

Tilburg University

Tilburg University enjoys the reputation of being among Europe's best research universities in Business, Economics, Law, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

As one of Europe's most respected educational institutions, Tilburg University regularly achieves the leading position in international rankings, partly due to our international orientation in academic excellence as well as in the personal development of both students and staff. To maintain this position, and to make sure we can attract the best students and staff, Tilburg University continues to invest in good lecturers and academic researchers and is continuously looking to improve and update its campus facilities.

The University has held the number 1 position as *Best Specialist University in the Netherlands* for six consecutive years now. In the field of Social Sciences, Tilburg University holds

- a worldwide #68 position and a European #16 position in the Times Higher Education World Ranking
- a worldwide #86 position and a European #16 in the Shanghai Ranking.

In the QS World Ranking, Tilburg University holds

- a worldwide #70 position and a European #28 position in Psychology
- a worldwide #108 position and a European #47 position in Social Sciences and Management.

Tilburg University has an excellent network of more than 325 top universities around the world, we annually receive and send over 500 exchange students and welcome more than 1200 international degree-seeking students from more than 85 countries to our programs. We offer a varied curriculum, intensive study guidance, and a stimulating environment for students and staff.

Tilburg School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

TSB has a multidisciplinary approach to all its academic programs, besides offering the traditional disciplines of Psychology and Sociology. TSB is internationally oriented and promotes student and staff interaction by teaching in small groups. The School has an excellent reputation, enhanced by emphasizing the link between research and education and by challenging students and staff to be innovative and creative.

Tilburg Campus Life

Large enough to find plenty to do, but still small enough to run into people you know, Tilburg is a modern, lively, and cultural city. A true university city too; with a population of 27,000 students: 1 in every 8 people living in Tilburg is a student!



With our campus designed to be fairly compact and easy to navigate, you will be able to stroll between the library and your lecture room or your favorite café in no time. All university buildings are within walking distance from each other and set amidst landscaped gardens and green open spaces.

Students say the atmosphere is very welcoming and intimate, which makes them feel at home easily.

Take a virtual campus tour at:

📍 <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour>

General Information

Student population Tilburg University	13,000
Student population other students in Tilburg	14,000
Population Tilburg	206,000
Distance to capital Amsterdam	110 km

For information about studying in the Netherlands click:

📍 www.youtube.com/studyinholland



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Study Abroad and Exchange Officer

Bachelor's and Master's Exchange Program

Eligibility Criteria

1. Selected and nominated by one of TSB's exchange partners and in good academic standing
2. Proficiency in English; Tilburg University relies on its partner institutions to nominate students proficient in English: TOEFL 550 (PBT)/80 (iBT), IELTS 6.0, or Common European Framework level B2 Master: Toefl 600 (PBT)/90, IELTS 6.5, or Common European Framework (level C1).
3. For BSc exchange: successfully completed at least one year psychology, sociology, social sciences, or business. For MSc exchange: successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, social sciences, or business.

Application Procedure

Students are required to submit their application via our online application system. All Partner Universities and nominated students will receive an email with the application procedure and practical information about the exchange program at TSB.

Bachelor's Exchange Students

have a broad choice of BSc courses to choose from:

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Organization Studies
- Global Management of Social Issues
- Human Resource Studies.

Master's Exchange Students

have a broad choice of MSc courses to choose from:

- Social Psychology
- Organization Studies
- Sociology
- Human Resource Studies
- Research Master in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Instruction Methods

A mix of (guest) lectures and interactive seminars, workshops, and tutorials with in-depth discussions in groups of between 10 and 40 students.

Course Load

- Fulltime workload for one semester = 30 ECTS
- Most courses are 6 ECTS (study load of 168 hours)
- Required workload for exchange students: min 24 – max 30 ECTS
- We need a written approval from your home university if you want to take less than 24 ECTS during your exchange
- A semester is divided into two units of 7 – 9 weeks each.

Assessment

Oral or written examinations (some courses have midterm tests as well), individual or group papers, essays, case studies, in-class presentations, and other forms of coursework all count towards the final grade. There is an examination period after each semester.

Grading

In the Dutch grading system, grades from 1 up to 10 are used. In general, grades with one decimal are issued; the lowest passing at Tilburg University is a 6.0.

Grade	Description	American Grade	ECTS
10.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A+	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	A/B+	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	B/C+	C
6.0	Sufficient	C	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	D/F	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F	F

Conversion table as determined by Tilburg University in consultation with Nuffic; June 2009

Re-examination

Scheduled for all units at the end of preceding unit. Exchange students may sit the re-examinations at Tilburg University.

