

SPIRAL Mobility Guide
Hogeschool van Arnhem en
Nijmegen

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*School-teacher Professionalisation:
Intercultural Resources And Languages*

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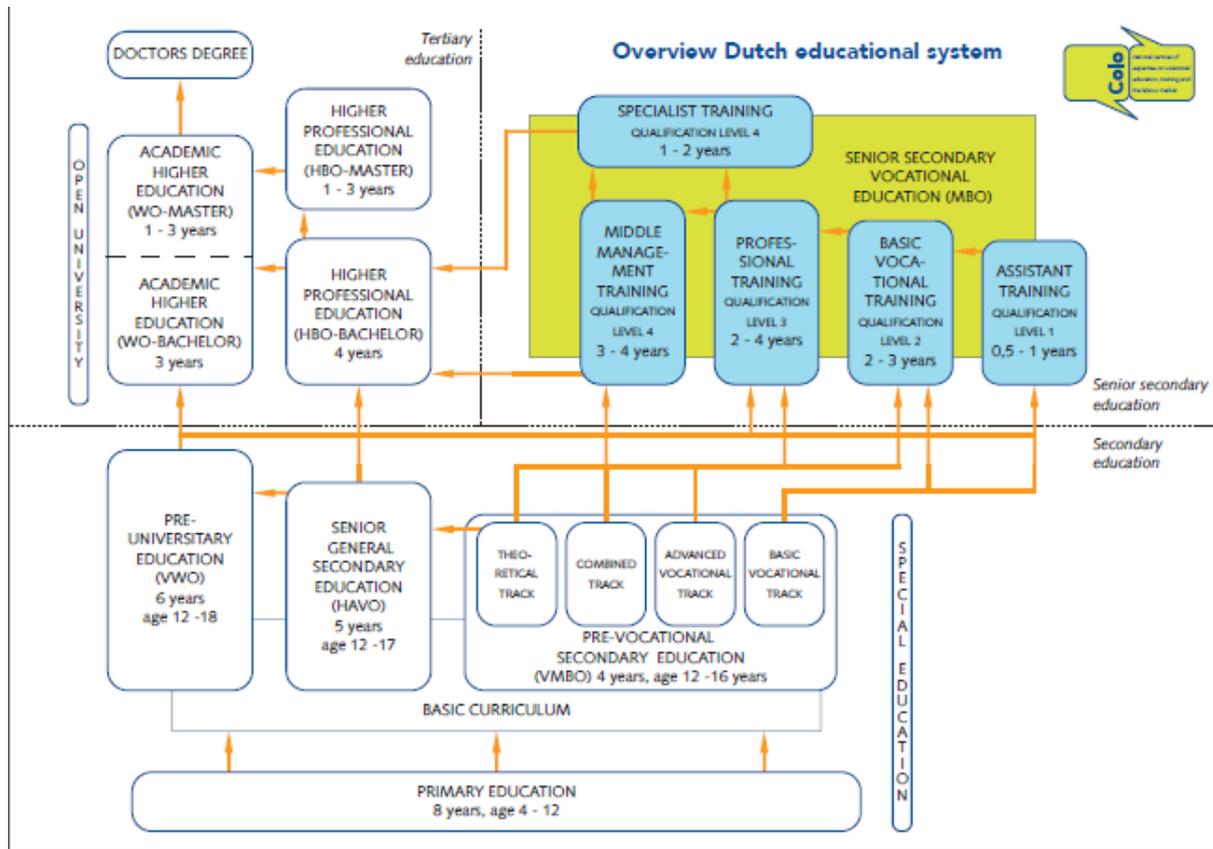
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I. The educational system

In the Netherlands primary education features schools for all children in the ages 4 to 13. Secondary education is divided in several levels and differs in length. After primary education students go to vocational schools (50%), universities of applied sciences or universities.



1. National special features

Some characteristics of Dutch education:

- Education is *compulsory*:
 - legally: Age 5 to 17+ (on day release until 18)
 - in practice: 4 (birthday) to 19-21 (95%) > so long as the student has not acquired professional qualification
- in the Netherlands we do not have a very strong public education tradition: (20% mostly primary): Most schools are privately run independent schools (80+%)
- But: all schools are equally funded by the government: ca € 6000 per student/child
- Parents are free to set up schools: non-religious/secular/public schools or faith schools: Catholic, Protestant, Islamic, Jewish...
- But also: Montessori, Pankhurst/Dalton, Waldorf/Steiner, Petersen/Jena, Freinet, Steven Jobs, Mahareshi Yogi, et cetera. (educational renewal)
- Since 1998 schools are self-governing, autonomous: all decisions and responsibilities about running of school, curriculum, hiring & firing of teachers are with school governors (usually foundations)
- Foundations often run 10-25 schools to share financial risks and talents

2. Organisation of schooling

In the Netherlands there is a division in three regions (north, middle and south) regarding holidays, which differ per region and per year. The regions take turns in the starting point of summer vacation: end of June to the middle of July. Summer Holidays last 6 weeks. Further on they have an autumn-

break (1 week, end of October), Christmas Holidays (2 weeks), spring break (1 week in February/March) and one or two weeks in May. The schools in the Nijmegen area resort under the middle region.

