
 You follow several online courses and workshops to further specialise. During the first semester, you work on an innovative and sustainable solution to an issue that is close to your heart.

Career prospects and further studies

Compared to a bachelor degree this master programme further increases your knowledge and improves your career opportunities. Upon graduation your career prospects will be varied and covering a wide range, including consultant (senior), hydrologist, project leader (senior) and researcher or manager.

Living labs

- **Coastal Defense (Middelburg)**
 The danger of flooding is an urgent (and ongoing) challenge that needs constant attention. One of the topics in our Living Lab is coastal defense by oyster reefs. A sustainable and ecofriendly solution to prevent the coast from flooding.
- **Improve Navigability (Velp)**
 Transport over water is very interesting both in terms of economics and CO2. However, periods of low discharge in the IJssel do not make this easier. Connecting stakeholders and drawing up possible solutions that improve navigability (dredging or different shipping types) is the aim of one of the living labs students participate in.
- **Tidal Parc (Rotterdam)**
 The challenge in this example stretches from increasing biodiversity to increasing flood resilience and its public awareness. The solution is a tidal park where all challenges are met and a base is created for urban development to create a new, significant public space for the city.

'You realise how different it is to apply knowledge rather than just studying it

'After completing my urban planning thesis on Water Management and Nature Based Solutions, I looked for a master that would deepen my knowledge. This programme stood out for its multi-geographical focus (coastal, fluvial, urban); hands-on learning; and the chance to study in different cities. I really enjoy learning through projects and activities rather than just lectures. One highlight was the "No See Too High Living Lab", our biggest group project where we conducted research, interviews, and design proposals. It was challenging but rewarding, and I'm excited to apply my urban planning background in the upcoming urban-focused semester'

Bart from Italy

Fees and finances

Studying in the Netherlands is an exciting opportunity, but it's also important to make sure you're financially prepared. You'll need to have enough money to support yourself throughout your stay, covering not just your tuition fees, but also everyday living costs. The cost of living in the Netherlands is comparable to other Western European countries, but expenses can vary depending on the city you choose, lifestyle and housing choices.

Tuition fees and living expenses

	Tuition fees*	Available scholarships	Visa + fees	Food + personal expenses	Excursions	Books	Housing	Insurance
EU-students	€2.601*	Rotary**		€250-€500/month	€0-€350/year	€300-€600/year	€300-€450/month	+/- €40/month***
Non-EU students	€9.550*	NL Scholarship and Rotary**	€228					

* Tuition fees are based on the study year 2025-2026. See [hz.nl/finances](https://www.hz.nl/finances) for the latest update.

** The rotary scholarship is only available for applicants of the following programmes: Water Management, Civil Engineering and River Delta Development.

*** Based on an international student health care insurance.

Cost of living non-EU students

Non-EU students will receive an invoice from HZ. The invoice will include the required amount for living expenses, the visa/residence permit fee and the tuition fees as stated in the table above. This proof of sufficient means is required by the Dutch immigration services. Once you have arrived in the Netherlands and have opened a Dutch bank account, HZ will transfer the living expenses amount back to your account (if necessary, the cost of accommodation will be deducted if you choose this option and rented a room with APV housing corporation).

Scan the QR code for more information about visa



Practical information

We would like to provide you with some information on practical matters related to the visa procedure, insurance and the introduction week, which we recommend you read thoroughly.

Visa and residence permit

Whether you need a visa depends on your nationality. EU-students don't need a visa. The same applies to you if you hold the nationality of one of the following countries: Switzerland, USA, Canada, Australia, New-Zealand, South-Korea or Japan. The HZ Student Office will apply for this document on your behalf after having completed the application process. You will receive a residence permit for the full duration of your studies (with a maximum of 5 years).

Insurance

Everyone in the Netherlands must have an insurance for medical expenses. As an international student you might need to get a healthcare insurance and a third-party liability insurance. Also make sure you have a travel insurance.

- As a non-EU student, you have to get a health insurance and a third-party liability insurance in the Netherlands.
- As an EU-student you are not obliged to have a Dutch public health care insurance if you are already insured in your home country. Your insurance company can provide you with the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Before you leave for the Netherlands we advise you to check with your insurance company whether everything is covered for your study abroad. Please note that if you plan to work aside of your study, having a Dutch healthcare insurance is mandatory.

Registration with town hall

All international students staying in the Netherlands for a period longer than four months have to register with the municipality (Basisregistratie Personen) where you are living.



