

Student Exchange

Brochure for incoming students



Interested in studying at Wageningen University & Research?

This brochure tells you all about what we have to offer, what to expect and how to prepare for your time here as an exchange student.



WAGENINGEN
UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH

First... some statistics



13,564
students



No. 1 University in agriculture and forestry
QS World University Rankings



893
English courses



No. 1 University in agriculture
National Taiwan University Ranking



115
nationalities



Best university in the Netherlands



35 MSc programmes in English

20 BSc programmes of which 7 are completely in English and the rest are partially in English



Wageningen University & Research

Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is one of the leading international universities and research institutes in the field of healthy food and the living environment. Here, you will focus on current and future global issues that are of increasing importance to both industry and government.

WUR has an excellent international reputation. More than 50% of the BSc courses and all MSc courses are taught in English. In the field of agricultural sciences WUR has repeatedly ranked as the number one university in the world.

Studying in Wageningen means multi-disciplinary, practically oriented education and personal contact between students and professors.

To facilitate the integration of knowledge from both the university and research institutes, WUR has an innovative campus that is designed to stimulate interaction between students, professors and researchers. As a result, many renowned companies in food and agriculture have their Research & Development departments located on or next to Wageningen Campus.

Studying in Wageningen - Education in English

All the MSc- and the 3rd year BSc-courses are taught in English, as well as many 2nd year BSc courses. Please select on language in WUR's online study handbook: www.wur.eu/studyhandbook

Environmental Sciences

- Climate Studies
- Earth and Environment
- Environmental Sciences*
- Forest and Nature Conservation
- Geo-information Science
- International Land and Water Management*
- Landscape Architecture and Planning
- Soil, Water, Atmosphere*
- Tourism*
- Tourism, Society and Environment
- Urban Environmental Management



Technology & Nutrition

- Biobased Sciences
- Biosystems Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Data Science for Food and Health
- Food Safety
- Food Studies
- Food Technology (also available online)*
- Food Quality Management
- Molecular Life Sciences
- Nutritional Epidemiology and Public Health (online)
- Nutrition and Health



Life Sciences

- Agroecology
- Animal Sciences*
- Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management
- Biology
- Marine Sciences*
- Plant Biotechnology
- Plant Breeding (online)
- Plant Sciences
- Resilient Farming and Food Systems



Social Sciences

- Communication, Health and Life Sciences
- Business and Consumer Studies
- Development and Rural Innovation
- Economics of Sustainability
- Governance of Sustainability Transformations
- International Development Studies
- Supply Chain Analytics
- Sustainable Business and Innovation



* : Fields that offer a BSc completely in English.

Studying in Wageningen - Academic facts and calendar

The academic year 60 ECTS is divided in six periods varying between 6-12 ECTS. Period 1 to 3 can be considered as the first semester (Autumn Term, 30 ECTS). Period 4 to 6 can be considered as the second semester (Spring term, 30 ECTS). Exchange students can start or end any study period. Students can select courses as long as they fulfill the prerequisites of the courses.

Minors

WUR offers 54 minors at BSc level (programme minors and thematic minors), the majority is taught in English. Please see: www.wur.eu/listofminors

Deadlines

	1 st Semester (start in Sep.)		2 nd Semester (start in Jan. or later)	
	NON-EU students	EU/EFTA student	NON-EU students	EU/EFTA students
Nomination	April 1	April 15	September 15	October 1
Application	April 15	May 1	October 1	October 15



Calendar Academic Year 2025-2026



Period	PERIOD 1					PERIOD 2					Exams							
	Summer Holidays	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42		43	44	45	46	47	48	49
Monday	18-8	25-8	1-9	8-9	15-9	22-9	29-9	6-10	13-10	20-10	27-10	3-11	10-11	17-11	24-11	1-12	8-12	15-12
Tuesday	19-8	26-8	2-9	9-9	16-9	23-9	30-9	7-10	14-10	21-10	28-10	4-11	11-11	18-11	25-11	2-12	9-12	16-12
Wednesday	20-8	27-8	3-9	10-9	17-9	24-9	1-10	8-10	15-10	22-10	29-10	5-11	12-11	19-11	26-11	3-12	10-12	17-12
Thursday	21-8	28-8	4-9	11-9	18-9	25-9	2-10	9-10	16-10	23-10	30-10	6-11	13-11	20-11	27-11	4-12	11-12	18-12
Friday	22-8	29-8	5-9	12-9	19-9	26-9	3-10	10-10	17-10	24-10	31-10	7-11	14-11	21-11	28-11	5-12	12-12	19-12

