

Student Exchange

for incoming students

Interested in studying at Wageningen University & Research?
This brochure tells you all about what we have to offer, what to expect
and how to prepare for your time here as an exchange student.

Study
in NL



To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life

Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is one of the leading international universities and research institutes in the field of healthy food and the living environment. Here, you will focus on current and future global issues that are of increasing importance to both industry and government.

WUR has an excellent international reputation. More than 50% of the BSc courses and all MSc courses are taught in English. In the field of agricultural sciences WUR has repeatedly ranked as the number one university in the world.

Studying in Wageningen means multi-disciplinary, practically oriented education and personal contact between students and professors.

To facilitate the integration of knowledge from both the university and research institutes, WUR has an innovative

campus that is designed to stimulate interaction between students, professors and researchers. As a result, many renowned companies in food and agriculture have their Research & Development departments located on or next to Wageningen Campus.

Study in Wageningen

Be part of our international community of students who want to change the world. Together we can find solutions for problems like health and food security, water scarcity, climate change and other environmental and global issues. You are ensured personal guidance throughout your student career. Studying in Wageningen guarantees premium quality education and an international quality benchmark on your curriculum vitae.



Dutch

9,000

Non-dutch

3,000

Nationalities

115

Total 12,000

MSc

31

BSc

20

All MSc and 8 BSc are completely in English

Courses

English courses

1000+

Programme fields of study

Life and Food Sciences

- Animal Biodiversity and Genomics
 - Animal Sciences
 - Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management
 - Biobased Sciences
 - Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
 - Biology
 - Biosystems Engineering
 - Biotechnology
 - Food Quality Management
 - Food Safety
- Food Technology
 - Health Management in Aquaculture
 - Molecular Life Sciences
 - Nutrition and Health
 - Nutritional Epidemiology and Public Health (online)
 - Plant Biotechnology
 - Plant Breeding (online)
 - Plant Sciences
 - Resilient Farming and Food Systems
 - Water Technology

Environmental Sciences

- Climate Studies
 - Earth and Environment
 - Earth System Sciences
 - Environmental Sciences
 - Forest and Nature Conservation
 - Geographical Information Management and Applications
- Geo-Information Science
 - International Health Management in Aquaculture
 - International Land and Water Management
 - Landscape Architecture and Planning
 - Metropolitan Analysis, Design and Engineering
 - Tourism, Society and Environment
 - Urban Environmental Management

Social Sciences

- Communication, Health and Life Sciences
 - Consumer Studies
 - Data Science for Food and Health
 - Development and Rural Innovation
 - Economics of Sustainability
- Governance of Sustainability Transformations
 - International Development Studies
 - Management, Economics and Consumer Studies
 - Sustainable Business and Innovation
 - Sustainable Supply Chain Analytics

Studying in Wageningen

Academic facts and calendar

The academic year 60 ECTS is divided in six periods varying between 6-12 ECTS. Period 1 to 3 can be considered as the first semester (Autumn Term, 30 ECTS). Period 4 to 6 can be considered as the second semester (Spring term, 30 ECTS). Exchange students can start or end any study period. Students can select courses as long as they fulfill the prerequisites of the courses.

The academic year starts in September. Period 1, 2, 5 & 6 consist of eight weeks. Period 3 & 4 consist of four weeks. At the end of each period, the student takes examinations of the courses of that period. Resit A is after period 3, Resit B is after period 5 & Resit C is after period 6. Have a look at the academic calendar for the exact dates.

Education in English

All the MSc- and the 3rd year BSc-courses are taught in English, as well as many 2nd year BSc courses. Please select on language in WUR's online Study Handbook.

Minors

WUR offers more than 50 minors at BSc level (programme minors and thematic minors), the majority is taught in English. Please see: wur.nl/minors

Types of study

Different types of teaching methods are used. The most commonly used teaching methods are lectures and practicals. (Group) assignments, presentations, literature studies and case studies are often involved. The final mark is based on the different elements.



