

My Induction Programme

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holland
international
study centre



Welcome to Amsterdam

We are really looking forward to meeting you all on Monday 16th September 2019. We start at 10:00 and welcome you to the centre located on the 2nd floor of the UP Building in Amsterdam. Together, we will guide you through the details of the week, ensuring that your introduction to life in the Netherlands is both fun and informative. Here's a taster of some of the sessions being run throughout the week. On the first day, you will receive a personalised timetable highlighting which specific sessions are applicable to you.

Time	Monday 16 th September
10:00-15:00	Welcome to Holland ISC. During this initial session, you will meet your group leader for the week, receive a tour of the building and surrounding area, go through the details of your Holland ISC welcome pack, as well as learn the essential information about the school and the UP Building.
15:00-16:30	Holland ISC Welcome Reception. Time to celebrate your arrival! Located on the 17 th floor of the UP Building, we will get to know one another and enjoy typical Dutch snacks together. Hopefully blue skies and sunny weather will provide us with great views of the city!

Time	Tuesday 17 th September
10:00-12:30	City Hall Registration. You must register as a citizen of the Netherlands upon arrival in the country. <u>We will help you with that!</u> The BSN ("burgerservicenummer" in Dutch) is the starting point for a range of other essentials such as registering at a GP and opening a bank account. If you live in Amsterdam, <u>you will be able to register in the school on Tuesday morning.</u> If you live outside of Amsterdam, don't worry! We'll also provide advice on what you need to do.
10:00-11:00	Parent Q&A Session. You are about to move away from home, possibly for the first time in your life. If your parents are worried, have questions for us, and would like to see where you will be studying for the next year, then this informal session is one they should attend.
13:00-14:00	Extra-Curricular Activities. This short session aims to inform you about the various ways to get involved in life at Holland ISC alongside your studies, including becoming a student ambassador.
14:10-15:10	Life at The Student Hotel. Holland ISC works closely with its primary accommodation provider. This talk will introduce you to the rules and regulations as well as the fun activities offered at The Student Hotel, your home for the next nine months.
15:20-16:20	Legalities and Official Procedures. When do you collect your residence permit? How do you open a bank account? All these questions and more will be answered during this session.
17:00-18:00	Bowling. A fun and relaxing way to end the day. We hope that you can join!

Time		Wednesday 18 th September
10:00-12:00		The Selfie Challenge. You and your group are required to explore the surrounding area, collecting selfies along the way. Prizes will be awarded for the most original photos!
12:30-13:30		Under 18s. If you are 17 years old then you are expected to attend this session. Parents welcome.
14:00-16:00		My IFY Programme: An Introduction. It's time to learn more about your specific programme and to focus on the International Foundation Year curriculum.
18:00-19:30		City Centre Dinner. What better way to start your time at Holland ISC than dinner in a city-centre restaurant with your new classmates? We hope you can join!

Time		Thursday 19 th September
10:00-13:00		Diagnostic Tests. Don't worry, you can't fail these tests. They are designed to help us identify where you might need a little extra support in your subjects. They'll also give us insight into any areas you are strong in, so that we can tailor a programme that helps you to excel.
14:30-15:30		TB Checks. Some of you are required to undergo a simple test for tuberculosis as part of your student visa application. We have made appointments on your behalf and will go with you to the public health clinic.
16:00-18:00		Explore the Neighbourhood: TSH City. Open to everyone but perhaps most applicable to those of you living at or near The Student Hotel City, we take you on a tour of the most important places in the neighbourhood.

Time		Friday 20 th September
10:00-12:00		Health and Safety & Life in Amsterdam. Amsterdam is often referred to as one of the safest cities in the world. It's our job to make sure that you know <i>how</i> to stay safe in this city.
14:00-16:00		Explore the Neighbourhood: TSH West. Open to everyone but perhaps most applicable to those of you living at or near The Student Hotel West, we take you on a tour of the most important places in the neighbourhood.
17:00-18:00		Amsterdam Canal Cruise. One of the top tourist activities to do in this beautiful city, and a great way to end your induction week! Take a tour past some of Amsterdam's most picturesque corners, learning more about the city as you go. We hope you can all join!

This timetable is of course subject to changes and a final version will be presented to you during the first day of induction.

We will be in contact again a few days prior to the induction with reminders of the essential things to bring with you as well as directions to the centre.

We look forward to welcoming you to Holland International Study Centre on Monday 16th September.

WIN A

PARTY

FOR YOU + YOUR FRIENDS

Share your first experiences of studying abroad for a chance to win!

Share your pictures of moving in, exploring the city and making friends and boost your centre's chance to win. Use the tags below when posting photos and videos on social media about your first few weeks here.

The centre with the most posts shared by 24th October will win a party hosted by us.

Remember, be creative and be yourselves: enjoy the opportunity to have fun with your classmates and make new friends along the way!

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 #MyHollandStory

Pre-Arrival Study Materials

Who are these study materials for?

The pre-arrival study materials are for all students who will be joining and International Foundation Year at Holland International Study Centre.

What are the study materials?

- The pre-arrival materials are hosted on a virtual learning platform, Study Smart
- They will introduce you to the academic language and culture of Higher Education that you may encounter at your centre and help you prepare for the start of your studies
- They will help guide you through the key skills you will need in academic writing, reading, listening and speaking to help you be successful in your studies, giving you practice and tips on how to improve
- The materials include an English test which you should complete before your arrival. This is a short online assessment which will help your tutors understand your level of English so that they can better support you with your learning when you arrive.
- They provide useful information and links about studying and living in Holland.

How to access:

You can access the materials through our online learning platform, Study Smart, by following this link:

<http://studysmart.studygroup.com/>

Username: Student ID – 7 digit number which can be found at the top of your offer letter or confirmation of enrolment.

Password: Your date of birth – 8 digits in the format xx/xx/xxxx, excluding slashes (e.g. 5th of December 1990 would be 05121990)

Please note that it can take up to 24 hours after you confirm your place for your account to become active. If you are unable to log in or have any trouble accessing the course then please contact the

[Holland ISC Central Student Support Team](#)