

# Student Exchange

Brochure 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.



**WAGENINGEN**  
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH

## First... some statistics



13,678  
students



No. 1 University in agriculture and forestry  
QS World University Rankings



904  
English courses



No. 1 University in agriculture  
National Taiwan University Ranking



113  
nationalities



Best university in the Netherlands



35 MSc programmes in English

20 BSc programmes of which 7 are completely in English and the rest are partially in English



## Wageningen University & Research

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.

# Studying in Wageningen - Education in English

All the MSc- and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year BSc-courses are taught in English, as well as many 2<sup>nd</sup> year BSc courses. Please select on language in WUR's online study handbook: [www.wur.eu/studyhandbook](http://www.wur.eu/studyhandbook)

## Environmental Sciences

- Climate Studies
- Earth and Environment
- Environmental Sciences\*
- Forest and Nature Conservation
- Geo-information Science
- International Land and Water Management\*
- Landscape Architecture and Planning
- Soil, Water, Atmosphere\*
- Tourism\*
- Tourism, Society and Environment
- Urban Environmental Management



## Technology & Nutrition

- Biobased Sciences
- Biosystems Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Data Science for Food and Health
- Food Safety
- Food Studies
- Food Technology (also available online)\*
- Food Quality Management
- Molecular Life Sciences
- Nutritional Epidemiology and Public Health (online)
- Nutrition and Health



## Life Sciences

- Agroecology
- Animal Sciences\*
- Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management
- Biology
- Organic Agriculture
- Plant Biotechnology
- Plant Breeding (online)
- Plant Sciences
- Marine Sciences



## Social Sciences

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



\* : Fields that offer a BSc completely in English.

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# Studying in Wageningen - academic facts and calendar

The academic year 60 ECTS is divided in six periods varying between 6-12 ECTS. The Autumn term (September) consists of period 1 to 3 and the Spring term (February) consists of period 4 to 6. Exchange students can start or end any study period. Students can select courses as long as they fulfill the prerequisites of the courses.

## Minors

WUR offers 54 minors at BSc level (programme minors and thematic minors), the majority are taught in English. Please see: [www.wur.eu/listofminors](http://www.wur.eu/listofminors)

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## Deadlines

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (start in Sep.)		2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (start in Jan. or later)	
	NON-EU students	EU students	NON-EU students	EU students
<b>Nomination</b>	April 1	April 15	September 15	October 1
<b>Application</b>	April 15	May 1	October 1	October 15

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# Calendar Academic Year 2023-2024



Period	PERIOD 1					PERIOD 2					Exams								
	Calendar week	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51	
Monday	21-8	25-12	1-1	4-9	11-9	18-9	25-9	2-10	9-10	16-10	23-10	30-10	6-11	13-11	20-11	27-11	4-12	11-12	18-12
Tuesday	22-8	29-8	2-1	5-9	12-9	19-9	26-9	3-10	10-10	17-10	24-10	31-10	7-11	14-11	21-11	28-11	5-12	12-12	19-12
Wednesday	23-8	30-8	3-1	6-9	13-9	20-9	27-9	4-10	11-10	18-10	25-10	1-11	8-11	15-11	22-11	29-11	6-12	13-12	20-12
Thursday	24-8	31-8	4-1	7-9	14-9	21-9	28-9	5-10	12-10	19-10	26-10	2-11	9-11	16-11	23-11	30-11	7-12	14-12	21-12
Friday	25-8	1-9	5-1	8-9	15-9	22-9	29-9	6-10	13-10	20-10	27-10	3-11	10-11	17-11	24-11	1-12	8-12	15-12	22-12

4-9 Start Academic Year 2023-2024

Period	PERIOD 3					PERIOD 4					PERIOD 5					Exams			
	Calendar week	2	3	4	5	Resit A	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		16	17	18
Monday	52	15-1	22-1	29-1	5-2	12-2	19-2	26-2	4-3	11-3	18-3	25-3	1-4	8-4	15-4	22-4	29-4	30-4	
Tuesday	26-12	1-1	8-1	15-1	22-1	29-1	5-2	12-2	19-2	26-2	4-3	11-3	18-3	25-3	1-4	8-4	15-4	22-4	23-4
Wednesday	27-12	2-1	9-1	16-1	23-1	30-1	6-2	13-2	20-2	27-2	5-3	12-3	19-3	26-3	2-4	9-4	16-4	23-4	24-4
Thursday	28-12	3-1	10-1	17-1	24-1	31-1	7-2	14-2	21-2	28-2	6-3	13-3	20-3	27-3	3-4	10-4	17-4	24-4	25-4
Friday	29-12	4-1	11-1	18-1	25-1	1-2	8-2	15-2	22-2	29-2	7-3	14-3	21-3	28-3	4-4	11-4	18-4	25-4	26-4
		5-1	12-1	19-1	26-1	2-2	9-2	16-2	23-2	1-3	8-3	15-3	22-3	29-3	5-4	12-4	19-4	26-4	3-5

