

## Pre-Bachelor Programme (Schakeljaar) The Hague University of Applied Sciences

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### BEFORE THE COURSE

Do you have a foreign certificate and would you like to be well-prepared for a study in higher education? Then sign up for the Pre-Bachelor Programme (Schakeljaar) at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. During the Pre-Bachelor Programme you will develop your Dutch and English language skills as well as your study skills. We will prepare you for the Staatsexamen Nt2 II. You can also opt to follow subjects such as mathematics or economics or physics. The international learning environment at the Hague University of Applied Sciences and our interactive way of teaching guarantees a successful continuation of your studies at a university of applied sciences.

In order to enroll in our pre-bachelor programme you need to meet the following requirements:

- Foreign certificate (equivalent to at least mbo-4 or havo level)
- Valid residence permit for the duration of the course
- Passed Dutch at B1 level
- Passed English at A2 level
- Have the necessary funding (for example a DUO-loan). If you are a refugee, we strongly advise you to register at UAF (Stichting voor Vluchteling-Studenten UAF)

### The Hague University of Applied Sciences (HAs)

World citizenship and studying or working in an international environment are important aspects of studying at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. It is important that participants of the Schakeljaar, with their various backgrounds, feel at home in the Netherlands. Therefore, special attention will be given to world citizenship, internationalization and networking. You will exchange customs and experiences with your fellow students. In addition, we will pay attention to the news, Dutch culture and what it means to study at a Dutch educational institution.

### City of The Hague

The Hague University of Applied Sciences is situated in the heart of The Hague. This city will offer you an all-round experience: from galleries full of paintings by Dutch masters and idyllic beaches to green parks and exciting nightclubs. The Hague is the international city of peace, law and security, and it is the host of many international legal institutions such as the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and various non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

## DURING THE COURSE

### Programme

#### o **Dutch**

We will focus on speaking, listening, reading, writing, developing your vocabulary and learning grammar. During the lessons we will spend quite a lot of time discussing the news and Dutch culture. You can follow exam training designed specifically for passing the Nt2 Staatsexamen II.

#### o **English**

You will improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. You will also be developing your vocabulary and grammar during these lessons.

In case you would like to pursue a Bachelor that is primarily in Dutch you will prepare for a Cambridge Preliminary Exam.

In case you would like to pursue a Bachelor in English and your entrée level (at the intake) is B1+, we will offer you lessons that will prepare you for IELTS Exams.

#### o **Study skills**

You will train study skills such as cooperation, asking questions, writing reports, giving presentations and giving feedback. These study skills are integrated in the Dutch and English lessons. Your mentor will help you with your study progress. You will also receive personal guidance from a career counsellor. With him or her, you will have conversations about your wellbeing, your study progress and your choice of study. To help you in making the right choice, you will attend one or more workshops on this topic.

#### o **Help with your study and career choice**

You will receive personal coaching and support from a mentor. Together with your mentor you will explore the options for your studies and you will discuss your progress. In order to help you with your choice for further studies we will offer you workshops for career orientation and you will be encouraged to join the so-called open lectures and open days. In the final part of the Pre-Bachelor programme you will be able to join some courses of the study of your choice.

#### o **Additional courses**

We also offer courses in mathematics, or physics or economics in case the study of your choice requires this. However, in order to enroll for these additional courses you need to have some basic knowledge. We also help you to prepare for the admission test at the Hague Hogeschool.

## Learning methodology

**The Pre-Bachelor programme in The Hague consists of two modules:**

- **First Module**
  - Preparation for State exams (Staatsexamens) Nt2 II (Dutch)
  - Preparation for IELTS or Cambridge Preliminary Exam (English)
  - Possibility to receive extra practice in speaking
  - Follow extra subjects
  - Choosing the right study
  
- **Second Module**
  - Prepare for entree requirements
  - Further enhance Dutch and English levels relevant to the study of your choice
  - Further develop necessary study skills for hbo/university education, such as cooperation, asking questions, writing reports, giving presentations and giving feedback. You will also develop a proactive, analytical and critical study attitude.
  - Prepare for entree test

## Study load and size of the group

You will need to keep in mind that for the core programme of the Pre-Bachelor you will need to spend approximately 35 hours a week on your studies: 25 of which will be spent on attending tutorials and 10 hours of which will be spent on self-study and group assignments. This calculation does not include the hours for additional courses. As it is quite an intensive programme, the number of students per group will not exceed 20 students.

## PRACTICALITIES

### Length of the Pre-Bachelor Programme

You can start in February or September 2019. If you start in September you will continue until July 2020. If you start in February 2019 you will continue until April 2020.

#### **Start in February 2019:**

Lessons: 18<sup>th</sup> of February - 28<sup>th</sup> of June and 16<sup>th</sup> of September - 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2020

#### **Start in September 2019:**

Lessons: 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 - 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2020

In both cases, you will prepare for a bachelor starting in September 2020.

### Signup procedure

You can sign up by filling out the contact form on the website.

We will make an appointment with you for the intake interview. For this interview, you need to bring:

- Your diplomas and grade lists
- Diploma Evaluation
- Letter from DUO or another proof that your year will be financed
- Information about 'inburgeringstermijn' from DUO
- UAF client number if applicable
- ID-card
- DigiD
- Certificate of level of Dutch B1 \*)
- Certificate of level of English A2

\*) if you don't have this certificate, you will have to sit an intake test to demonstrate that you have the required level. You will always have to do an English intake test.

### Expenses Pre-Bachelor Programme (Schakeljaar)

Expenses September Pre-Bachelor Programme will be € 4,500. This figure includes the fees for the study books for the core curriculum but it does not include the fees for taking the Nt2-II exam and (should you wish to sit this test ) the IELTS-test. The fees for the study material for the additional courses will have to be paid by yourself.

Expenses February Pre-Bachelor Programme €5,000. This figure includes the fees for the study books for the core curriculum but it does not include the fees for taking the Nt2-II exam and (should you wish to sit this test ) the IELTS-test. The fees for the study material for the additional courses will have to be paid by yourself.

Financing Refugee students who haven't sat the Inburgeringsexamen yet, may get their tuition fees reimbursed by DUO. At the start of the Schakeljaar you will sign an educational contract. If you sign this contract, you agree with the fact that the Schakeljaar at the Haagse Hogeschool will decide for you in which month you will sign up for the Nt2 Staatsexamen II.

## Location

Lessons will be taught in the main building of The Hague University of Applied Sciences, situated at the Johanna Westerdijkplein 75, 2521 EN in the Hague (behind NS-station Hollands Spoor). You may use the various facilities of the Hague University of Applied Sciences at this location, like the library, IT-facilities and sports facilities.

## Contact details

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Schakeljaar, you can contact us via:

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