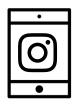


EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW: ONBOARDING 2024 / 2025



STAY UP TO DATE

Starting your studies abroad is an exciting and wonderful opportunity. However, studying abroad requires you to prepare and arrange a wide range of matters. But don't worry, together we'll prepare you for a smooth landing at Saxion. Join our student onboarding platform for free and kick-off the start of your studies well prepared.



<u>INSTAGRAM</u>

Stay up to date about all the activities via our instagram: <u>@saxionuas</u> <u>@saxionstudentonboarding</u>



WEBINARS

Check out all <u>the webinars</u> we host in the upcoming months.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

In case you have questions, contact us via: internationaloffice@saxion.nl +31 (0)88-0193789



GOIN' APP / WHATSAPP

Join our Whatsapp group: <u>Saxion</u> <u>Onboarding 2024</u> The app <u>Goin'</u> is a platform for new students. Get in touch with other students!

PREPARATION

CHECKLIST

Below a short overview of the topics this roadmap contains

ADMISSION + FINANCES HOUSING Saxion Housing applying Did you already get admitted? deadline is 1st of May Check the deadlines for admission and paying here Own housing: search at least 3 months before Did you already receive the arrival invoice? Check what costs you can expect <u>here.</u> Did you already make a budget? VISA (NON-EU/EEA) **INSURANCE** Health Insurance Visa What do you have to check **Residence** permit

before arrival?

SAXION HOUSING

We will explain everything regarding Saxion housing and finding your own housing. Check out our <u>YouTube video</u> here and our <u>website</u> here

SAXION HOUSING INFO

Saxion housing is located in Enschede and Deventer, not on-campus but all within cycling or walking distance from Saxion.

- The rooms we offer differ in size, are fully furnished and have all the basic facilities, such as a bed, table, chair and wardrobe. You will be assigned a single room and you will have to share the facilities like kitchen and bathroom with other international Saxion students. The common facilities are shared by a maximum of 7 students.
- In some dormitory buildings, students share the same front door with more students but the common facilities are set on max. 7 students per cooker/per toilet/per shower.
- Each room has a standard set of bed linen, consisting of a duvet, duvet cover, sheet, pillow and a pillow case. You will need to bring your own towels. The kitchen has a standard inventory with pots, pans and basic cutlery.
- It goes without saying that internet is provided in all of our accommodation buildings. In most cases you will need your Saxion login details (Saxion student number and connection password) to access the internet.
- Besides the above mentioned inventory, a washing machine and vacuum cleaner are also present in the accommodation. Caretakers are available if you need help with all housing-related issues.

PRICES

Associate Degree / Bachelor Degree / Short Degree Programmes €5933 Master Programmes €6191

DEADLINES

Application open:15 MarchApplication deadline:Before 1st of MayDownpayment:Before 15th of MayReturn Acceptance form:Before 15th of May



HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Go to: this page.
- 2. Fill in the sign-up form
- 3. Apply before 01.05.2024
- 4. You will receive an invoice
- 5. Down payment of 2 months' worth of rent + deposit of 500-, before 15.05.2023
- 6. Return Housing Conditions Acceptance Form to internationaloffice@saxion.nl before 15.05.2024
- Once Saxion has received the signed agreement and payment, it is no longer possible to cancel your reservation.

SAXION HOUSING

TERMD AND CONDITIONS

- You can only apply with a non-Dutch nationality, please note: the nationality used to apply to get admission to a study programme needs to be identical to the nationality used to hand in a reservation request
- You can only apply if you have been 'Admitted' or 'Conditionally admitted' to your Saxion programme.
- You have not been residing in the Netherlands before.
- You are not from the neighbouring municipalities in Germany: Grafschaft Bentheim, Kreis Steinfurt, Kreis Borken, Kreis Coesfeld, Münster, Kreis Warendorf, Landkreis Osnabrück
- Duration of the rental agreement for Assiociate degree/Bachelor degree and Short degree students is 19 August 2024 till 1 August 2025. As for Master students, this is 19 August 2024 till 15 August 2025.
- For other programmes, please contact internationaloffice@saxion.nl
- It is not possible to terminate your rental contract before the end date.
- It is not possible to prolong the rental contract; you will need to find your own accommodation after the end date of your rental agreement.





