

## Inholland study check FAQ

### What is the Inholland study check?

What is the Inholland study check?	<p>At Inholland, the study check means that you are introduced to our teaching methods, your fellow students, our lecturer team and a few senior-year students before the start of your program. The study check will give you a realistic notion of your program, so you can decide for yourself whether it is the right choice for you.</p> <p>You start by completing an online questionnaire at home (depending on the program, you may also be required to complete a homework assignment). The next step depends on where you live:</p> <p><b>Do you live in the Netherlands?</b> You will take part in a mandatory activity at Inholland. Once you have completed the study check, Inholland will issue a written recommendation.</p> <p><b>Do you live in another country?</b> Depending on your answers to the online questionnaire, you will either receive a written recommendation immediately or Inholland will invite you to a mandatory Skype interview.</p>
What is the purpose of the study check?	<p>Many students drop out during their first year. While there are many possible reasons for doing so, one of the more common ones is the wrong choice of program. In order to prevent this situation, many universities of applied sciences require their students to complete a study check.</p> <p>The study check allows you to verify one more time whether your program is right for you. It clarifies the nature of the program and your future profession. You will obtain an insight into what you will need to do in order to complete the program successfully. In short, the study check is an opportunity for you to find out how good of a match your program is for you.</p>
What is the difference between a study check and a study test?	<p>A study test lets you compare multiple programs. You will not be invited to complete a study check until after you have applied for your program on Studielink. The study check allows you to verify one more time whether the program that you have chosen is right for you.</p>
Is the study check mandatory?	<p>Yes. The study check forms part of the enrolment procedure and you will be invited after you have applied for a full-time or associate-degree Bachelor's program at a university of applied sciences on Studielink. There are separate procedures for programs with an enrolment quota or a <a href="#">selection procedure</a>. For other exemptions, see the answer to the question: Who does not need to complete a study check?</p>
Who needs to complete a study check?	<p>The study check is mandatory for all students who have enrolled in an Inholland program that requires a study check (visit the <a href="#">website</a> for an overview). If you change programs, the enrolment procedure will also include a study check.</p> <p>The study check is also mandatory if you live abroad, but you will not need to attend in person.</p>
Who does not need to complete a study check?	<p>Usually, a study check is not mandatory if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- you've applied for a part-time or dual degree program (except for the part-time and dual teacher training programs);</li><li>- you've applied for a Master's program;</li><li>- you've applied for a program with a selection procedure or an enrolment quota (different procedures apply).</li></ul>

## Why does Inholland use a study check?

Why does Inholland use a study check?	Since 2014, Inholland has offered a study check allowing you to find out whether the program for which you have applied is indeed right for you. Choosing a suitable program will prevent you from dropping out due to the wrong choice of program. The study check allows you to evaluate the impression that you have of the program and your future profession. Following the study check, you will receive a recommendation about your choice of program. We will also help you to find another program if required.
Do other universities of applied sciences also require students to complete a study check?	Yes. The study check is a component of the Higher Education (Quality in Diversity) Act, which came into force on 1 September 2013. This Act requires all universities of applied sciences to offer applicants a mandatory study check.
I have attended an orientation day and I am sure my choice is right for me. Do I still have to complete the study check?	The study check differs from an orientation day, open day, taster session or study test in that it is the final check before the program of your choice starts. It is important to us that we work with you to check carefully whether you have chosen the right program, so as to ensure that your time with us will be both enjoyable and successful. By consequence, the Inholland study check is mandatory.
I am not sure about which program to take. Should I go ahead and complete the study check now?	It is important that you obtain plenty of information allowing you to make the right choice. If you are unsure about your choice of program, we can help you even before you complete the study check. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information about our Study Advice Centre.

