**Why study at TU Delft?**

TU Delft is the largest technical university in the Netherlands and covers practically the entire spectrum of engineering sciences. We are one of the top 20 universities in Europe, and one of the top 20 universities of technology worldwide (THE and QS ranking). At Delft University of Technology, we aim for a balance between pursuing world-class academic excellence, providing high quality education and developing expert solutions for societal and sustainable challenges. In this, our students play a pivotal role as educating the next generation of responsible top-level engineers is the biggest impact that TU Delft has on society. Our graduates make a difference by combining technical expertise with personal and professional attributes for effective leadership. Also key at TU Delft is the integration of research education and innovation.

**How to apply**

The faculty or department where you will be enrolled is responsible for advising, informing, selecting and accepting applications for international exchange students. Exchange students can apply online. Instructions are available on our [website](#). Your application will be sent to the [Faculty Exchange Coordinator](#).

After the application deadline of either **1 October** or **1 April** you will receive your admission letter via email from the Education Service Centre. This will take an estimated 4 to 8 weeks. For some faculties this may take longer. Follow the instructions in the email to accept your offer.

Exchange students are generally accepted by faculties for one or maximum two semesters and some faculties may accept exchange students for a research-based project such as a thesis project. Note that any final thesis project conducted at TU Delft is the responsibility of your home university. Exchange students are not eligible for a TU Delft diploma.

Any student seeking to undertake a research-based project at TU Delft is responsible for arranging their own suitable project and finding a TU Delft supervisor. This must be organised well in advance.

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**Application deadlines and Academic Calendar**

**1st Semester (Autumn)**
- 1 April (23:59 CET) (application intake starts 1 March)

**2nd Semester (Spring)**
- 1 October (23:59 CET) (application intake starts 1 September)

**Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered**

- 1st semester: 2 September 2019 – 31 January 2020
  - 1st period (September – November) and
  - 2nd period (November – January)

- 2nd semester: 10 February 2020 – 3 July 2020
  - 3rd period (February – April) and
  - 4th period (April – July)

For information about lecture hours, please see our [timetable](#).
**Course selection and faculty specific restrictions**

TU Delft programmes are academically challenging and rigorous, therefore students are expected to be motivated and dedicated throughout their studies. Should the results of an exchange student appear to be unsatisfactory, they will be discussed with the student and the home institution.

We expect students to carefully prepare a study plan according to our guidelines and discuss it with the home institution as soon as possible to make sure the choices are available in the semester desired. The study plan is a crucial factor whether students will be accepted or not.

**Required number of ECTS, grading system and Erasmus+ learning agreement**

Students are allowed to choose their courses, but they are required to obtain a minimum of 24 EC (European Credits) per semester. Less than 24 EC is not acceptable, even if allowed by your home university. The number of EC should not exceed 30. The majority of these courses (at least 51%) should be chosen from one faculty only with the exception of Civil Engineering and Geosciences and the faculty of Industrial Design Engineering which require minimum 70% of courses chosen within their own faculty. Courses chosen outside the selected faculty will only be considered with the approval of the exchange coordinator.

It is highly recommended to choose between courses that evenly distribute the workload within one semester. The advisable study load is 12-15 EC per quarter. Each student is expected to attend classes, submit assessments and sit final exams for all courses in which he/she is enrolled at TU Delft.

TU Delft uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) shared by all universities in the European Union. One academic year consists of 60 EC. One EC is equivalent to a study load of 28 hours (including lectures, laboratory courses, practical work, assignments, projects, private work, examinations or other assessment activities). Bachelor programmes at TU Delft consist of 180 EC and Master programmes, 120 EC.

Here you can find information about the Dutch grading system.

Students coming to TU Delft with Erasmus+ can send their Learning Agreement to the faculty exchange coordinators via email or upload it during the application phase.

**Language of instruction and language requirements**

The language of instruction for most bachelor programmes is Dutch. The Bachelor’s programmes Aerospace Engineering, Applied Earth Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering and Nanobiology are fully taught in English. There are over 250 available courses taught in English in other TU bachelor programmes. All Master courses are taught in English.

TU Delft Language skills policy for Erasmus+ partner universities

We trust our partner universities to nominate students with language level C1 or higher in English. Students do not need to provide test results; the statement included in the Nomination Letter from the home university is sufficient.

**TU Delft language requirements for non-Erasmus+ partner universities**

- an original TOEFL test with an overall band score of at least 90;
- or an IELTS (academic version) with an overall band score of at least 6.5;
- or proof that you have passed the University of Cambridge ‘Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)’, University of Cambridge ‘Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)’

The following students are exempted from taking the English language test:

- Nationals from the USA, U.K., Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Switzerland and Singapore
- BSc and MSc graduates who obtained their qualification in one of the abovementioned countries;
- Students currently enrolled in a Bsc/Msc programme in one of the abovementioned countries where the degree is fully taught in English and the home university can provide a statement confirming this.
Tu Delft Academic culture & Code of Conduct

TU Delft is a highly valued and rated institution recognized worldwide for the quality of its academic environment. Our exchange students enrich our academic culture and offer an invaluable contribution to learning. We aim to assist Exchange Students in understanding local regulations and customs and our policies. Information concerning students’ rights and responsibilities can be found on our website.

ESN Delft and InterDelft

Erasmus Students Network Delft and InterDelft aim to provide an excellent experience for all international students who have chosen TU Delft by enhancing cultural awareness among all students.

The Netherlands and Delft

Coming to the Netherlands you will find yourself in the world’s fourth happiest nation, and Dutch youngsters seem to be the happiest in the world, according to recent surveys. The country scores in the top five for most European quality of life indicators, including life expectancy, median income, water quality, personal freedom and education. Dutch people tend to be open and easy to approach, and they can be very outspoken. All people speak Dutch as their first, and English as their second language. That makes life easy in the Netherlands.

Useful websites

- TU Delft corporate story
- Study and Student Associations
- Sports and Culture
10,646 Master students (35% international)

100+ Nationalities

680 incoming exchange students

16 BSc programmes

30+ MSc programmes

23,461 students

Contact Centre Education & Student Affairs
(for online application questions and practical matters like visa or housing)
contactcentre-esa@tudelft.nl

Faculty Exchange Coordinators
(for course information and admission)
You can find the detailed contact information per faculty on the website.