

## International Exchange Program

### Exchange Fact Sheet

2013-2014

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

The University holds the number 1 position as '*Best Specialist University in the Netherlands*' for five consecutive years now, with the programs in Economics, Accountancy, Fiscal Law and Law ranked #1, Business Economics and Econometrics #2, and the International Business program ranked #3 by Dutch professors (Elsevier's Higher Education Review 2011). In the field of Social Sciences Tilburg University holds a European top 10 position in the Academic Ranking of the World Universities (Shanghai-ranking).

Our research in Economics ranks # 1 in Europe according to the latest research ranking of the European Economic Association, #1 in the worldwide Top 1500 Economics Departments & Research Centers by the Social Sciences Research Network (August 2011), and #23 worldwide according to the RePEc ranking "Top 5% Top Level Institutions" (July 2012). The excellence of the School's research in Business is reconfirmed by a # 3 position in Europe in the ranking of the School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas (March 2012)

The **School of Economics and Management** (TiSEM) is with 5,500 students the largest and most international School of the university. Part of an excellent network of more than 100 top universities and business schools around the world, we annually greet and send over 200 exchange students and welcome more than 400 international degree-seeking students from over 65 countries into our programs. The School runs two successful Erasmus Mundus Master Courses. More than 30% of our teaching staff is from abroad.



TiSEM is a member 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. Our MBA programs are accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

TiSEM is also a program partner of the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst Institute)



### Tilburg Campus life

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

With our campus designed to be fast and easy to navigate, you will be able to stroll between the library and your lecture theatre or your favorite 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.

Interested in watching our campus? Please visit our virtual campus tour:

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



### General Information

Student population Tilburg University	13.000
Student population other students in Tilburg	14.000
Population Tilburg	200.000
Distance to capital Amsterdam	110 km

For information about studying in The Netherlands click:

[www.youtube.com/studyinholland](http://www.youtube.com/studyinholland)

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## Bachelor and Master Exchange

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Selected and nominated by one of TiSEM's exchange partners
2. In good academic standing
3. Proficiency in English; Tilburg University relies on its partner institutions to nominate students proficient in English (at least at comparable levels to TOEFL 550 (PBT)/80 (iBT), IELTS 6.0, or Common European Framework level B2).
4. For Bachelor exchange: successfully completed at least one year of economics or business studies. For Master exchange: successfully completed undergraduate economics or business program.

### Application procedure

All students nominated by their home institution will receive an email with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange of TiSEM. Students need to submit the application form electronically and print it. The printed form needs to be signed by the host institution and sent to the address mentioned on the form including a transcript of records and passport copy.

### Bachelor exchange students

have a broad choice of BSc courses to choose from, from the following programs:

- International Business Administration
- Economics and Business Economics
- Economics
- Econometrics and Operations Research
- Economics and Informatics

### Unique Opportunity:

- Certificate Programs
- CentER Honors Program (Spring )

### Master exchange students

have a broad choice of MSc courses to choose from, from the following programs:

- Accounting
- Econometrics & Mathematical Economics
- Economics
- Economics & Finance of Aging
- Finance
- Information Management
- International Management
- Marketing Management
- Marketing Research
- Operations Research & Mngmnt Science
- Quantitative Finance & Actuarial Science
- Strategic Management
- Supply Chain Management

### Co-curricular program

- CentER Honors Program (Spring)

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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 – 9.5 – 9.0 – 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 the Nuffic; June 2009*

### Re-examination

Scheduled for both semesters in June/July 2014; 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
- the home and host universities are willing and able to coordinate and supervise the exam.

### Language Courses

🔗 [www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/languagecentre)

The on-campus Language Center offers regular semester courses (most **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.

### Erasmus Intensive Language Courses

🔗 [http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902_en.htm)

The Language Center organizes an Erasmus Intensive Language Course during the summer for students who come as exchange students under the Erasmus scheme.

### Serious fun: Summer School 2013

🔗 [www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool](http://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 course "International Entrepreneurship".

### 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.

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

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost you about €125 and a semester university sports card €98. For visa costs (if applicable) see 🔗 [www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits](http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits).

### Services & Facilities

See 🔗 [www.tilburguniversity.edu/exchange](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/exchange)

#### 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.

#### 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](http://www.yourroomintilburg.com). The estimated monthly rent lies 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

Warm welcome for all international students, including 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, buying your bicycle, academic preparation, fun and games to meet 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 School of Economics and Management has its own study association 'Asset' which you can join, see 🔗 [www.asset-tilburg.nl](http://www.asset-tilburg.nl).

#### Excellent sports facilities

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. Join them individually or as a member of one of the sports associations.

🔗 <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/studentlife>

#### High-tech University Library

🔗 [www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/library](http://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. The library maintains subscriptions to a wide range of journals in economics, econometrics, mathematics, business administration and information management. Download a podcast of an audio-tour through the library along the various facilities here:

📻 [http://video.uvt.nl/public/Lis/Library\\_Podcast\\_-\\_english.mp3](http://video.uvt.nl/public/Lis/Library_Podcast_-_english.mp3).







### Important dates

Nomination	Deadline
Fall 2013 or Full year	30 April 2013
Spring 2014	1 October 2013
<i>Nominations to be emailed by home institution to responsible exchange coordinator.</i>	
Application	Deadline
Full year	15 May 2013
Fall 2013	15 May 2013
Spring 2014	15 October 2013
🔗 <a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure">www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure</a>	
Arrival Days	Dates
Fall 2013	15 and 16 August 2013
Spring 2014	10 January 2014 (tentative)
Introduction Week	Dates
Fall 2013	19-23 August 2013
Spring 2014	13-17 January 2014
Start of Classes	Dates
Fall 2013	23 August 2013
Spring 2014	20 January 2014
Exam Period	Dates
Fall 2013	December 2013/January 2014
Spring 2014	May/June 2014
Re-examination Period	Dates
Fall 2013 and Spring 2014	June/July 2014



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	Meet our students abroad on weblogs: <a href="http://tilburgintheworld.blogspot.com">tilburgintheworld.blogspot.com</a>
	Tilburg University manages a Facebook group for all incoming exchange students. Accepted exchange students are invited to join and meet & greet fellow exchange students early summer 2013  Like us at: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Tilburg-School-of-Economics-and-Management-TiSEM">www.facebook.com &gt; Tilburg-School-of-Economics-and-Management-TiSEM</a>
	Preview your exchange destination on: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/TilburgUniversity">www.youtube.com/user/TilburgUniversity</a>
	Get short, timely messages from the School of Economics and Management on: <a href="http://twitter.com/TiSEM_Info">http://twitter.com/TiSEM_Info</a>

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*Campus Grand cafe 'Esplanade'*



*Outdoor team work*



*Symposium study association*



*Sunny veranda of the Esplanade*



*Library working space*



*Class break*