PAYMENT INFORMATION

Shortly after the application deadline of 1 May 2024 Saxion will send an official invoice for the housing fees to the students that submitted a reservation request and that do meet the conditions.

Non-EU/EEA

Everything needs to be paid before the deadline. **EU/EEA**

A down payment of 2 months' worth of rent plus the obligatory deposit has been received by Saxion no later than <u>15 May 2024</u>, the remaining fees may be paid in instalments from mid-August 2024 onwards.

SAXION HOUSING

Housing for Exchange students:

- In case you are an exchange student (including non-EU/EEA students) you can indicate if you would like to reserve a room via the Saxion exchange application in the Saxion application portal called SIS. Please note we only have <u>limited</u> availability.
- You need hand in this room reservation request before 1 May 2024 (fall semester) or 1 November (spring semester) via the application portal sis.saxion.nl. When completing your application you can indicate if you are interested in making use of Saxion housing.
- The standard period for exchange students that get assigned to a Saxion room is one semester (5.5/6 months) and the rental fee for a Saxion room for this period is € 3095.-. Additionally, a deposit of € 500,- is required. This deposit will be refunded after leaving the accommodation tidy, clean and without any damages. Details on the type of rooms Saxion offers can be found in this web site.
- The Saxion payment deadline for exchange students is set on 1 July 2024 (fall semester) or 1 December 2024 (spring semester). For details on Saxion housing you may check the information <u>here</u>. It is not possible to cut the arrangement short.
- In case it is not possible to make use of our own offer we will try our utmost to arrange an alternative offer via one of our student housing partners. Please note for this alternative offer the prices, period and type of rooms might differ from the Saxion rooms.
- In case of questions you may contact internationaloffice@saxion.nl for assistance.



FINDING YOUR OWN HOUSING



WHERE DO I START MY SEARCH?

In the Netherlands it's common to arrange your student accommodation via online platforms.

Via platforms you can receive 2 types of offers:

- 1. Regular student room
- 2. Student rooms via a co-potation/vote-in system (in Dutch: <u>hospiteren</u>)

NON-profit organisations/ platforms

These platforms are free of charge and available in English. Multiple housing organisations are partners in these platforms and offer accommodation to students/youngsters.

Enschede: <u>Roomspot</u> Deventer: <u>Room.nl</u>

Commercial housing agencies

Before signing up, make sure you know how they work. Sometimes you need to pay a commission fee or subscription fee.

• See all the agencies on our website.

START YOUR SEARCH ON TIME!

- Finding a good, affordable room can be a challenge
- General searching time is 3 months or longer, so start on time
- It is important to arrange an official rental agreement. This is one of the conditions for living and getting registered in The Netherlands.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Average rental price: EUR 450 EUR 650 a month
- Keep in mind: possible extra costs for gas/electricity/tv/water/internet
- Shared shower, toilet, kitchen and living room
- It is common for men and women to live together in a shared house
- Quality can vary greatly and furnishing can range from just a bed and a chair, to a full-furnished room with internet.

TIPS & TRICKS

Read more tips and tricks on our website.

To avoid scams

- Be careful with looking for a room on Facebook!
- Ask for a Facetime or Skype conversation so the person you are renting from can show you the accommodation
- Ask for landlord's personal information
- Never pay out of proportion amounts of money prior to signing a contract or viewing a room!

Do some fact checking:

- Use Google Images or Google Maps to see if the accommodation you want to rent is also offered on other websites (to verify that the accommodation you want to rent is actually being offered for rent)
- If you rent through an agency, check if the organisation is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (in Dutch but just type in company name in search bar).



FINANCES: CONTENTS INVOICE

Check out our <u>YouTube video</u> about finances. And our <u>webpage</u> about finances.

COSTS FOR NON-EU/EEA STUDENTS

For non-EU/EEA students our fee-structure consists of five parts. These five parts together make up our total package fee, which is an amount covering all study costs.

Tuition Fee: depends on study programme

The costs of the course; you can find the tuition fee for each programme on the programme details pages <u>here.</u>

Saxion Housing: see prices here

In case you opt for housing the housing fee, including a housing deposit fee is part of your package fee.