Taking re-examination at your home university (distance exam) is only possible under special circumstances and only if

- it can be arranged at exactly the same day and exactly the same time as the examination at Tilburg University; and
- your home and host universities are willing and able to coordinate and supervise the exam.

The Examination Board of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences will assess requests on a case-by-case basis in deciding whether a distance exam will be granted.



Language Courses

www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecenter

The on-campus Language Center offers semester courses (mostly **free of charge!**) to students who wish to improve their skills in Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish, or Italian. In addition, tools for self-study are offered to anyone who wishes to improve their language skills.

Intensive Language Summer Course

The Language Center organizes an Intensive Language Course during the summer for exchange students.

Serious Fun: Summer School

<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/summerschool/>

Students joining the Tilburg University Summer School get a taste of living and studying in Tilburg. A unique way of combining education with social activities and meeting students from all over the world! Please visit the website for more information.



Cost of Living

Living in Tilburg is relatively inexpensive compared to some other Dutch university cities. The monthly costs of living are approximately €800 per month. The table below gives you a general overview of your costs of living in Tilburg per month. These estimated costs can vary per person and also depend on your lifestyle.

Semester Cost of Living (estimate)	
Accommodation	€2250/€2850
Food	€1500
Books and readers	€400
Health, liability, and travel insurance	€225
Total	€4375/€4975

A second-hand bicycle and chain will cost you about €125 and a university sports pass €120 per semester.

For visa costs (if applicable), see

<http://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/visas-and-permits>

Services & Facilities

Quick and Efficient Visa Application

Your visa application will be arranged by our dedicated immigration officers. They help you through every step of the process by dealing with your application on an individual basis, taking into account your personal situation.

Housing

Tilburg University does not offer on-campus student accommodation but two housing companies in Tilburg offer furnished accommodation to international students through www.yourroomintilburg.com. The estimated monthly rent is between €300-€550.

Buddy System

The student organization I*ESN takes care of the exchange buddy system and regularly organizes activities for all exchange students at Tilburg University.

Arrival Days & Introduction Week

Our warm welcome for all international students includes pick-up service, meeting your exchange coordinator and buddy, info on class schedules and ICT facilities, guided tour around the campus and Tilburg, guidance through administrative affairs, helping you buy a bicycle, academic preparation, and fun and games to get to know other students.

Student Life

International Student Organizations

Tilburg University has 14 international student organizations catering to a variety of interests, for example, the International Exchange Erasmus Student Network, I*ESN (<http://iesntilburg.nl>).



The state-of-the-art Sports Center offers a wide variety of sports and exercise facilities at all levels. The Center has two large sports halls, fitness rooms, a dedicated weight-training area, squash courts, and a sauna. The outdoor facilities include a semi-water-based field hockey pitch, six tennis courts and a beach volleyball pitch, among other things. The Sports Center offers over 45 sports activities, including Zumba, indoor cycling, table tennis, and yoga. Join them individually or as a member of one of the sports associations.

<https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/studentlife/sportsfacilities.htm>



High-tech University Library

Tilburg University's library is one of the most modern university libraries in Europe, and a popular place to study individually or in groups. The library maintains subscriptions to a wide range of journals in Social Sciences, Psychology, Sociology, Business and Economics. Download a podcast of an audio-tour through the library along the various facilities here:

Important Dates and Deadlines	
Nomination	Deadline
Full year	May 1, 2016
Fall 2016	May 1, 2016
Spring 2017	October 1, 2016
Nominations to be e-mailed by home institution to responsible exchange coordinator	
Application	Deadline
Full year	May 15, 2016
Fall 2016	May 15, 2016
Spring 2017	October 15, 2016
www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure	
Arrival Days	Dates
Fall 2016	August 18 – 19
Spring 2017	<i>to be announced</i>
Introduction Week	Dates
Fall 2016	August 22 – 26
Spring 2017	<i>to be announced</i>
Start of Classes	Dates
Fall 2016	August 29
Spring 2017	January 30 (<i>tentative</i>)
Exam Period	Dates
Fall 2016 (<i>varies per School</i>)	December 2016/January 2017
Spring 2017 (<i>varies per School</i>)	May, June or July, 2017
Re-examination Period	Dates
Fall 2016 (<i>varies per School</i>)	January and March 2017
Spring 2017 (<i>varies per School</i>)	June/July 2017



Connect with Us!

Excellent Sports Facilities

	<p>Tilburg University manages a Facebook group for all exchange students. Accepted exchange students are invited to join and meet & greet fellow exchange students</p> <p>Like us at:  www.facebook.com/TilburgUniversity</p>
	<p>Follow us on twitter:  @TilburgU_Engd</p>

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Outdoor Team Work



Your TSB International Affairs Team



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The City Centre



Our Campus