## What does a recommendation entail?

Will I receive a recommendation?	Once you have completed the study check, you will receive a recommendation, usually immediately after the activity at Inholland. It will be confirmed by email.
When will I receive the recommendation?	The recommendation is usually given immediately after the meeting/interview, but this process may vary depending on the program. In addition, you will receive a confirmation of the recommendation by email within two weeks. If you want to discuss your recommendation in person, please say so on the day of the study check activity. A face-to-face interview does not always form part of the study check – this fact depends on the program.
What will the basis of the recommendation?	The recommendation will be based on your answers to the online questionnaire, your marks for the study check homework assignment (if you have completed one) and other assignments performed during the activity at Inholland and/or the face-to-face interview.
Is a positive recommendation a guarantee for study success?	Although it is not a guarantee, a positive recommendation means that your program and study coaching will get off to the right start.
What happens if I find out during or after the study check that the program is not a good fit for me?	If you find out during or after the study check that the program is not a good fit for you after all, you can always apply for another program. Our study choice advisers will be happy to help. They will be present during the study check activity and you can contact them directly to make an appointment. Alternatively, visit the website to <a href="#">make an appointment at the Study Advice Centre</a> .

Can I be refused access to a program if I receive a negative recommendation after my study check?	This procedure depends on the date when you first applied for the program on Studielink. If you did so by 1 May at the latest, you will not be refused access to a program, even if you receive a negative recommendation after your study check. If you apply after 1 May and you receive a negative recommendation after your study check, you will not be admitted to the program. You may lodge an appeal against a negative recommendation.
Can I use my positive recommendation to enrol in a different program?	Very rarely, as the study check is program-specific. For English programs there are no exceptions.

## When are the study checks?

How will I be kept informed about the progress of the Inholland study check?	The Central Student Administration will send you an email with a link to your personal step-by-step study check plan in the Self-Service tool. This step-by-step plan contains the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a link to the mandatory online questionnaire and the related deadline;</li> <li>- a link to the homework assignment (if applicable);</li> <li>- you can schedule an appointment for your activity in Selfservice (if applicable)</li> </ul>
Can I prepare for the study check?	No, the study check is not a test or an exam for which you can prepare. However, the program may ask you to write a letter of motivation or complete another homework assignment in advance. To find out whether this situation applies to you, see your step-by-step study check plan in the Self-Service tool. The Central Student Administration will tell you how to access the step-by-step plan.
Can I bring my parents along to the study check activity?	Parents are welcome to attend our open days and open evenings. As the study check is intended for applicants personally, you cannot bring along your parents. If you require a parent or carer to attend because you have a disability, you should let us know in advance.
Does this check replace the draw procedure/audition/sport test/entrance exam?	No, this does not replace the draw procedure/audition/sport test/entrance exam. For more information about the entrance exam, visit the <a href="#">website</a> . Different selection procedures apply to programs with separate entry requirements (Music and Midwifery). They set their own enrolment conditions.
How will I know when my study check activity takes place?	Once you have applied on Studielink, the Central Student Administration will send you a link to your personal step-by-step study check plan in the Self-Service tool. This step-by-step plan will contain all dates and times with regard to the study check.
Can I change the date of my study check activity at a later stage?	Your activity date will be shown in your step-by-step plan in the Self-Service tool. The activities are spread out evenly over a limited number of rounds. In some cases, you may be able to change the date of your study check activity to a following round in the step-by-step plan (once only). You may not swap places with another applicant.
I really will not be able to make my study check activity date. What do I do?	In most cases, completing the Inholland study check is a prerequisite for admission to the degree program. If you do not show up, or cancel for no valid reason, you may lose your right to admission. For more information about the rules with regard to cancelling or changing the date, see the study check regulations on the website. If you cannot attend for an

	urgent reason, contact the Central Student Administration by emailing <a href="mailto:csa@inholland.nl">csa@inholland.nl</a> .
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## How do I apply?