1-9 Start Academic Year 2025-2026

Period	Christmas Holidays		PERIOD 3		PERIOD 4		PERIOD 5		Exams										
	52	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Monday	22-12	29-12	5-1	12-1	19-1	26-1	2-2	9-2	16-2	23-2	2-3	9-3	16-3	23-3	30-3	6-4	13-4	20-4	27-4
Tuesday	23-12	30-12	6-1	13-1	20-1	27-1	3-2	10-2	17-2	24-2	3-3	10-3	17-3	24-3	31-3	7-4	14-4	21-4	28-4
Wednesday	24-12	31-12	7-1	14-1	21-1	28-1	4-2	11-2	18-2	25-2	4-3	11-3	18-3	25-3	1-4	8-4	15-4	22-4	29-4
Thursday	25-12	1-1	8-1	15-1	22-1	29-1	5-2	12-2	19-2	26-2	5-3	12-3	19-3	26-3	2-4	9-4	16-4	23-4	30-4
Friday	26-12	2-1	9-1	16-1	23-1	30-1	6-2	13-2	20-2	27-2	6-3	13-3	20-3	27-3	3-4	10-4	17-4	24-4	1-5

Period	Resit B		PERIOD 6		Resit C1		Resit C2		Summer Holidays		Exams								
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Monday	4-5	11-5	18-5	25-5	1-6	8-6	15-6	22-6	29-6	6-7	13-7	20-7	27-7	3-8	10-8	17-8	24-8	31-8	7-9
Tuesday	5-5	12-5	19-5	26-5	2-6	9-6	16-6	23-6	30-6	7-7	14-7	21-7	28-7	4-8	11-8	18-8	25-8	1-9	8-9
Wednesday	6-5	13-5	20-5	27-5	3-6	10-6	17-6	24-6	1-7	8-7	15-7	22-7	29-7	5-8	12-8	19-8	26-8	2-9	9-9
Thursday	7-5	14-5	21-5	28-5	4-6	11-6	18-6	25-6	2-7	9-7	16-7	23-7	30-7	6-8	13-8	20-8	27-8	3-9	10-9
Friday	8-5	15-5	22-5	29-5	5-6	12-6	19-6	26-6	3-7	10-7	17-7	24-7	31-7	7-8	14-8	21-8	28-8	4-9	11-9

6-5 no morning resit

Period 6 Second Half start
Tuesday June 9

31-8 Start Academic Year 2026-2027

Period	Exam Days 2025-2026	Date
Period 1		20 to 24 October 2025
Period 2		15 to 19 December 2025
Period 3		29 or 30 January 2026
Resit A (Period 1+2)		(4) 5 and 6 February 2026
Period 4		5 or 6 March 2026
Period 5		(24) 28 April to 1 May 2026
Resit B (Period 2**+3+4)		(6) 7 and 8 May 2026
Period 6 First Half		5 or 8 June 2026
Period 6 Second Half		2 or 3 July 2026
Resit C1 (Period 5)		29 June to 3 July 2026
Resit C2 (Period 6 +***)		(8) 9 and 10 July 2026
**		Course code start with nr 3, 4, 5 or 6
***		Course code start with nr 1 or 2

*** Exceptions possible for courses which can't be graded within 5 days. Exam day 23 or 24 July

Holidays 2025-2026	
Calendar week	Date
52+1	22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026 Christmas Holiday
52	25 December 2025 1st Christmas Day
52	26 December 2025 2nd Christmas Day
1	1 January 2026 New Years Day
14	3 April 2026 Good Friday
14	5 April 2026 Easter Sunday
15	6 April 2026 Easter Monday
18	27 April 2026 Kingsday
19	5 May 2026 Liberation Day
20	14 May 2026 Ascension day
21	24 May 2026 Whit Sunday
22	25 May 2026 Whit Monday
30-35	20 July - 28 August 2026 Summer Holiday

Education Exam / Resit
Exam / Resit
Selfstudy
Holidays

● Details regard resits will be published in the Study Handbook
● Individual courses may deviate from the general set-up

How to arrange your exchange to WUR

Checklist

1. Check if WUR is a partner institution/has a bilateral agreement for exchange

There should be an inter-institutional agreement for Student Mobility for Study (SMS) between the home university and Wageningen University & Research. Ask your Exchange Coordinator if this is the case. Exchange students should be registered as a regular student at one of the partner universities during their exchange.

2. Check if you fulfil the academic background criteria

Depending on the programme, preferably, a minimum of 120 ECTS should have been completed before the exchange. Additionally, all students need to fulfil the prerequisites of each selected course (Assumed Knowledge in course descriptions).

3. Check if you fulfil the language criteria

The minimum requirement is English skills at B2 level (CEFR), but we recommend you to obtain C1 before your start in Wageningen. You need to hand in one of the tests mentioned briefly below (check the admission requirements for Level 1 on our website). Another option is to hand in a certificate from the language centre of your home university stating your level of English (minimum B2).