Application procedure

Application deadlines

Check How to apply for Incoming Exchange

Start 1st semester (September or October)

Deadlines NON-EU nationality students:	EU/EFTA nationality students:
1 April Nomination submitted by home university	15 April Nomination submitted by home university
15 April Application submitted by student	1 May Application submitted by student

Start 2nd semester (January or later)

Deadlines NON-EU nationality students:	EU/EFTA nationality students:
15 September Nomination submitted by home university	1 October Nomination submitted by home university
1 October Application submitted by student	15 October Application submitted by student

Step 1: Check if WUR is a partner institution/has a bilateral agreement for exchange

There should be an inter-institutional agreement for Student Mobility for Study (SMS) between the home university and Wageningen University & Research. Ask your Exchange Coordinator if this is the case. Exchange students should be registered as a regular student at one of the partner universities during their exchange.

Step 2: Check if you fulfil the academic background criteria

Depending on the programme, preferably, a minimum of 120 ECTS should have been completed before the exchange. Additionally, all students need to fulfil the prerequisites of each selected course (Assumed Knowledge in course descriptions).

Step 3: Check if you fulfil the language criteria

The minimum requirement is English skills at B2 level (CEFR), but we recommend you to obtain C1 before your start in Wageningen. You need to hand in one of the tests mentioned briefly below (check the admission

requirements for Level 1 on our website). Another option is to hand in a certificate from the language centre of your home university stating your level of English (minimum B2).

English proficiency (minimum scores):

- TOEFL iBT: 80 (0-120 scale) or 4 (1-6 scale)
- IELTS Academic Test: 6.0
- Pearson PTE Academic Test: 61
- LanguageCert Academic Test: 65
- Cambridge FCE/B2 First: 169-190
- Cambridge CAE/C1 Advanced: 169-210
- Cambridge CPE/C2 Proficiency: 180-230
- International Baccalauréat: 3”

Step 4: Apply at home university for exchange to WUR (home university selects and nominates)

You need to be eligible to participate in the exchange programme. Your educational institution selects and nominates candidates for student exchange to Wageningen University before the nomination deadline.

Step 5: Apply for student exchange after nomination

You will receive instructions for your online exchange application. Personal guidance is ensured by Incoming Exchange Coordinators who will process your application and be in touch with you about your course selection after you have submitted your application.

Detailed information about the exchange application procedure at WUR, deadlines and how to select courses can be found on our [Incoming Exchange website](#).

Immigration information

WUR will check whether you need a residence permit or entry visa during your stay with us. If so, we will do the application for you. Please do not start this procedure yourself, you will get instructions after admittance.



Living in Wageningen

Facts and figures

Wageningen is a green city centrally located in the Netherlands. It has a small but thriving cultural and social life with theatres, cinemas, student organisations, bars and restaurants. Students, accounting for 20% of the population, turn Wageningen into a university town. Besides this, the many international students, professors and researchers contribute to an international atmosphere. Being a compact town, all university facilities and the city centre are within cycling distance.

Facts

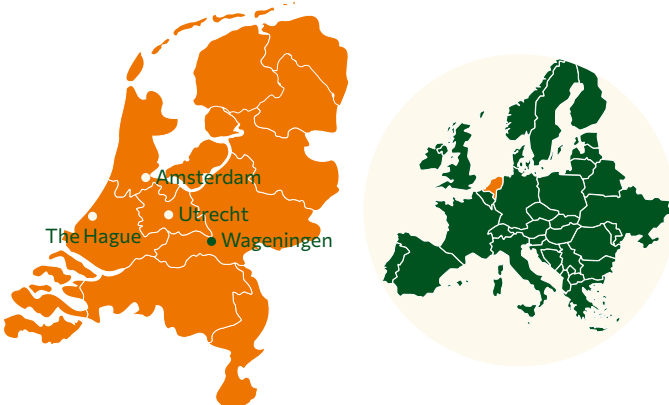


Population of the Netherlands	18,129,489
Population of Wageningen	42,790
Official language	Dutch
Currency	Euro €
Capital	Amsterdam
National Liberation Day Festival	5th of May
City rights since	1263 A.D.
Academic institute since	1918 A.D.