Period	PERIOD 6					Summer Holidays					2024-2025								
	Calendar week	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Monday	6-5	13-5	20-5	27-5	3-6	10-6	17-6	24-6	1-7	8-7	15-7	22-7	29-7	5-8	12-8	19-8	26-8	2-9	9-9
Tuesday	7-5	14-5	21-5	28-5	4-6	11-6	18-6	25-6	2-7	9-7	16-7	23-7	30-7	6-8	13-8	20-8	27-8	3-9	10-9
Wednesday	8-5	15-5	22-5	29-5	5-6	12-6	19-6	26-6	3-7	10-7	17-7	24-7	31-7	7-8	14-8	21-8	28-8	4-9	11-9
Thursday	9-5	16-5	23-5	30-5	6-6	13-6	20-6	27-6	4-7	11-7	18-7	25-7	1-8	8-8	15-8	22-8	29-8	5-9	12-9
Friday	10-5	17-5	24-5	31-5	7-6	14-6	21-6	28-6	5-7	12-7	19-7	26-7	2-8	9-8	16-8	23-8	30-8	6-9	13-9

Period 6 Second Half start Tuesday June 11

Period	Exam Days 2023-2024	Date
Period 1	23 to 27 October 2023	
Period 2	18 to 22 December 2023	
Period 3	1 or 2 February 2024	
Resit A (Period 1+2 *)	7 to 9 February 2024	
Period 4	7 or 8 March 2024	
Period 5	29 April to 3 May 2024	
Resit B (Period 2**+3+4)	(7) 8 and 10 May 2024	
Period 6 First Half	7 or 10 June 2024	
Period 6 Second Half	4 or 5 July 2024	
Period 6	1 to 5 July 2024	
Resit C1 (Period 5)	11 or 12 July 2024	
Resit C2 (Period 6 ***)	17 to 19 July 2024	
* Course code start with nr 1 or 2		
** Course code start with nr 3, 4, 5 or 6		
*** Exceptions possible for courses which can't be graded within 5 days. Exam day 25 or 26 July		

Calendar week	Date	Holidays 2023-2024
52+1	25 December 2023 - January 5 2024	Christmas Holiday
52	25 December 2023	1st Christmas Day
52	26 December 2023	2nd Christmas Day
1	1 January 2024	New Year's Day
1	29 March 2024	Good Friday
13	31 March 2024	Easter Sunday
14	1 April 2024	Easter Monday
17	27 April 2024	Kingsday
18	5 May 2024	Liberation Day
19	9 May 2024	Ascension Day
20	19 May 2024	Whitsun
21	20 May 2024	Whit Monday
30-35	22 July - August 30 2024	Summer Holiday

Education Exam / Resit
Selfstudy
Holidays

● Details regard resits will be published in the Study Handbook  
● Individual courses may deviate from the general set-up

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# How to arrange your exchange to WUR

## Checklist

### 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.

### 2. Check if you fulfil the academic background criteria

Depending on the programme a minimum of 60-120 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).

### 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). In some cases it is possible to hand in a certificate from the language centre of your home university stating your level of English.

English proficiency (minimum scores)

- TOEFL internet-based: 80
- IELTS : 6.0
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: C
- Cambridge First Certificate: B
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: C
- German Abitur: 06
- Belgian ADO or TSO: 60
- International Baccalauréat: 3"