English proficiency (minimum scores)

- TOEFL internet-based: 80
- IELTS : 6.0
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: C
- Cambridge First Certificate: B
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: C
- German Abitur: 06
- Belgian ADO or TSO: 60
- International Baccalauréat: 3"

4. Apply at home university for exchange to WUR (home university selects and nominates)

You need to be eligible to participate in the exchange programme. Your educational institution selects and nominates candidates for student exchange to Wageningen University before the nomination deadline.

5. Apply for student exchange after nomination

You will receive instructions for your online exchange application. Personal guidance is ensured by Incoming Exchange Coordinators who will process your application and be in touch with you about your course selection after you have submitted your application.

Detailed information about the exchange application procedure at WUR, deadlines and how to select courses can be found on our exchange website: www.wur.eu/incoming



Living in Wageningen - Facts and figures

Wageningen is a green city centrally located in the Netherlands. It has a small but thriving cultural and social life with theatres, cinemas, student organisations, bars and restaurants. Students, accounting for 20% of the population, turn Wageningen into a university town. Besides this, the many international students, professors and researchers contribute to an international atmosphere. Being a compact town, all university facilities and the city centre are within cycling distance.

Population of the Netherlands	18,017,650
Population of Wageningen	42,616
Number of international students	3,717
Official language	Dutch
Language of instruction at WUR	English & Dutch
Currency	Euro (€)
Capital	Amsterdam
National Liberation Day festival	5 th of May
City rights since	1263 A.D.
Academic institute since	1918 A.D.



Travel time by public transport



From Wageningen Campus to

Wageningen city center	14 min.
Utrecht central station	46 min.
Amsterdam central station	75 min.
Rotterdam central station	95 min.
Brussels central station	3.5 hrs
Paris Gare du Nord	4.5 hrs
London central station	5.0 hrs
Berlin central station	6.5 hrs

Estimated monthly expenses

Rent of student accommodation



€ 300 - € 550

Health insurance and legal liability insurance



€ 75

Groceries



€ 400

Books and study materials



€ 200 per year

TOTAL

About € 1100 per month

Living in Wageningen - Housing, introduction and more

Housing

Most students in Wageningen live with others in a corridor of student apartment buildings or in student houses spread all over Wageningen. These corridors and houses have individual student rooms and shared facilities like the kitchen and bathroom. Roommates often cook and eat together.

We recommend to register on www.room.nl (a platform where student rooms from housing company **Idealis** are advertised) as soon as possible. Usually, your registration date determines your waiting time. We advise looking for housing through other channels as well.

Check our housing website for more information and advice on finding housing in Wageningen: www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/future-students/Student-Housing-1.htm.



Annual Introduction Days (AID)

The AID is a great start to your student life in Wageningen. During the introduction days you will discover many things that will help prepare you for your stay in Wageningen. In small groups of ±10 students (Dutch and international) you will get to know fellow students, sports associations, student associations, the possibilities for going out, WUR and all kinds of useful information about your study and the city of Wageningen. A lot of groups keep in touch after the AID. Participating in the AID is an opportunity to make life-long friends and to quickly feel at home.

Website: www.aidwageningen.nl



Immigration information

WUR will check whether you need a residence permit or entry visa during your stay with us. If so, they will do the application for you. Please do not start this procedure yourself, you will get instructions after admittance. The dues are 243 euros, check the requirements below.

Country of origin	MVV entry visa	Residence permit	Working permit
EU/EFTA countries	NO	NO	NO
Romania and Bulgaria	NO	NO*	NO
Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New-Zealand, South Korea, USA, Vatican City	NO	YES	YES
All other countries	YES	YES	YES

* registration with IND is advised

Sports

From athletics to swimming and from archery to ballroom dancing or the gym, you can do it all in Wageningen. Wageningen University has a large on campus sports centre that facilitates over 60 sports for students and employees. Buy a sportcard for around 120 euro per year (or 18.25 euro per month) and you can use all sports facilities. We have 31 student sport associations which you can join by becoming a member (small contribution). For more information see: www.wur.nl/en/sports-centre-de-bongerd.htm



Questions?

For individual student inquiries

Incoming Exchange Coordinators:

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Contact for partners

Contact email address for international partners for negotiation and development of exchange agreements:

 office.studentexchange@wur.nl

General contact information

For general information

 www.wur.eu/exchange

For nominating students (partner universities)

 application.studentexchange@wur.nl

More information about nomination and application deadlines can be found [here](#).

Social media

 www.facebook.com/studyabroadwur

 [@studyabroadwur](https://www.instagram.com/studyabroadwur)
www.instagram.com/studyabroadwur

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