



Dear  
prospective student,

# Enjoy your personal Tilburg University brochure!

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# About Tilburg University

## Key figures

15,761 students

8,242 bachelor students

2,018 premaster students

5,501 master students

2,507 international students from 105 nationalities

331 PhD students (46% international students)

20 bachelor programs  
48 master programs\*,  
the majority of which are  
in English  
(\* programs + associated  
tracks/specializations)

Tilburg University innovates by studying, learning, and understanding. That is why our motto is *Understanding Society*. Our focus is on relevant and complex societal issues, like increasing societal resilience, improving care and well-being and creating value from data. To find new insights and answers that add value to society, our university often chooses a multidisciplinary approach, connecting different academic disciplines and bringing together people from science, business, government, and society. At Tilburg University, we want to inspire you to reach your full potential and, in doing so, have a positive impact on the world around you. Our university specializes in the social sciences and offers a wide range of English-taught Bachelor's, Master's, and Research Master's programs in the areas of *Data Science, Economics, Business and Management, Humanities, Digital Sciences, Law, Social Sciences, and Theology*.

## Welcome to Tilburg University

"Studying at Tilburg University means an education at a university that belongs to the world top, on a green campus in the vibrant student city of Tilburg.



Koen Becking, President of the Tilburg University Executive Board

Studying at Tilburg University also means 'Understanding Society': every day, our researcher apply their knowledge to so-called 'wicked problems', issues faced by societies worldwide, and thus contribute to solutions and innovations. We help to enhance society with our research and by close collaboration with the business community, authorities, social organizations, and other knowledge institutions.

From the moment you start your studies at Tilburg University, you are part of a stimulating international community aimed at gathering and processing knowledge. But studying is more than that! The campus offers you every opportunity to join study and student associations, to participate in debating societies, social activities, or participative decision-making, and to train for all kinds of sports. Use the freedom given to you to develop your talents and career by working hard, together with your teachers and fellow students. I wish you an inspiring time at our campus!"

## International rankings

Shanghai Global Subject Ranking (worldwide): #5 in Business Administration, #12 in Finance (2019)

Times Higher Education Subject Ranking (worldwide): #28 in Economics & Business, #43 in Law, and #44 in Psychology (2019)

#1 in the SSRN Top 500 International Law Schools according to the Social Science Research Network (July 2019)

QS Subject Ranking: #41 in Economics & Econometrics. Top 100 position for: Accounting & Finance, Business & Management, Law & Legal Studies, Psychology (2019)

US News Best Global Universities Ranking: #18 in Business & Economics, #77 in Psychology & Psychiatry (2019)

## Challenging learning environment

The educational profile of Tilburg University is built on three pillars: knowledge, skills and character. Besides in-depth academic knowledge and professional expertise, a great deal of attention is paid to the development of skills and (moral) character. As a student, you are continuously encouraged to come up with creative ideas and to think beyond conventional solutions and methodologies. In-class discussions and group work keep you actively engaged and involved. You will be educated to become a thinker who dares to act and actively contributes to society.

You will also be able to attend guest lectures, career events, cultural workshops, concerts, and theater events organized on campus and in the city. You can listen to some of the most important academic and business leaders discussing issues ranging from cyber criminality to labor market dynamics; but you can also see cabaret, comedy, and film.

## Multicultural classroom

You will be part of a multicultural classroom with students from many different countries where you can share your ambitions and learn from other cultures. This offers a new and broader perspective for you as a person, and it is also a unique preparation for a future international career.

## Compact and green campus

Tilburg University has a green campus and is located on the edge of a park-like forest. The campus itself is bustling with student activity, a contrast that makes Tilburg University a truly attractive and dynamic place for learning. Tilburg University has a modern University Library and excellent Sports Center, which are all within easy walking distance from each other. Student work spaces in every building are equipped with all the modern facilities you need to make studying on campus a pleasant experience. Organizations aimed specifically at international students organize all kinds of social activities. All ingredients are there to give you a stimulating, inspiring, and joyful campus experience.