### 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.

### 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.

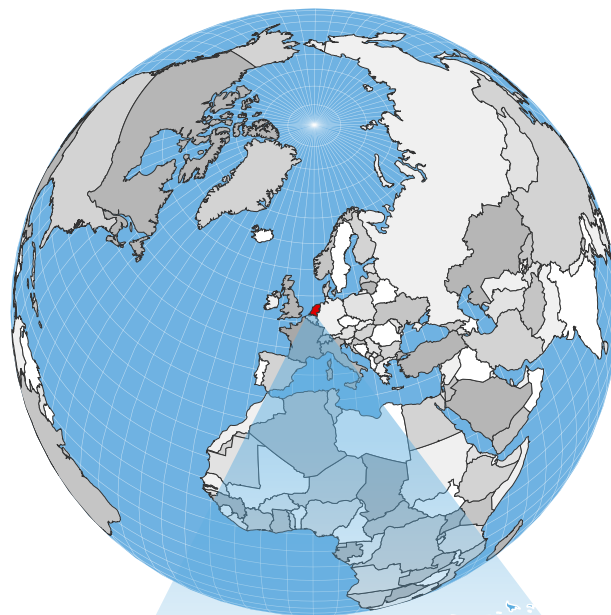
Detailed information about the exchange application procedure at WUR, deadlines and how to select courses can be found on our exchange website: [www.wur.eu/incoming](http://www.wur.eu/incoming)



# 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.

Population of the Netherlands	17,500,000
Population of Wageningen	39,643
Number of international students	2,709
Official language	Dutch
Language of instruction at WUR	English & Dutch
Currency	Euro (€)
Capital	Amsterdam
National Liberation Day festival	5 <sup>th</sup> of May
City rights since	1263 A.D.
Academic institute since	1918 A.D.



## Travel time by public transport



### From Wageningen Campus to

Wageningen city center	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

## Estimated monthly expenses

Rent of student accommodation



€ 300 - € 550

Health insurance and legal liability insurance



€ 75

Groceries



€ 350

Books and study materials



€ 200 per year

**TOTAL**

**About € 1000 per month**

# Living in Wageningen - Housing, introduction and more

## 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, eat and socialise together.

Rooms are available through the main student housing cooperation in Wageningen (Idealis), room.nl or on the private market.

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

[www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/future-students/Student-Housing-1.htm](http://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/future-students/Student-Housing-1.htm). The housing market is tight so please do not wait until the last moment to look for a room.



## 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 you'll get to know the sports associations, student associations, the possibilities for going out, your classmates, WUR and all the other things that Wageningen has to offer.

Besides study-related activities, there are also many other things to do such as a sports day, a cycling tour, a cultural night and a pubquiz. There is a big chance that you will find an organisation that meets your interests and that you can join for the rest of your time in Wageningen! Participating in the AID is an opportunity to make life-long friends and to quickly feel at home.

Website: [www.aidwageningen.nl](http://www.aidwageningen.nl)



## Immigration information

WUR will check whether you need a residence permit or entry visa during your stay with us. If so, they will do the application for you. Please do not start this procedure yourself, you will get instructions after admittance. The dues are 210 euro, check the requirements below.

Country of origin	MVV entry visa	Residence permit	Working permit
EU/EFTA countries	NO	NO	NO
Romania and Bulgaria	NO	NO*	NO
Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New-Zealand, South Korea, USA, Vatican City	NO	YES	YES
All other countries	YES	YES	YES

\* registration with IND is advised

## 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 sportcard for 114 euro per year (or 17.50 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). For more information see: [www.wur.nl/en/sports-centre-de-bongerd.htm](http://www.wur.nl/en/sports-centre-de-bongerd.htm)





# Questions?

## For individual student inquiries

### Incoming Exchange Coordinators

Marita van den Bergh - *contact for USA*

Ellen de Jong- *contact for Singapore, China and South Korea*

Yan Dan (Yans) van het Reve - *contact for Thailand, Taiwan and South America (Chile, Brazil and Colombia)*

✉ [incoming.exchange@wur.nl](mailto:incoming.exchange@wur.nl)

### Outgoing Exchange Coordinators

Dennis Duindam - *contact for Australia and New Zealand*

Sophie Sweers - *contact for Canada and Japan*

Wouter Venema- *contact for South Africa and Israel*

✉ [outgoing.exchange@wur.nl](mailto:outgoing.exchange@wur.nl)

## Contact for partners

Contact email address for international partners for negotiation and development of exchange agreements:

✉ [office.studentexchange@wur.nl](mailto:office.studentexchange@wur.nl)

## General contact information

### For general information

🌐 [www.wur.eu/exchange](http://www.wur.eu/exchange)

### For nominating students (partner universities)

✉ [application.studentexchange@wur.nl](mailto:application.studentexchange@wur.nl)

More information about nomination and application deadlines can be found [here](#).

### Social media

f [www.facebook.com/studyabroadwur](http://www.facebook.com/studyabroadwur)

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[www.instagram.com/studyabroadwur](http://www.instagram.com/studyabroadwur)

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