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.
First... some statistics

- **12,973** students
- **904** English courses
- **108** nationalities
- **30** MSc programmes in English
- **19** BSc programmes of which 6 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.
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

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**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
- Food Safety
- Food Studies
- Food Technology (also available online)*
- Food Quality Management
- Molecular Life Sciences
- Nutritional Epidemiology and Public Health (online)
- Nutrition and Health

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**Life Sciences**
- Agroecology
- Animal Sciences*
- Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management
- Biology
- Organic Agriculture
- Plant Biotechnology
- Plant Breeding (online)
- Plant Sciences

**Social Sciences**
- Communication, Health and Life Sciences
- Development and Rural Innovation
- International Development Studies
- Management, Economics and Consumer Studies

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*: Fields that offer a BSc completely in English.
Studying in Wageningen - academic facts and calendar

The academic year is divided in six periods. The Autumn term (September) consists of period 1 to 3 and the Spring term (February) consists of period 4 to 6.

### Academic information

**Academic Field**
Faculty of Life Sciences

**Course descriptions**
Study Handbook: [www.wur.eu/studyhandbook](http://www.wur.eu/studyhandbook)

**ECTS**
Academic year 60 ECTS divided into 6 study periods varying between 6-12 ECTS.

### Classes conducted in English
Most 2nd and 3rd year BSc classes are in English. All MSc classes are in English.

### Minors
WUR offers 52 minors at BSc level (programme minors and thematic minors), the majority are taught in English. Please see: [www.wur.eu/listofminors](http://www.wur.eu/listofminors)

### Academic calendar and dates

**Calendar academic year 2022-2023**:

- Orientation week/AID² in August
- Study period 1: 05/09/2022 – 28/10/2022
- Study period 2: 31/10/2022 – 23/12/2022
- Christmas Holidays: 26/12/2022 – 06/01/2023
- Study period 3: 09/01/2023 – 03/02/2023
- Resit exams: 06/02/2023 – 17/02/2023

- Orientation week/AID² in February
- Study period 4: 20/02/2023 – 17/03/2023
- Study period 5: 20/03/2023 – 12/05/2023
- Study period 6: 15/05/2023 – 07/07/2023
- Summer Holidays: 10/07/2023 – 01/09/2023
- Resit exams³: 07/08/2023 – 18/08/2023

1. Schedule is subject to changes, please consult this website for up to date information: [https://www.wur.nl/en/education-programmes/current-students/agenda-calendar-academic-year.htm](https://www.wur.nl/en/education-programmes/current-students/agenda-calendar-academic-year.htm)
2. AID: Annual Introduction Days: for more information and the dates see [www.aidwageningen.nl](http://www.aidwageningen.nl)
3. The summer resit period might shift from week 49/50 to week 45/46, please check the schedule.
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 a minimum of 60-120 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). In some cases it is possible to hand in a certificate from the language centre of your home university stating your level of English.

   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.

5. Apply for student exchange after nomination
You will receive instructions and a deadline for your online exchange application. Personal guidance is ensured by 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 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: 17,500,000
- Population of Wageningen: 39,643
- Number of international students: 2,709
- Official language: Dutch
- Language of instruction at WUR: English & Dutch
- Currency: Euro (€)
- Capital: Amsterdam
- Freedom festival: 5th of May
- City rights since: 1263 A.D.
- Academic institute since: 1918 A.D.

Travel time by public transport

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Estimated monthly expenses

| Rent of student accommodation | € 300 - € 500 | Health insurance and legal liability insurance | € 75 | Groceries | € 300 | Books and study materials | € 200 per year | TOTAL About € 950 per month |
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, eat and socialise together.

Rooms are available through the main student housing cooperation in Wageningen (Idealis), room.nl or on the private market.

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. The housing market is tight so please do not wait until the last moment to look for a room.

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 you’ll get to know the sports associations, student associations, the possibilities for going out, your classmates, WUR and all the other things that Wageningen has to offer.

Besides study-related activities, there are also many other things to do such as a sports day, a cycling tour, a cultural night and a pubquiz. There is a big chance that you will find an organisation that meets your interests and that you can join for the rest of your time in Wageningen! 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 192 euro (in 2021), check the requirements below.

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<td>All other countries</td>
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* 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 104 euro per year (or 16 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

**Departmental Exchange Coordinators**

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For inquiries, negotiation and development of exchange agreements

**Institutional Exchange Coordinator**
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General contact information

For general information

www.wur.eu/exchange

For nominating students (partner universities)

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