

Exchange Fact Sheet

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Tilburg School of Economics and Management

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About Tilburg University

Tilburg University enjoys the reputation of being among Europe's best research universities in Business, Economics and Law. Social orientation, quality, and a strong campus feeling form the heart of our education. Our green campus offers an attractive basis for fostering an international community where students and teachers can inspire and challenge each other and obtain knowledge.

The **Tilburg School of Economics and Management (TiSEM)** provides educational programs for 5,500 undergraduate and graduate students, including Bachelor, Master and Research Master / PhD programs. Our other Schools are in the field of Law, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities and Theology. TIAS School for Business and Society is the business school of Tilburg University and Eindhoven University of Technology and offers post-graduate education.

TiSEM partners with more than 130 top universities and business schools around the world to exchange around 300 students each year. The School also runs a successful Erasmus Mundus Master Course, and is partner in a number of double degree programs. We welcome more than 400 international degree-seeking students from over 65 countries into our programs; graduates from our partner universities are exempted from doing the GMAT/GRE test when applying.

TiSEM and TIAS are members of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) and accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, showing excellence in management education and indicating our commitment to quality and continuous improvement. The MBA programs are accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA). TiSEM is also a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst Institute) program partner. For information on our current rankings: www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/rankings.

Campus life

Large enough to find plenty to do, but still small enough to run into people you know, Tilburg is an idyllic, entrepreneurial and cultural city with a packed calendar of public events of all kinds. A true university city too; with a population of 27,000 students, every 1 out of 8 individuals is a student!

Tilburg inspires and surprises. "I didn't realize that Tilburg is such an interesting city," is one of the most frequently heard comments from first-time visitors. There is so much to see and do, not least in the field of arts and culture. Once you have experienced the 'Burgundian lifestyle' for which the region is so renowned, we know that you'll be back for more (source: www.vvvtilburg.nl).

With our green campus designed to be fast and easy to navigate, you will be able to stroll between the library and your lecture hall or your favorite coffee café in no time. All university buildings are within walking distance from each other and set amidst landscaped gardens and open green 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	: approx. 13,000
Total student population in Tilburg	: over 27,000
Population Tilburg	: approx. 210,000
Distance to Amsterdam (by car)	: 110 km / 68 miles
Distance to Brussels (by car)	: 120 km / 75 miles
Distance to Paris (by car)	: 415 km / 257 miles
Distance to Berlin (by car)	: 680 km / 422 miles



For information about studying in The Netherlands: www.youtube.com/studyinholland.

Important dates

Nomination Fall 2015 and Full year Spring 2016	Deadline 30 April 2015 1 October 2015	Application Fall 2015 and Full Year Spring 2016	Deadline 15 May 2015 15 October 2015
Arrival Days Fall 2015 Spring 2016	Dates Mid-August 2015* Mid/end of January 2016*	TOP Week Fall 2015 Spring 2016	Dates Mid-August 2015* End of January 2016*
Start of Classes Fall 2015 Spring 2016	Dates End of August 2015* End of January/First week of February 2016*		
Exam Period Fall 2015 Spring 2016	Period December 2015/January 2016 June 2016	Re-examination Period Fall 2015 Spring 2016	Period January, mid-June - July 2016 Mid-June - July 2016

* Period and exact dates to be confirmed; subject to change!

Application for exchange

Eligibility

<p><i>Bachelor / undergraduate exchange</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Selected by one of TiSEM's exchange partners (based on strong motivation, solid study plan, good academic standing) Proficiency in English. TiSEM relies on its exchange partners to nominate students who are proficient in English (no proof required). Students with the Chinese nationality need to submit proof in order to obtain a visa. <p><i>Indication of minimum level:</i> TOEFL 550/213/80 (paper/computer/internet-based); Academic IELTS 6.0 (at least 5.5 on individual parts); Cambridge First, Advanced, or Proficiency; Common European Framework level B2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully completed at least one year, but preferably two years of economics or business studies. 	<p><i>Master / graduate exchange</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Selected by one of TiSEM's exchange partners (based on strong motivation, solid study plan, good academic standing) Proficiency in English. TiSEM relies on its exchange partners to nominate students who are proficient in English (no proof required). Students with the Chinese nationality need to submit proof in order to obtain a visa. <p><i>Indication of minimum level:</i> TOEFL 575/233/90-91 (paper/computer/internet-based); Academic IELTS 6.5 (at least 6.0 on individual parts); Cambridge Advanced, or Proficiency; Common European Framework level C1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully completed an undergraduate economics or business program.
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Nomination

Exchange partners nominate their selected students in our online system. Information will follow.

Application

www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure

All nominated students will receive an email with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange at TiSEM. Students complete their application online. Information will follow.

Courses

TiSEM | Courses for exchange students

www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/courses

Tilburg University offers a broad variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses to exchange students.

Besides courses from our International Business Administration, Business Economics, Economics and Econometrics programs, courses from the other Schools at Tilburg University are also open to exchange students (restrictions may apply).