How do I apply for the study check?	Once you have applied on Studielink, the Central Student Administration will send you more information about the study check components that you need to complete.
What is the application procedure?	Once you have applied on Studielink, the Central Student Administration will send you more information about the study check components that you need to complete and a link to your step-by-step study check plan in the Self-Service tool.
What happens if I apply to multiple universities of applied sciences?	When you apply to Inholland, you will always be asked to complete the Inholland study check. Other universities of applied sciences offer their own study checks. In this case, you will have to complete multiple study checks.
What happens if I apply for multiple Inholland programs?	You will receive information about the mandatory study check from each program separately. If the activities fall on the same date, you will need to make a choice. Alternatively, you can change the date of the study check activity (see the answer to the question: Can I change the date of my study check activity at a later stage?). If you are finding it difficult to choose from a large number of different programs, we recommend that you make an appointment at our Study Advice Centre. Visit the <a href="#">website</a> .
I have not received any information about the study check activity. What do I do?	If you have still not received any information about the study check activity two weeks ahead of the scheduled date, contact the Central Student Administration by emailing <a href="mailto:csa@inholland.nl">csa@inholland.nl</a> . They can find out what went wrong.
What is the deadline for applying on Studielink for the September cohort?	You can apply on Studielink for the September cohort of a program between 1 October and 1 May. If you apply after 1 May, your study check recommendation is binding – if you received a negative recommendation, you will not be admitted to the program.
What is the deadline for applying on Studielink for the February cohort?	You can apply on Studielink for the February cohort of a program until 15 January. Your study check recommendation is binding – if you received a negative recommendation, you will not be admitted to the program.
What happens if I apply after 1 May?	We recommend that you apply before 1 May to enjoy the following benefits: 1) You will be able to complete your study check before you sit your school-leaving examination (from February). 2) You will still have time to find another program if your original choice turns out not to be a good match. If you apply after 1 May and you receive a negative recommendation after your study check, you will not be admitted to the program; see the study check regulations on the website.
Are there any costs involved?	No, this procedure is free of charge. It is important to us that you choose a program which is right for you.
I have applied for a part-time or dual degree program. Do I have to complete a study check?	Sometimes you do, but usually you do not. If you do, the program of your choice will let you know.
I am not required to complete the study check, but I want to.	The Central Student Administration will send you information about completing the study check on a voluntary basis. Note that the focus of the study check

	activities is largely on applicants for full-time programs. Contact the program if you have any questions.
In which order do I complete the 21+ test and the study check?	You complete the 21+ test first to find out whether you are admissible to the program. You can then check whether the program meets your wishes and expectations by completing the study check.
What about applicants with disabilities?	Applicants who indicate on Studielink that they have a disability will be invited to an intake interview with one of Inholland's student counsellors. Student counsellors are not tied to a particular program but serve all Inholland students. The student counsellor will discuss with you what Inholland can do to support and assist you during your studies. You will then complete the study check for your program. The student counsellor will advise the program about what changes might be required.
I am currently taking a program at Inholland/another university of applied sciences, but I want to change programs. Do I need to apply for the study check again?	A study check completed at another university of applied sciences is not valid at Inholland. As a result, you will need to apply for the study check again. You will also need to apply for the study check again if the program that you took at Inholland is unrelated to your new program. If the two programs are related, you may be able to obtain a dispensation.
I would like to start with my program next year. Can I apply for the study check now?	The study check recommendation is only valid for one year (see the study check regulations). Once the recommendation has lapsed, you will not be able to obtain a dispensation and will need to complete the study check again.

### Is your question not included?

More information about the study check	Visit the Study Check page on our <a href="#">website</a> or contact the Central Student Administration by telephone +31 (0)23 522 3228, by email ( <a href="mailto:csa@inholland.nl">csa@inholland.nl</a> ) or by sending a WhatsApp message: +31 (0)621 11 55 55.
More information about Inholland's study check regulations	Read the latest versions of the Students' Charter and the related study check regulations.
Do you have a question, comment, complaint or appeal with regard to the Inholland study check?	<i>Questions, comments and/or complaints</i> about the study check procedure or recommendation may be directed to the Central Student Administration (using the contact details above). <i>Appeals</i> may be lodged in writing within six weeks after the date of the recommendation with the Complaints and Disputes department: <a href="mailto:geschillen@inholland.nl">geschillen@inholland.nl</a> . Joint study check contact point for the Dutch National Student Association (Interstedelijk Studenten Overleg, ISO) and the Dutch National Union of Students (Landelijke Studentenvakbond, LSVb): <a href="http://www.meldpuntstudiekeuzecheck.nl">www.meldpuntstudiekeuzecheck.nl</a> .