

International Exchange Program

Exchange Fact Sheet

2012-2013

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 #24 worldwide according to the RePEc ranking "Top 5% Top Level Institutions" (August 2011). The excellence of the School's research in Business is confirmed by a # 3 position in Europe in the ranking of the School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas (February 2010).

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 90 top universities and business schools around the world, we annually greet and send over 180 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 25,000 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.



Scan the barcode on the left with your mobile for a video on studying in student city Tilburg or go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1sSth0aU2U, and the one on the right for info on studying in Holland or see 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.

Courses

The language of instruction = English.

The course list for 2012-2013 will be updated during the summer and published on:



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

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

Co-curricular programs:

- International Entrepreneurship Program (Fall)
- 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 (Spring semester):

- CentER Honors Program

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
- Exception: Master exchange students who only stay 3 months during the Spring semester: required workload is min 12 ECTS – max 18 ECTS

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	Anglo Saxon	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 2013; 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

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

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 2012

☞ 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
Total	€680/€925

A second-hand bicycle and lock will cost you about €125 and a semester university sports card €84. For visa costs (if applicable) see ☞ www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/visas-and-permits.

Services & Facilities

See ☞ www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes

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 student accommodation itself; however, two housing companies in Tilburg offer furnished accommodation to international students through ☞ 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, official welcome by the mayor of Tilburg, buying your bicycle, fun and games to meet other students.

Student Life

See ☞ www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/studentlife

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.

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.

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. 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.



Important dates

Nomination	Deadline
Fall 2012 or Full year	30 April 2012
Spring 2013	1 October 2012
<i>Nominations to be emailed by home institution to responsible exchange coordinator.</i>	
Application	Deadline
Full year	31 May 2012
Fall 2012	31 May 2012
Spring 2013	31 October 2012
☞ www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programmes/applicationprocedure	
Arrival Days	Dates
Fall 2012	16/17 August 2012 (subject to change)
Spring 2013	Mid January 2013 (to be announced)
Introduction Week	Dates
Fall 2012	20-24 August 2012 (subject to change)
Spring 2013	14-18 January 2013 (subject to change)
Start of Classes	Dates
Fall 2012	27 August 2012 (subject to change)
Spring 2013	End of January 2013 (to be announced)
Exam Period	Dates
Fall 2012	December 2012/January 2013
Spring 2013	May/June 2013
Re-examination Period	Dates
Fall 2012 and Spring 2013	June/July 2013

Connect with us!

 	<p>Meet your TiSEM Exchange Coordinator through MSN (TiSEM-exchange@hotmail.com) or Skype (TiSEM-exchange)</p> <p>Monday & Thursday 10.00-11.00 am for Asia-Pacific 03.30-04.30 pm for Europe & the Americas</p> <p>(times above are Tilburg times – see www.timeanddate.com for your local time)</p>
	<p>Follow our TiSEM Exchange coordinators & meet our students abroad on weblogs: tilburgintheworld.blogspot.com</p>
	<p>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 2012</p> <p>Like us at: www.facebook.com > Tilburg-School-of-Economics-and-Management-TiSEM</p>
	<p>Preview your exchange destination on: www.youtube.com/user/TilburgUniversity</p>
	<p>Get short, timely messages from the School of Economics and Management on: http://twitter.com/TiSEM_Info</p>

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Campus Grand cafe 'Esplanade'



Sunny veranda of the Esplanade



Outdoor team work



Library working space



Symposium study association



Class break



Your Exchange Coordinators: Elena and Linda

