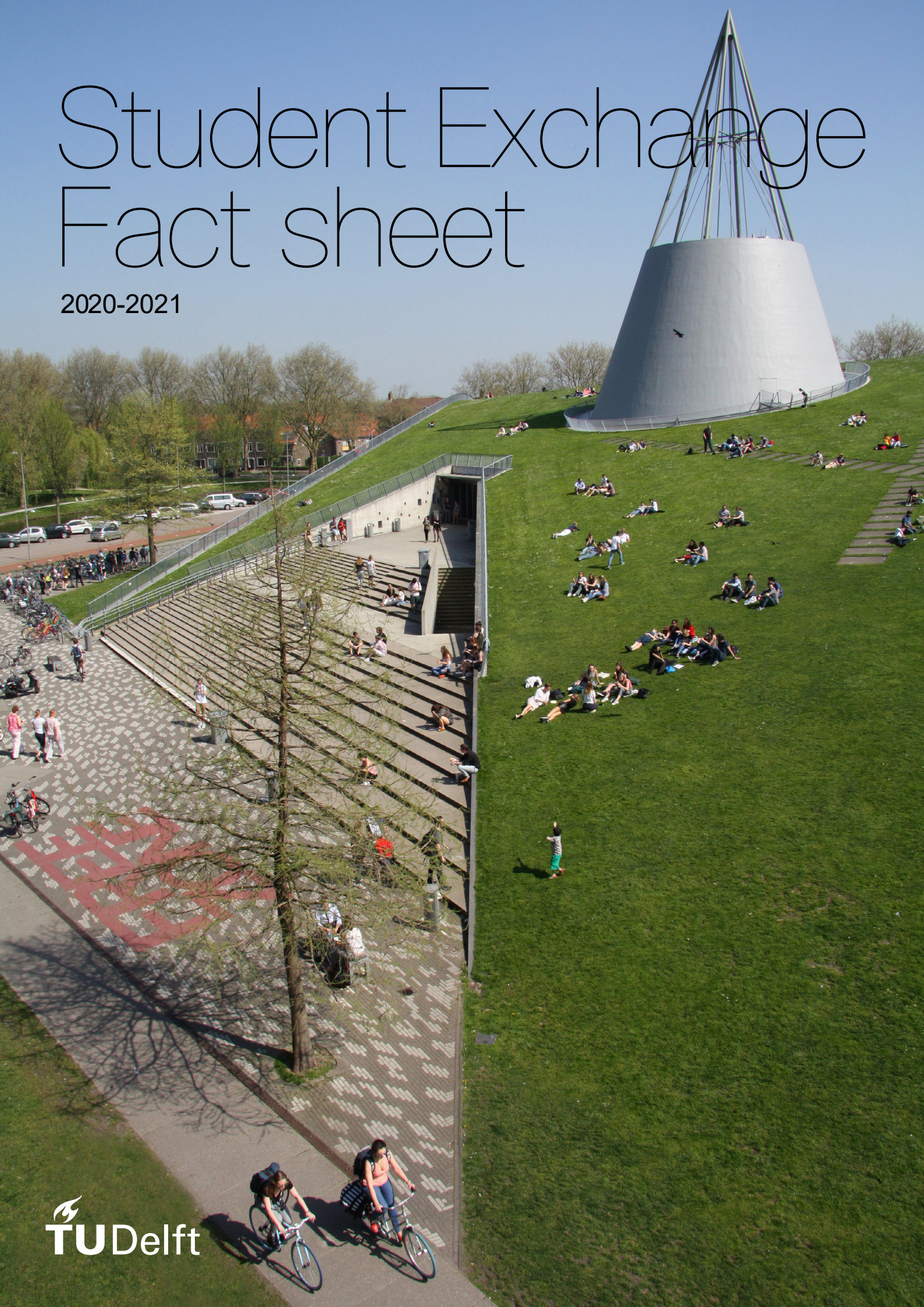
Student Exchange Fact sheet

2020-2021



TU Delft

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. It is not permitted to come on exchange more than once.
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.

