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HAN International Intro

WELCOME!_

Welcome to HAN University of Applied Sciences on behalf of the **International Office**. Our goal? Assuring a smooth transition to life and study in the Netherlands. This newsletter provides you with some important pre-arrival information and the upcoming online and offline introduction activities. So read on and read carefully!



DO YOU KNOW... ---

HAN University has **campuses in 2 cities, namely Arnhem and Nijmegen?** Most courses in (International) Business, Automotive, Communication & Information Technology, Built Environment and Engineering Studies are taught at HAN's **Arnhem campus**. The **HAN Nijmegen campus** hosts courses in Life Sciences, Chemistry, Education, and Health & Social Studies.



HAN INTERNATIONAL INTRO ---

The **HAN International Intro** - the orientation for new international students at HAN - will take place from 23 - 27 August. And we're happy to let you guys know... that we're able to meet each other **in person** again! Woehoeeee! After a year of restrictions, safety measures and health concerns we are eager to make this introduction a special and unforgettable one for YOU.



All degree courses organize their own introduction programs during the HAN Intro. It is important that you are aware of what your particular study program has in store for you during the week. Your degree course coordinators will reach out to you in the coming weeks (if they have not done so already) to tell you more about what goes on where and when exactly. You may also consult [this page](#) for the link to your degree course introduction program.

Not here for a degree program but for an exchange course? You are more than welcome to join the activities offered by the respective schools on your campus. Click [here](#) to find out more.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE INTRO

In addition to the orientation organized by your degree course, HAN International Office also offers introduction activities.

This year, the International Office will guide you to the start of your studies through **an online as well as an offline** introduction.

So how will the online part of the introduction work? Through a **dedicated Instagram page** you can follow us and our introduction buddies. We will be posting all kinds of informative, fun and social information. This will be supplemented with **two more newsletters** like this one and our **Introduction webpage**, so you can read the information at your own pace and share with family and friends.

The part of the HAN International Office Introduction that is on location consists of a welcome meeting on your campus in the week of 23 - 27 August. We organize multiple of these group-meetings during this week on different days.

For **Arnhem**, these welcome meetings will all take place on **Monday, August 23**.

For **Nijmegen** these meetings will be both on **Tuesday morning August 24** and on **Thursday morning August 26**.

Curious to find out when it is your turn to come and meet us? **You will receive a message from us about this in August**. In this Welcome meeting you will get to know other students and our international buddies and learn about the ins and outs of your life and studies in the Netherlands. This all happens in a fun, social and global setting: you learn along the way and you learn together!

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

ONLINE ACTIVITY #1 INSTAGRAM_

We will start mid-July with our online activities. Especially for you, we made a dedicated Instagram page! All content will be saved, so that you can always watch it (again) in your own time.



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Follow

We will present informational and instructional videos, but also fun videos, stories and posts made by our Introduction Buddies. They are HAN students who will help you to get to know HAN, your academic program and your surroundings on and off campus. So, follow us now on Instagram and don't miss out!

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International Intro



ONLINE ACTIVITY #2 WEBPAGE & NEWSLETTERS_

Not able to join us on Instagram? Don't worry! We'll also put the video content on our [webpage](#) and send you newsletters via email with a recap of all the information we share with you on Instagram. So, keep an eye on your

personal mailbox, sit back and wait for our newsletters to show up.

[Webpage HAN International Intro](#)



HOUSING_

As you are probably aware, your room will be ready for you to officially move in **as of Monday 9 August 2021**. You will receive an e-mail from the HAN Housing Office with all details. In case something is still unclear please **contact HAN Housing directly via e-mail**.





REGISTRATION CITY HALL__

If your stay in the Netherlands exceeds 4 months, it is mandatory to register as a new citizen with the municipality where you're going to live. **Soon you'll receive more information on how to do so.**

Also keep an eye on our [Instagram page](#) and [webpage](#).

GETTING AROUND

PUBLIC TRANSPORT & BIKING__

The '**OV-chip card**' (In Dutch: OV-chipkaart) is the means of payment for train, bus, tram and metro in the Netherlands.



The card has the size of a bank card and contains an invisible chip. You can use the OV-chipkaart to travel anywhere within the country. The card uses the **pre-paid principle**: you have to load travel credit onto your card using, for example, your bank card at a vending machine or ticket office. You really need this card, as **cash payments** on bus, tram, or train are **not accepted**.

There are **2 options** to purchase your OV-chipkaart:

- > Buy an OV-chipkaart once you are here at the train station or kiosks like Primera, Bruna or Albert Heijn supermarkets. Credit card and cash payments are accepted both at the vending machine and the ticket counter.
- > Buy an OV-chipkaart online [here](#) before coming to the Netherlands (choose the card that best fits your personal situation).

Please note that due to COVID-19 it's **only possible to travel with an OV-chipkaart** or **buy an online ticket** before you travel with public transportation. Keep in mind that due to the Corona crisis it's **mandatory to wear a face mask** on public transport.

More info and card sales points →



OR: BIKE EVERYWHERE!

Looking forward to riding a bike during your time in The Netherlands? Most students choose to buy a second-hand bike from one of the local stores in Arnhem or Nijmegen like

Reerink Rijwielen (located at Geitenkamp 4, Arnhem), Profile (located at Rozendaalselaan 25, Arnhem), Wheels (located at Sint Annastraat 42, Nijmegen) or De Concurrent (located at Trieststraat 23, Nijmegen).

Also, Boogle offers you a bike for a fixed monthly fee. No hassles, because if anything goes wrong, they'll fix it! Want to make sure you'll have a Boogle bike in time for your new adventure? Sign up now! Register at least 1 week before the introduction week starts via www.booglebike.nl.

You may also try your luck online via sites like [Marktplaats](#), and Facebook groups like [Tweedehands Arnhem](#) and [Tweedehands Nijmegen](#). But note that these are available in Dutch only.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT
9292OV PLANNER

Download the 9292OV planner app for iOS or Android to plan your 'live' trip from A to B.

TRAVELING TO THE NETHERLANDS/COVID-19

Although the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over yet, the Netherlands is well on its way in pushing back the virus as much as possible. Most of the original measures have been recently abandoned and public life is almost back to what it once was. The expectation is that by mid-July, everyone over 18 years old in the Netherlands who wants to be

vaccinated will have had their first dose, and in many cases, their second too.

Nevertheless we remain very cautious; **everyone should still follow the basic rules** in order to prevent the virus from spreading and/or flaming up again.

The Government of the Netherlands has gathered all relevant news with regards to COVID-19 on [this website](#). It has sections on what important rules and regulations are in place when traveling to the Netherland from abroad as well as relevant information on our vaccination campaign and testing facilities. This website is updated on a daily basis as conditions may now change rapidly. **Make sure to check this site regularly so you know what rules apply to your particular situation.**

In our next newsletter we'll give you more information on the topics mentioned above as well.

[Website of the Dutch government](#)



SOCIALS

Join HAN International Office on **social media!**

On our [HAN Incoming International Students Facebook group](#) you'll find news and fun facts during your stay in the Netherlands and at HAN University of Applied Sciences. And join the main [HAN International Office Instagram page](#) while you're at it! 😊 This page is full of interesting cultural and social content.



That's it for now... Sit back, check our [HAN International Intro Instagram page](#) and/or our [webpage](#) and wait for our next mail to show up in your mailbox (to be expected mid August)!

Have a great summer and we look forward to meeting you in August!

Best regards and see you soon,

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