



# HAN University of Applied Sciences

Over the years, we have welcomed many international students from around the world to the HAN. Within our current community of 27,000 students, more than 2,000 international students are enrolled in our Bachelor's and Master's programmes. We strive to ensure that you enjoy your time studying with us and that your studies provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to take the next step in your career. We also hope that you will learn from the experience of living in the Netherlands, meeting Dutch and international students, sampling our culture, and making the most of opportunities to visit and explore the country.

## Meet HAN University of Applied Sciences

The HAN is located in the eastern part of the Netherlands near the German border. Visitors to this part of the country will be charmed by the typically Dutch landscape, with its wide rivers, bridges, dikes, polders and backdrop of woody hills and small towns. Two of these towns, the twin cities of Arnhem and Nijmegen (only 15 km apart), accommodate the HAN University of Applied Sciences, one of the fastest growing universities of applied sciences in the country. These two modern city campuses facilitate the exchange of knowledge between more than 27,000 students and 2,700 staff members.

The HAN provides comprehensive professional education in the following disciplines: Education, Social Studies, Commerce, Communication, Business Administration, Law, Economics, Engineering, Built Environment, Applied Sciences, IT and Communication, Health, Nursing, and Sports and Exercise. Within these disciplines, students can select from more than sixty Bachelor's programmes and twenty Master's programmes. HAN established the HAN Master's Programmes and Research to administer its Master's Programmes and related research programmes.

Professors work together closely with lecturers and students in research groups and play an important role in designing and delivering the Bachelor's and Master's programmes. They are also highly involved in the research

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conducted within the programmes. All programmes are accredited by NVAO, the Dutch accreditation council.

The HAN acts as a 'gateway to knowledge' for many students, regional companies, expertise centres and public authorities.

### The Dutch educational system

Dutch higher education distinguishes between two types of universities: research universities and universities of applied sciences. The HAN is a university of applied sciences, which means it trains students for specific professions and has a strong emphasis on practical experience. Dutch higher education has a good reputation and students who obtain a degree from a university of applied sciences are well qualified to work within their discipline. Like many other universities, the HAN maintains close ties with the professional field and its graduates are very successful in the job market.

In 1999, European Education Ministers introduced the Bologna Treaty to lay the groundwork for greater compatibility of higher education programmes across different countries. As a result, a standard Bachelor's-Master's system has been introduced throughout Europe. At the HAN, a Bachelor's programme can be completed after four years of full-time study and the majority of Master's programmes can be completed in one to two years.

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