Application deadlines and Academic Calender

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:
31 August 2020 – 29 January 2021

1st period (September – November) *2nd period* (November -January)

2nd semester:
8 February 2021 – 2 July 2021

3rd period (February- April) *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.

Major changes to the study plan (e.g. taking courses from a different department) after approval of the course package are not allowed. Changes are only allowed if a course is cancelled or an overlap occurs.

TU Delft's course catalogue outlines all available courses. The study plan should be based on this current course catalogue. Minor changes may occur as the course catalogue is updated every May. Students are advised to carefully check in which period the courses you wish to follow will take place. A study guide manual is available to help. Students can also select Bachelor level courses by consulting the list of TU Delft - English courses on our website.

A few faculties offer fixed course packages and have course restrictions which students need to consider when selecting their courses. The restrictions are outlined on the requirement tab of the exchange webpage.

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

Students are allowed to choose their courses. An advisable course package should comprise between 24 and 30 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. Courses chosen outside the selected faculty will only be considered with the approval of the exchange coordinator, and you need to be aware that selecting courses from multiple faculties may increase the risk of conflicting schedules.
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 obtaining a minimum of 20 EC. Further instructions on how to select your courses are to be found on our course selection webpage.
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.

Practical Matters

Tuition fees and finances
Exchange students must remain enrolled and pay tuition fees to their home university and are therefore exempt from paying tuition fees at TU Delft. Besides incidental and set-up costs, the costs of living and study, is estimated to be between 850 and 1,100 Euro per month.

Visa/residence permit requirements
At TU Delft we offer assistance to non-EU students in arranging visa and residence permits. Non-EU students coming to the Netherlands are required to meet specific visa or residence permit requirements. Non-EU students coming to TU Delft must provide proof of sufficient financial means to support themselves for the period of stay. Students will receive more information about this after they have been admitted (tudelft.nl/visa).

Accommodation
TU Delft has partnered with various housing agencies in the greater-Delft region to offer accommodation to students coming from abroad. TU Delft cannot guarantee accommodation to all incoming exchange students as the number of available options is limited while demand is increasing. To increase ones chances of obtaining accommodation through TU Delft's housing service, students are advised to finalize their application procedure as soon as possible as housing is offered on a first come first served basis.
Students who choose the 2nd semester have more chances of finding accommodation through TU Delft. Finding a room in Delft can be difficult and time-consuming. As most university cities in the Netherlands, Delft has a shortage of affordable student accommodations, a list of private providers is available here.

Health and liability insurance
All the information relevant on this topic is available on our insurance page.

Students and jobs
Students may be permitted to engage in part-time employment either paid or unpaid, only prior approval of the faculty exchange coordinator. Further conditions may apply, please consult the Immigration and Naturalisation Service website.

Introduction period and registration
Closer to the starting of the programme exchange students will find more information on our website about the introduction period and the registration at TU Delft.

Transcript of Records upon departure
Exchange students are advised to request an official transcript of records at the end of their study period from the faculty coordinator for international exchange. Transcript of records are provided within 5 weeks from the end of the exam period.
At the end of their exchange the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment will email their departing students a "Grade Transfer " form in order to obtain the Transcript of Records.

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.

Delft is an interesting and historic town located between the larger cities of The Hague and Rotterdam. The city is known for the painter Johannes Vermeer and the Delft blue pottery. You will find a great many things that will help you to enjoy student life, including numerous cafes and pubs, cinema and theatre. There are also many reasonably-priced restaurants with national and international cuisine. Most students cycle from home to campus and back, day and night, all year long, come rain or sunshine.

The TU Delft Campus

Naturally, you will spend a lot of time on our TU Delft campus. It is a little town within a town, only a ten minute walk from Delft city centre, with enough study places, project facilities, Wi-Fi, green spaces, a super market, restaurants, coffee bars and other amenities you may need to make it your home away from home. Our library with the green roof is the main meeting point for those in search for information, study places and relaxation. campus.tudelft.nl

Useful websites

- TU Delft corporate story
- Study and Student Associations
- Sports and Culture

12.000
Master students
(35% international)

8
faculties

100+
Nationalities

757
incoming
exchange students

16
BSc programmes

30+
MSc programmes

26.307
students

TU Delft

Contact

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.