

## **The Hague University of Applied Sciences**

Netherlands

### **Partnership**

Southwestern has formally established an exchange program with The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS). This program allows two Southwestern students to attend The Hague Law School for up to one year of study, with credits earned there counting toward completion of their J.D. degree from Southwestern.

In 2014-15, 3 students from The Hague participated, studying at Southwestern for one semester each; no Southwestern student participated in the program.

### **Grading system**

Each module or subject taught at The Hague is worth a number of ECTS. One ECTS credit represents 28 hours of full-time study. The Dutch grading scale consists of numbers running from 1 to 10, with 1 is the lowest grade, 10 is the highest and 5.5 the lowest passing grade.

### **Accessibility of Facilities for People with Disabilities**

Over recent years much effort has been made to improve accessibility: access to trams and buses has been improved, ramps are now present on roads. However, in older cities, such as the capital Amsterdam, access for people using a wheelchair is still complicated. Most museums, government buildings and train facilities have been modified. For detailed information on accessibility for individuals with disabilities, please visit <http://southholland.angloinfo.com/information/healthcare/people-with-disabilities/>

### **Cancellation Policy**

Southwestern reserves the right to change or cancel the Semester Exchange Program at The Hague University at any time prior to the application deadlines for the program, or at any time due to a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert. Cancellation of the program will occur only if necessary for reasons beyond Southwestern's control. The programs may be canceled or suspended if we were unable to rely on the host institution offering a meaningful educational experience comparable to that in Los Angeles or to ensure the safety and well-being of students and members of the Southwestern community. Students who have paid a deposit or registered for the program have the opportunity to withdraw from the program if there are changes in the course offerings or other significant aspects of the program and receive a refund of fees paid except for room and board payments, or other fees charged by policy of the host institution. In the event of cancellation, students will immediately be notified by email, phone and U.S. mail. This program has not been cancelled in prior years.

### **Accommodations and Living Expenses**

You are responsible to arrange your own accommodations. THUAS cooperates with Duwo Accommodate and offers furnished housing for half a year or a year and can be reserved online after you have fully registered with The Hague.

<https://www.duwo.nl/en/i-search/accommodate/accommodate-how-does-it-work/>

<http://www.thehagueuniversity.com/international-student-services/general>

THUAS also cooperates with Housing Anywhere, a platform where students of The Hague University can offer their own accommodation when they are abroad. The offered rooms are visible to everyone.

<http://www.housinganywhere.com/>

Housing in the Netherlands is not inexpensive and generally is unfurnished. Duwo Accommodate offers fully furnished housing and generally costs between 400-550 Euros.

Experience has shown that students living and studying in the Netherlands for at least one year spend between 800 and 1100 a month. For more information about living expenses and other costs, please visit Nuffic:

<http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/financing-your-stay>

### **Refund Policy**

Southwestern students participating in the Exchange are charged tuition by Southwestern Law School, not the host school. Students who withdraw before the first day of program may receive a 100% credit of charged tuition. Thereafter, refund for tuition is pro-rated on a daily basis. After 60% of the program is completed, there is no refund.

Cancellation of your exchange period has to be done in writing and has to be sent to [exchange@hhs.nl](mailto:exchange@hhs.nl) mentioning your student number and the reason for cancellation. In case of cancellation up to four weeks before the start of the semester, The Hague University will reimburse 100% of the transferred fees minus actual costs and €15 transfer fee. Please note the fee for the third party insurance will not be refunded. If you indicated that you want the exchange office at The Hague to arrange your immigration documents and you cancel your application, the costs paid on your behalf will not be refunded.

Students who withdraw from the program prior to the commencement of the program due to a significant change, or the cancellation of the program, including cancellation because of a U.S. State Department travel warning or alert, will be refunded all tuition and fees advanced within twenty (20) days after the cancellation or withdrawal, with the exception of non-refundable immigration and/or health insurance fees in accordance with the policies of The Hague.

Students who withdraw from the program during the course of the program due to a course cancellation, significant change, or termination of the program, including termination because of a U.S. State Department travel warning or alert, will be refunded fees advanced except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination or withdrawal, and any non-refundable immigration and/or health insurance fees in accordance with the policies of The Hague.

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