Visa & Residence Permit: €228

Saxion takes care of the appications necessary for you to come to the Netherlands;

Insurance: €681

NON-EU/EEA students are free to choose any insurance company, but if you are a new (first year) NON-EU student coming from abroad Saxion can facilitate this for you by applying for a student insurance.

Proof of Financial Means: €14.640 (for a whole year)

Proof that you have sufficient financial means to pay for the relevant costs and support yourself during your entire study period in the Netherlands, as set by the Immigration & Naturalisation Service (IND).

• The proof of financial means will be refunded to your Dutch bank account after arrival.

COSTS FOR EU/EEA STUDENTS

EU/EEA students only pay the statutory tuition fees for all our bachelor's programmes. You can find the tuition fee for your study programme on the specific programme's page <u>here.</u>



FINANCES: SCHOLARSHIPS

Check out our YouTube video here

SAXION TALENT SCHOLARSHIP (STS)

- This scholarship is meant for talented students with above average study results who apply for a bachelor's programme.
- The scholarship only applies to non-EU/EEA students who pay the full institutional tuition fee.
- You can apply for our Saxion Talent Scholarship (STS) after you have applied at Saxion for your study programme <u>via this link</u>.
- There is a limited number of Saxion Talent Scholarships available.
- Deadline 1st of May

NL Scholarship (NLS)

- This scholarship is meant for excellent and very talented students from outside the European Economic Area (EU/EEA) who intend to follow their bachelor's or master's degree in the Netherlands.
- The scholarship only applies to non-EU/EEA students who pay the full institutional tuition fee.
- At Saxion the eligible master programmes are: Applied Nanotechnology and Innovative Textile Development.
- There is a limited number NL Scholarships available.
- You can apply for our NL Scholarship after you applied at Saxion for your study programme.
- Deadline 1st of May





- Application can be done via <u>this link</u>.
- Application for a scholarship is only possible after application for a study programme.
- You will only have to apply once for a Saxion Scholarship (STS/NLS). After receipt of your application we will first consider you for the highest possible scholarship you are eligible for. If you are not selected for that scholarship, you will be subsequently considered for the next.
- The results will be announced 30 days within the deadline.
- More information about the scholarships can be found <u>here</u>.

FINANCES: PAYING METHODS

Check out our website for detailed information here.

NON-EU/EEA STUDENTS

- You can pay the tuition fees directly to Saxion via bank transfer, stating your name and student number. More information will follow during the admission procedure.
- Paying in instalments is not possible in the first year! From the second year on this is possible.

EU/EEA STUDENTS

- You can pay the tuition fees directly to Saxion via bank transfer, stating your name and student number. More information will follow during the admission procedure.
- EU/EEA students can pay through digital direct debit authorisation in Studielink. When doing this, you can choose to pay the full amount at once or in monthly instalments. Check out the manual <u>here.</u>





RUSSIA, IRAN, NOTRH-KOREA, SYRIA, SUDAN, CUBA

- There is a new procedure with Rabobank Netherlands in the application process for students coming from Russia, Iran, North-Korea, Syria, Sudan and Cuba.
- Once you have been admitted you will receive a bank statement from the Saxion Financial Department.
- The Financial Department will promptly review it and, if approved, will send you an invoice for the programme you have been admitted to. We will provide detailed instructions on how to process the statement within the document itself.
- Please note: If someone else is paying the package fee on your behalf, they will need to sign the statement with a handwritten signature.

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

(NON-EU/EEA STUDENTS)

Check out our YouTube video here

There are different procedures for different categories of students. You can find the specific requirements per category on our <u>website.</u>

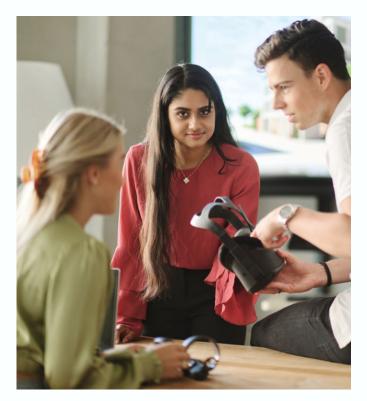
SAXION WILL APPLY FOR YOUR:

- If required: Visa (the document to travel to the Netherlands)
- 2. Residence permit for the whole duration of your study programme

STEP BY STEP

In order for Saxion to apply for your visa and/or residence permit you need to take a few steps.