Schools (i.e. foundations) have autonomy regarding school hours. There is a minimum set for the whole period of 8 years, but schools are free to set the daily hours. Most school start at 8.30 or 8.45 in the morning until 12.00 or 12.15, have a (long) lunch break (most kids lunch at home) and start again at 13.15 until 15.15 or 15.30 in the afternoon. However the number of schools with a so called "continuous schedule" is growing. Those schools have cut on the lunch break (all kids lunch at school) and end the school day at two o'clock. (<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/schooltijden-en-onderwijstijd/vraag-en-antwoord/hoe-regelen-basisscholen-de-schooltijden-en-lesuren>)

3. Language teaching

In Dutch primary schools there is much emphasis on language education. With an average of 8 to 9 hours weekly, it can amount up to 570 hours on a yearly basis. Besides teaching Dutch language, also English should be taught on a weekly basis. In this, school differ enormously. Most school start teaching English as a foreign language in the 6th grade (10 years) but there is a growing trend on starting at the age of 4, when entering school. The teaching in English can amount up to 2 hours per week. Around 10 schools are permitted by the government to make a bilingual offer in which children are taught the regular subjects in a foreign language (most of the time English) for 50% of the time.

II. Practical information

1. Daily life

Dutch people are very much home orientated. Most people start working between 8.00 and 9.00 a.m. and leave for home around 17.00. Although in most larger companies, secondary schools and universities there are canteens where one can buy lunch, the quality is judges mediocre or the prices considered (too) high. It is very common to bring lunch from home. To our knowledge there are no primary schools where you can buy lunch. In the evening most meals are home cooked and considered a family affair.

Most people travel by car, bus or train and, of course, on shorter distances (up to 10 km.) bicycles are the most favourite form of transportation.

Freedom and equality are highly valued. Most Dutch people have a very liberal approach of public life: as long as one doesn't offend or harm others, ones behaviour is one's own concern. This also applies to the way one dresses in off-time. In schools, public buildings and working environments there certainly is a dress-code although it is less formal than in most countries.

2. Contacts

a. **Embassies**

GERMANY:

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Openingstijden

maandag t/m vrijdag: 08:30 tot 11:30 uur en volgens afspraak

<http://www.niederlande.diplo.de/Vertretung/niederlande/de/Startseite.html>

FRANCE:

Consulat Général de France à Amsterdam

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Fax : (020) 530 69 61

E-mail: cad.amsterdam-fslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Openingstijden

<http://www.consulfrance-amsterdam.org/Openingstijden-en-Feestdagen>

b. SPIRAL partners

You will be visiting the faculty of education which is part of the University of applied sciences of Arnhem and Nijmegen: HAN UAS. The institute for primary education has two locations:

Lerarenopleiding basisonderwijs

HAN Pabo, locatie Arnhem

Postbus 5171

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Ruitenberglaan 27

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T: (026) 369 19 12

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6525 EN Nijmegen

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The activities resorting under mobility will mainly be situated at the Nijmegen department.

During your stay in the Netherlands you also will have two contacts:

Wilma van den Berg (general questions):

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Wilma.vandenberg@han.nl

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Bernadet.tijnagel@han.nl

c. Practical information regarding HAN facilities

HAN – GUEST CARD

What is it for?

The guest card will remain valid during a limited period of time; e.g. 14 days. As a student, you will regularly need this card. With your guest card:

- You have access to the parking lots from HAN University of Applied Sciences;
- You can use printers and copy machines;
- You can pay for food and beverages in the canteens (cash payment is also possible);
- You can pay at the shops for office supplies;
- You can pay and use phone cells at the HAN University of Applied Sciences;
- You can rent a locker;
- You can identify yourself, for the use of a computer.

How to use it?

To use a guest card you have to upload your card by putting money on it. This can be done with a Dutch bank card. Uploading your card can be done at the charge centres. If you only have a foreign bank card, you can upload your card with cash money at the Finance department (FEZ), Ruitenberglaan 27 (Arnhem), third floor.

Add credit to your HANCard by using the charge centres:

Put your student card in the horizontal groove of the charge centre with its chip downwards.
Decide how much money you want to upload by pushing the buttons with the + mark and press OK at the end (or stop if you don't want to continue).
Pull your bank card through the blue vertical groove.
Insert your PIN Code, press "ja" to confirm the amount of money and wait for your receipt.

Add credit to your HAN card online:

Log in to www.han.nl/credit

Go to menu credit> credit upgrade

Now your card is ready to pay with in the canteen or in the shop. It's very easy, once you've done it, you will know it for the rest of your stay here. If you want to pay and there's a problem, ask the person behind the counter to help you. Should you encounter any problems related to your HANCard please visit the ServiceDesk.

HAN WIRELESS: THE WIRELESS NETWORK OF HAN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

HAN University of Applied Sciences (HAN) runs a wireless network. HAN students can connect their notebooks to this network at several locations. Free access to internet or your mailbox, whenever you want.

How do you get wireless access?

If you have Eduroam at your own university you have automatically access at the wireless network at the HAN. If not, you can use a guest account on daily basis.

d. Emergency numbers

The general emergency number is 112