

# Breda University of Applied Sciences Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="#">Exchange programmes   BUas.nl</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	September to January
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	January to June
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breda University of Applied Sciences is a medium-sized, government-funded higher education institute.</li> <li>• Founded in 1963, originally as a tourist officer school, it has over 33,000 graduates with more than 7,000 Dutch and international students from some 100 countries studying there.</li> <li>• Breda is an old city, situated in the south of the Netherlands, close to the Belgian border. It has rail links to Amsterdam and Rotterdam in the north, and Antwerp and Brussels to the south.</li> <li>• The Netherlands is in the top 10 of best countries in the world to do business, right after Hong Kong and home to many global firms including Philips, Shell, Heineken, KPMG and Unilever.</li> <li>• Around 26% of the Netherlands lies below sea level, with the lowest point being 22 feet (6.7 meters) below sea level.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS. Students can only choose units from one specific programme at a time and cannot mix courses.</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the selection of courses:</b>  <a href="#">Exchange programmes   BUas.nl</a></p> <p><b>Academic schedule:</b>  <a href="#">planning and kick off (buas.nl)</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> (or equivalent) and the student.</b></p>	

<b>Housing</b>	<p>Breda University of Applied Sciences has no campus or student rooms of its own and, therefore, it will be your own responsibility to find accommodation in Breda. Rental prices for a student room in Breda vary from €300 to €600 per month. However, you will most commonly find rooms to rent for about € 400. Student rooms located in Breda are within cycling distance from the different BUas buildings and cater specifically for (international) students.</p> <p>More information about accommodation is available: <a href="https://www.buas.nl/en/housing">Housing   BUas.nl</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an <a href="#">EHIC/GHIC card</a> which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a <a href="#">UK GHIC card</a>. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the <a href="#">BU Letter Request Form</a>.</p> <p>Please note that some partners may request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the BU <a href="#">practical arrangements</a> webpage and <a href="#">Breda insurance webpage</a>.</p>
<b>Travel Insurance</b>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<b>Visas &amp; Permits</b>	<p>When travelling to Netherlands you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at Breda. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Netherlands, and the purpose of your stay in Netherlands amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up to date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>As soon as you have been admitted to the exchange programme the Buas Student Office will send you an email with payment information concerning the visa/residence permit. After you have sent proof of payment to: <a href="mailto:visa@BUas.nl">visa@BUas.nl</a> you will receive a login code and password for use of the Visa Care+ application. After you log in, you will then be</p>

	<p>guided through the MVV/VVR-procedure: <a href="#">Visa - Living in the Netherlands   BUas.nl</a>.</p> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel Advice on Netherlands</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>	
<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• VISA application fees if applicable</li> <li>• Insurance if applicable</li> <li>• Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>• Textbooks and stationery</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated living expenses:</b> Most students spend between €800 and €1000 per month. Please see and estimate of costs in Netherlands per city <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b> Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b> If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b> You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Campus Facilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic year kick-off events</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• IT services</li> <li>• Variety of events and festivals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic and career guidance</li> <li>• ESN Breda</li> <li>• Sport facilities</li> </ul>