Arrival/introduction week

Prior to the kick off of your study programme, you will have a general introduction week in August. You will get all the practical information you need to settle in. Go to www.hz.nl/introduction for more details.

Useful links for more information

- www.hz.nl/finances
- www.hz.nl/scholarships
- www.hz.nl/yearplan

Admission requirements

There are three 3 different requirements for your admission:

1. General requirements

Diploma equal to Dutch HAVO, determined by Nuffic (Organisation for International Education in the Netherlands.) To see if you would be admissible, check the list of foreign diplomas on our website: www.hz.nl/requirements.

2. Specific study programme requirements

Depending on your chosen programme, you may need to meet additional requirements. Check www.hz.nl/requirements for details.

3. Language requirements

As an international student you might need to submit an official English language certificate, proving you have sufficient English language skills. Your level of English needs to have an equivalent of the IELTS score of 6.0. For exemptions to this language requirement, see www.hz.nl/requirements.

IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC and Cambridge English

IELTS	TOEFL Paper	TOEFL Internet	TOEIC2*		Cambridge English grades and scale
			Listening and Reading	Speaking and Writing	
7.5	625	113	790	400	Advanced (CAE) - Grade B (scale 194-199) Advanced (CAE) - Grade C (scale 191-193)
7.0	600	100	780	350	First (FCE) - Grade A (scale 185 and above) Advanced (CAE) - Grade C (scale 185 and above)
6.5	575	90	720	310	Advanced (CAE) - Grade C (scale 180-184) First (FCE) - Grade A (scale 180-184) First (FCE) - Grade B (scale 176-179)
6.0	550	80	670	290	First (FCE) - Grade B (scale 173-175) First (FCE) - Grade C (scale 169-172)
5.5	525	70	620	260	First (FCE) - Grade C (scale 162-168)



Application procedure

Questions?

Contact csa@hz.nl for assistance on tuition fees, the application procedure or visa requests

The application procedure opens in October. You can already apply prior to your secondary school graduation. We can preliminarily inform you on your admission based on your most recent transcript of records. The application procedure consists of the following three steps:

1. Apply via www.studielink.nl, the online Dutch application system for higher education

- Click on the English button
- Create Studielink-account. Choose 'Log in without a DigiD' or choose 'Log in with eIDAS' if you are from Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Slovakia, Estonia, Croatia, Portugal, Spain, Latvia or Lithuania.
- Keep your passport/ID within reach.
- Log in with your new username and password and apply to HZ University of Applied Sciences and the study programme(s) of your choice

2. Submit the required information to HZ's International Application System

Once you have applied via Studielink, HZ will send you an e-mail with a link to the HZ International Application System. Here you can complete your application by attaching the required documents to your file and submit.

3. Conditional Letter of Acceptance

If your application file is complete, we will inform you about your acceptance within 5 (working) days. You will receive a letter of acceptance if your documents meet the admission requirements. Notice that it will take longer than 5 days if we need to forward your documents to the Dutch ENIC/NARIC and/or programme coordinator. This is usually the case when your diploma is not mentioned on the list of admissible diplomas and/or if the subjects on your transcript do not match with the additional admission requirements of the chosen study programme. See www.hz.nl/rdd-en for more information on the application procedure for the master degree programme.

Application deadlines

	EU-students (Ba and Msc)	Non EU students (Ba)	Non-EU students (Msc)
Start September	1 August	1 June	1 June
Start February*	31 December	30 November	

* Only applies to Civil Engineering

Join our Open Days and online events

Visit www.hz.nl/events for our current overview of events. If you cannot visit us during our upcoming open days, you can watch our 24/7 webinar replays. Here you find online information sessions, videos and other useful information that will help you prepare for your studies and give you a good insight in the study programmes and the student life in Middelburg and Vlissingen.

Online information sessions

- Study programmes: 6 to 9 October 2025
- Practical approach webinar: 3 December 2025
- Recap practical approach: 15 April 2026
- Student panel: 22 April 2026

Open Days

- November 22, 2025
- February 7, 2026
- March 28, 2026




Scan the qr code for more information about our Open Days or go to www.hz.nl/opendays




Chat with our ambassadors

Our international student ambassadors are happy to share their experiences with you. Do you have questions about the study programmes at HZ or would you like to know more about student life in the Netherlands? Go to www.hz.nl/en/chat and connect with one of our ambassadors.

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