- 1. Pay the amount as mentioned on the invoice you received before the deadline.
- Submit the <u>documents</u> before the deadline. These documents need to be uploaded in <u>www.sis.saxion.nl</u>
 - a. Immigration Application Form
 - b. Appendix Antecedents Certificate
 - c. A clear copy of your valid passport including stamps





IMPORTANT

- Without the above documents and payment, Saxion cannot apply for your visa and/or residence permit.
- Saxion International Office acts as an intermediary and has no influence whatsoever on the outcome or duration of the application process. If the submitted documents do not meet the requirements, you may be asked to prove your financial means in a different manner.
- We strongly recommend no travel plans are made or costs are incurred until a decision regarding your visa application is made and the visa has been issued by the Dutch embassy.

INSURANCE

Check out our <u>YouTube video</u> here. Or check out the video from <u>AON health insurance.</u> In The Netherlands it is mandatory to have health insurance.

HEALTH INSURANCE NON-EU

- Saxion will apply for health insurance at AON only for the first year to all non-EU.
- The cost for this insurance is covered in the package fee for non-EU students, which includes tuition, visa & residence permit, insurance.

DOES SAXION APPLY FROM THE 2ND YEAR ONWARDS?

No. International students receive a notification during the re-enrolment process about making sure to arrange their own health insurance. We advise to get in touch with AON to arrange insurance for the next academic year.





HEALTH INSURANCE EU/EEA

- EU/EEA students with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) need to be aware that EHIC only covers emergency health care, and therefore might not cover basic health care.
- Please note that the conditions of the European Health Insurance might differ per country. Please check with your insurance if all medical costs will be covered during your study in the Netherlands.

If your EHIC does not cover all your medical costs during your study in the Netherlands, we strongly recommend that you take out additional health insurance. As medical care can be very expensive in the Netherlands. Please visit <u>AON website</u> for more information and application.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Saxion strongly advises European students (EU/EEA) to take out third-party liability insurance to cover for accidental damage or harm caused to other persons or property during your stay in The Netherlands, for which you are held responsible.

• The International Office can arrange this insurance for you through AON.

ONBOARDING

Check out the platform <u>here</u> Check out our YouTube video<u>here</u>

Join our student onboarding platform for free and kick-off the start of your studies well prepared.

WHAT DO WE ORGANISE

Starting from April 2024 till November 2024 we are here to guide you:

- 1. <u>Online webinars</u> before the start of your study programme
- 2. Practical and social activities after the start of your study programme
- 3. You can sign up for a student buddy
- 4. Make use of our <u>Goin' application</u> to meet fellow students

BEFORE THE START OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME:

Check out all our webinars here.

These webinars offer the opportunity to have in-depth information about the most important topics. You can also ask questions during the sessions.:

- 1. All you need to know about housing
- 2. Open Q&A session
- 3. How to handle your finances
- 4. Last tips and tricks before your departure
- 5. More are yet to come!

STUDENT BUDDY:

More information about a student buddy will be shared with you shortly.

GOIN' APP

Our Goin' app gives you the possibility to connect online and offline with other future students at Saxion. Find your future friends before you start your studies!

• Register via this link.



AFTER THE START OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAMMME

Before your study programme starts, there will be an Introduction week first (INTRO). We totally reccommend to join so you will get to know your fellow students, Saxion and the city.

After the INTRO, the Onboarding continues with practical and social activities like:

- BSN-registration (citizen number)
- Helping with opening a Dutch bank account
- Bowling
- Playing boardgames
- And more!
- The final programme still needs to be made, but you will receive more information about this during summer!



THIS ROADMAP

This roadmap provides you with all the information that you need to make your preparations untill summer.

THE NEXT ROADMAP

The next roadmap will be send out to you in summer. The summer roadmap will contain all the information that you need for your pre-departure.

Next to that the roadmap will contain more information like:

Arrival checklist Services that Saxion offers How does the public transport work? What will be organised after my arrival? More detailed information about the Onboarding activities etc

FOR NOW

Join our Onboarding Platform and we hope to see you online and afterwards in September!



<u>ONBOARDING</u>

PLATFORM

