



Erasmus Policy Statement

Inholland University of applied sciences continues to develop its strong profile of internationalization. The main driver for this is the conviction that especially in the 'Randstad', the coastal region of the Netherlands where the country's economic development is strongest and where Inholland has its campuses, international and cross-cultural competencies are a strong asset for the future knowledge worker. For Inholland graduates this implies that they obtain their international and cross-cultural competencies during their study programme.

This means that we remain committed to our drive to internationalise the curricula, to stimulate and facilitate students to obtain an international learning experience abroad and to stimulate and facilitate lecturers to actively contribute to the further internationalization of their study programmes and their students.

Inholland's internationalization mission is to offer students a learning environment in which they can obtain the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed to be able to operate as a professional in the dynamic, complex and increasingly international and culturally diverse society.

That learning environment is characterized by:

- Internationally and cross-culturally competent teaching staff;
- Opportunities and stimuli for students to experience a meaningful international experience;
- Educational content and didactic approach that widens the students' perspective, both in a cultural and international context;
- Multicultural and international classrooms;
- Internationally and multi-culturally oriented facilities.

The seven faculties of the university each formulate their own international focal approach. Based on the professional profiles of the study programmes in the faculty they determine their focus countries to develop international cooperation with. The main focus in the partnerships remains Europe, enriched by a number of meaningful non-European partnerships.

At central level, the International Office supports and facilitates the development of that international network and manages all the contracts. The current network is strong and consists of many long-lasting partnerships; through these partnerships the incoming and outgoing students are exchanged. The main objective of international exchange activities is that students widen their perspective (cross)culturally and internationally to support and enforce their cross-cultural and international competencies. Apart from that, they can extend their professional perspective through a meaningful learning or work experience at a partner institution abroad.

Currently Inholland offers 9 international English-taught Bachelor programmes.

In the international business programme, a number of double degree partnerships are successfully carried out. These programmes enable particularly enterprising, ambitious students to further boost their knowledge, skills and attitudes.

In some faculties (law, business) EU programme facilities are applied to further develop curricular cooperation, in this way enriching curricula at both/all participating institutions with specific aspects from the partner institutions professional and learning environment. The ensuing exchange of teaching staff (and when relevant, students) strongly supports the competency development of staff and students involved. Such project initiatives always originate from a study programme and are actively supported by the International Office.

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