Travel time by public transport



<i>From Wageningen Campus to</i>	
Wageningen city centre	14 min
Utrecht central station	46 min
Amsterdam central station	75 min
Rotterdam central station	95 min
Brussels central station	3.5 hrs
Paris Gare du Nord	4.5 hrs
London central station	5.0 hrs
Berlin central station	6.5 hrs



Introduction, housing and sports

Annual Introduction Days (AID)

The AID is a great start to your student life in Wageningen. During the introduction days you will discover many things that will help prepare you for your stay in Wageningen. In small groups of ±10 students (Dutch and international) you will get to know fellow students, sports associations, student associations, the possibilities for going out, WUR and all kinds of useful information about your study and the city of Wageningen.

A lot of groups keep in touch after the AID. Participating in the AID is an opportunity to make life-long friends and to quickly feel at home.

Housing

Most students in Wageningen live with others in a corridor of student apartment buildings or in student houses spread all over Wageningen. These corridors and houses have individual student rooms and shared facilities like the kitchen and bathroom. Roommates often cook and eat together.

We recommend to register on [room.nl](https://www.room.nl) (a platform where student rooms from housing company Idealis are advertised) as soon as possible. Usually, your registration date determines your waiting time. We advise looking for housing through other channels as well.

Check our housing website for more information and advice on finding housing in Wageningen.

Sports

From athletics to swimming and from archery to ballroom dancing or the gym, you can do it all in Wageningen. Wageningen University has a large on campus sports centre that facilitates over 60 sports for students and employees.

Buy a sports card for around 140 euro per year (or 21.50 euro per month) and you can use all sports facilities.

We have 31 student sport associations which you can join by becoming a member (small contribution).



Extra information

Student life

Your student years are about more than just studying. Finding a room, joining a student association, parties... And sometimes studying doesn't go smoothly. Whether it's about earning credits or feeling good mentally, we're here for you. You grow, the world changes, and we're right there with you every step of the way.

International Student blog

One of the best ways to discover the world of WUR is through the eyes of our international students! Our International Student Blog is an authentic space where students from all over the world share their personal stories, experiences, and tips about life at WUR.

Support and wellbeing

Studying is exciting and inspiring, but it can also be challenging and stressful at times. Are you facing difficulties and finding it hard to solve them on your own? That's completely normal – and you're definitely not alone. (WUR) offers personal guidance and support to help you strengthen your study skills and enhance your mental well-being.

Personal Development

Continuing to grow means bringing out the very best in yourself – both personally and professionally. At Wageningen University & Research (WUR), you have the chance to discover who you are, what you're capable of, and how you want to contribute to the world.



Best university in the Netherlands
WUR has been ranked 1st on this list for 20 years in a row.
Dutch study guide universities 2026



Agriculture
National Taiwan Ranking 2024



Agriculture & Forestry
QS World University Rankings 2026



Environmental Sciences
QS World University Rankings 2026



Most Sustainable University in the World
WUR holds the top position for 9 consecutive years.
UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025



in the world
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026

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The mission of Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is 'To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life'. WUR brings together education, fundamental and applied research, and innovation at the intersection of nature, people, and food.

WUR works on solutions to global challenges related to biodiversity, climate, sustainable food systems, and health. Its strength lies in an integrated approach: connecting disciplines, combining scientific depth with practical relevance, and bringing together science, policy, business, and society. Through the collaboration between Wageningen University and Wageningen Research, WUR contributes to knowledge, innovation and impact, and to responsible change towards a world in balance with nature.