

High quality international education in Rotterdam

Rotterdam is a youthful and multicultural city with inhabitants from more than 170 countries, making it a vibrant and dynamic place to live and work. The city and its inhabitants have a Make It Happen attitude, which is reflected in its business and educational climate. Rotterdam is home to several high quality international schools and universities, providing world-class education to children, students and young professionals and making the city a preferred choice for international expats.



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Top education for all ages

Going to school and studying should be more than just learning. One's school and college (university) years are very formative, covering a period when identities are formed, knowledge and experience are gained and ambitions are set. Basically, it is the time of one's life. Rotterdam is the city par excellence for that! Rotterdam caters to the educational needs of international families with children of all ages. Whether your children are only just starting out at primary school, or are already approaching their university or vocational education, Rotterdam has the right schools for all ages and needs.

Elementary and secondary

International institutions for primary and secondary education include:

- American International School of Rotterdam (AISR): a coeducational day school for internationally-minded families residing in the greater Rotterdam area. AISR offers comprehensive education for children and students from pre-kindergarten through to grade 12. All classes, except for the modern language classes, are conducted in English and use native language resources. A nursery is available for children aged 27 months - 4 years. More information: www.aisr.nl/

Children ages 4-12 can join Summer Camp, children ages 13-18 can participate in Teen Camp. More information: www.summercamp.nl.

- Blijberg Primary School: a state-funded Dutch primary school situated in the city centre. The school offers primary education in English given by native speakers to pupils from every corner of the world, in the ages 4-12. The Blijberg International Department has a strong and international environment, where the children are fully encouraged to integrate into Dutch society through the pupils studying Dutch language and culture. More information: www.blijberg.nl

- Rotterdam International Secondary School (RISS): teaching children from 12 to 19 years, offering the renowned International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes, leading to entry to universities and institutions of higher learning worldwide. RISS offers students the opportunity to study in English while experiencing Dutch culture and language through social interaction with their Dutch peers. More information: www.wolfert.nl/riiss/

Besides top international educational facilities for students of all ages, Rotterdam also offers many facilities for:



Age: 6 weeks – 4 years
Daycare (Dutch: kinderdagverblijf or 'creche')
Most daycare centers are open 7am – 7pm.



Age: up to 12/13 years
Out Of School Care (Dutch: 'buitenschoolse opvang' or 'BSO')



AISR together with 'Engels for Bengels' also offers special summer programmes to children of all ages, where learning and having fun go hand in hand while at the same time improving English language skills.

Did you know:

Parents working in the Netherlands have the option to apply for Child Benefit if they have children under the age of 18. The rules for who can get child benefit and how much child benefit will be paid are set down in the National Child Benefits Act (AKW). Child Benefit is paid by the SVB. More information: <http://www.svb.nl/int/en/>



Did you know:

Being a port city, Rotterdam offers various education in the area of maritime and water. For example, check out the institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE: www.unesco-ihe.org) and the Netherlands Maritime University (NMU: www.netherlandsmaritimeuniversity.eu).



Did you know:

If you are looking for education in specific languages, Rotterdam offers Korean, Japanese, Russian, Polish and Chinese language education:

- Korean School of Rotterdam (Korean, <http://www.ksrnl.com/>)
- Japanese School of Rotterdam (Japanese, <http://www.jsrotte.nl/>)
- Foundation Matryoshka (Russian, <http://www.russischeschool-rotterdam.nl/>)
- SzkołaSchool (Polish, <http://www.rotterdam.polskaszkoła.nl/school>)
- Danhua Chinese School (Mandarin, <http://www.danhua.nl/>)

Higher education

Rotterdam hosts various world class institutions for higher level (also called tertiary or third level) education. Whether it's Economics, Business & Management studies, ICT, Communications & Media or another discipline, you'll find the right course and institution right here in Rotterdam.

- Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) is a highly ranked, internationally renowned research university. The university offers education and research in the fields of health, wealth, governance and policy, and culture. On the lively, modern campus, students and scholars of more than 100 nationalities are constantly challenged and encouraged to develop their talents and meet their ambition. Erasmus University is ranked #85 in the global Center for World University Rankings (CWUR). More information: www.eur.nl

Bachelor and Master Programmes, as well as accelerated programmes, exchange programmes for students from partner universities, summer courses and tailor-made business courses. All programmes listed are taught in English. More information: www.rotterdamuas.com

- Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) is the largest and oldest Dutch public technological university. Located in the city of Delft, less than 15 kilometres from Rotterdam city centre, TU Delft offers more than 35 master programmes, all taught in English, as well as 16 bachelor programmes in the fields of science, engineering and design. More information: www.tudelft.nl

Summer school

We said it before; studying is not only about learning. It is also about discovery in general, about personal growth and about enjoying life. What better than to spend the summer in the buzzing city of Rotterdam, combining specialized learning with a good time? Rotterdam Summer School offers summer school activities on an academic level for students and young professionals from all over the world. Rotterdam Summer School is a collaboration of Erasmus University Rotterdam, the municipality of Rotterdam, Codarts University of Arts and Willem de Kooning Academy. More information is available at www.rotterdamsummerschool.com.

Visas

All students from EU countries can study in Rotterdam without having to apply for a visa if they study at an approved institution for more than 3 months and if they can support themselves financially. Students from outside the EU need to apply for a visa. More information: <https://ind.nl/en/study>. Foreign students can also apply for a one year 'orientation visa' after graduation to look for work. Want to know more? Contact us at: info@rotterdamexpatcentre.nl.

- Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) is one of Europe's most international and innovative business schools. This Business School of the Erasmus University Rotterdam offers Bachelor, Master, MBA and PhD programmes as well as Executive education. RSM ranks among the top 1% of schools worldwide with Triple Crown accreditation. More information: www.rsm.nl

- Erasmus Medical Centre (Erasmus MC) is the largest and one of the foremost academic medical centres in the Netherlands. Erasmus MC offers Research Masters, Graduate School and PhD Programs and provides a large number of exchange programs with universities abroad. More information: www.erasmusmc.nl

- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) is a dynamic knowledge institute for higher professional education, offering a range of international study programmes at undergraduate (Bachelor) and postgraduate (Master) levels. RUAS also offers special preparation programmes for

Did you know:

Rotterdam is home to several renowned international arts universities including Willem de Kooning (www.wdka.nl) and CODARTS (www.codarts.nl).





ROTTERDAM EXPAT CENTRE

Contact

If you are thinking of coming to Rotterdam to live and work and if you have questions about educational options for your children, please visit the Rotterdam Expat Centre, located at Korte Hoogstraat 31 (Schielandshuis) in the Rotterdam city centre. Alternatively you can send us your questions in an e-mail to info@rotterdamexpatcentre.nl. Opening hours Monday – Friday 09.30 am – 16.30 pm. Please make an appointment before visiting us.

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