TiSEM | Certificate Programs for exchange students

TiSEM offers several Certificate Programs during the Fall semester. These are designed for students who would like to specialize and gain a depth of understanding in a focused area of study. A Certificate Program consists of three core courses, plus one or two additional electives in any field possible. Courses are interactive, creative, demanding, stimulating and challenging. The Certificate will be awarded when all courses (3 core courses plus 1 or 2 electives) have been successfully completed. TiSEM offers Certificate Programs in:

Accounting		Information Management		Marketing	
Finance	Organization & Strategy	Economics		Entrepreneurship	

TiSEM | CentER Honors Program

www.tilburguniversity.edu/research/institutes-and-research-groups/center/graduate-school/chp

TiSEM also offers exchange students who come during the Spring semester the opportunity to apply for the CentER Honors Program, offered by our Graduate School CentER. In a series of interactive lectures some of our very best researchers actively discuss important papers and their scientific impact. A wide variety of research fields are covered:

Microeconomics	Macroeconomics	Econometrics
Finance	Accounting	Marketing
Information Management	Operations Research	Organization & Strategy

The application deadline for the CentER Honors Program is in November.

Language Courses

www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre

The on-campus Language Center offers regular semester courses 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. The Language Center also organizes an Erasmus Intensive Language Course during the summer for students who come as exchange students under the Erasmus scheme.



TiSEM exchange students receive language vouchers with which they can register for a language course for free!

Tilburg University Summer School

www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool

Students joining the Tilburg University Summer School get a taste of living and studying in Tilburg. A unique way of combining learning with fun and meeting students from all over the world! Visit the website for more information on e.g. the available courses, tuition fees, and social program.

Learning expectations



Instruction methods

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

Assessment

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

Course Load

- Most courses are 6 ECTS (study load of 168 hours)
- Fulltime workload for one semester = 30 ECTS
- Regular workload for exchange students: 4 or 5 courses (24 – 30 ECTS)

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	ECTS grade
10.0 – 9.5 – 9.0 – 8.5	Excellent	A
8.0 – 7.5	Very good	B
7.0 – 6.5	Good	C
6.0	Sufficient	D/E
5.0 – 5.5	Fail	FX
< 5.0	Fail	F

Re-examination

Exchange students are welcome to sit the re-examinations at Tilburg University. Taking the re-examination at the home university is only possible under special circumstances (clash in academic schedule home/host university, personal medical reasons, family emergencies) and only when it can be arranged at exactly the same day and exactly the same time as it takes place at Tilburg University; and when the home and host universities are willing and able to coordinate and supervise the exam.

Cost of Living

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

<i>Monthly cost of living (estimate)</i>	
Accommodation	€300/€550
Food	€250
Books and readers	€80
Health, liability, travel insurance	€45
Total	€680/€925

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost you about €125 and a university sports card can be obtained for €98 a semester.



Services & Facilities

Exchange Coordinator

Your Exchange Coordinator at the School of Economics and Management is your first point of contact and will be there to help you before, during and after your exchange to make your exchange go as smooth as possible.

Quick and efficient visa application

Your visa application is done 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. For visa costs (if applicable) see: www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits.

Housing

Tilburg University does not offer in-campus student accommodation; however, two housing companies in Tilburg offer furnished accommodation to international students through www.yourroomintilburg.com. The estimated monthly rent lies between €300 and €550. The offer through this website is limited; however, Tilburg currently does not face a housing shortage for (exchange) students.



Buddy system and Carpe Diem

The student organization I*ESN Tilburg takes care of the exchange buddy system and regularly organizes activities for all international and Dutch students at Tilburg University. I*ESN runs a dynamic international hub in Tilburg city center, called 'Carpe Diem' (see [www.facebook.com > Carpe Diem - I*ESN Tilburg](https://www.facebook.com/CarpeDiem-I*ESN-Tilburg)).

Orientation: Arrival Days, Study Introduction Days and TOP Week

Tilburg University runs *mandatory* Study Introduction Days (SID) for all incoming exchange students during the *optional* Tilburg Orientation Program (TOP) week. During the SID, our Rector Magnificus will welcome all exchange students, you will meet your exchange coordinator and receive information on the School of Economics and Management and your exchange, enjoy a campus and a library tour, and follow academic preparation and computer workshops. We recommend participation in the TOP week too to get the full introduction to student life in Tilburg! Check www.top-week.nl/en for the program.

Student Life

Tilburg University has a rich student life with over 40 student organizations, excellent sports facilities and a large number of pubs and bars, cinemas, museums and concert halls. Combined with the numerous events organized by and within the (student) community such as festivals, exhibitions and conferences this ensures that Tilburg has something to offer for everyone.

Student organizations

www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/studentlife/studentsassociations

Among the student organizations in Tilburg are:

- I*ESN Tilburg: an active internationally-minded organization aimed at enrichment of (international) student life in Tilburg.
- Enactus: a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.
- AEGEE: one of Europe's biggest interdisciplinary student organizations, striving for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe.
- AIESEC: a non-profit student organization aiming to develop leadership among students by providing a safe platform where they can discover what matters to them, while pushing them to constantly take up new challenges.
- AWAKE International (Association for World Affairs): aimed at raising awareness of important social and environmental issues and at providing aid through fundraising and other charity events.

Study association Asset

www.asset-tilburg.nl

"Asset" is the study association of the Tilburg School of Economics and Management.

Exchange students are more than welcome to join!



Career Services

www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/labor/careercenter

Do you already have a clear picture of your ideal career? Or do you still need to plot the right course? Wherever you stand, the Student Career Center will be happy to help you along.

Excellent sports facilities

www.tilburguniversity.edu/about/culture-and-sports/sports-center

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 hockey pitch, six tennis courts and a beach volleyball pitch, among others. The Sports Center offers over 45 sports activities, including zumba, indoor cycling, table tennis and yoga.

High-tech university library

www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-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. A voluminous collection of e-books and e-journals and a collection with over 800,000 books, journals, illustrations, early works and manuscripts provide a treasure of scholarly information.