*Lecture in the open air on a summer day*

## About Tilburg

### *A real student city!*

With a population of nearly 217,268, Tilburg is the sixth largest city in the Netherlands. It is conveniently located with just a short train ride to cities like Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam and with easy access to European capitals like Brussels, Paris, and London.

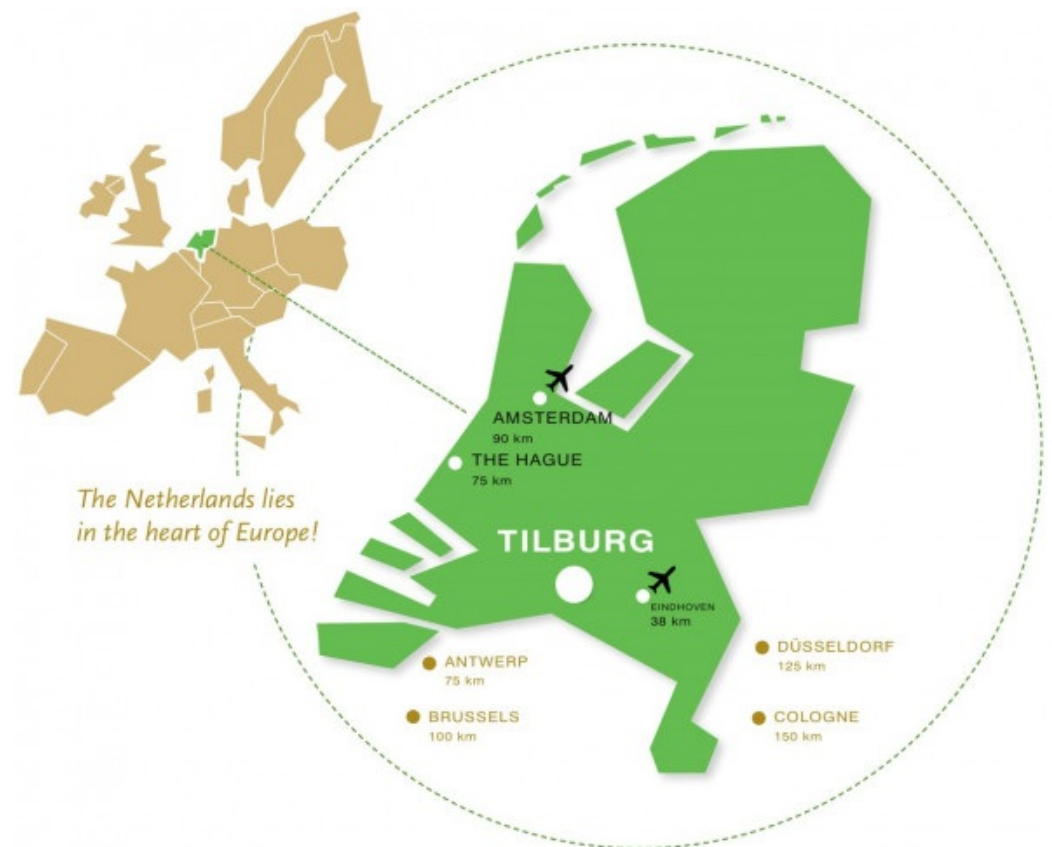
1 in 7 people in Tilburg is a student, so student life has an important impact on what happens in Tilburg. The city has something to offer for everyone: a thriving cafe and restaurant culture, sports, art films, world-class pop music and classical music, and great contemporary art. Combined with numerous festivals, exhibitions, and conferences, you will enjoy an exciting and challenging student life.

## Study in the Brainport region

Tilburg University is based in the Brainport region which is one of the main drivers of the Dutch economy. It is known for its innovative strength and the many international companies located in the region offer interesting opportunities for internships and your career.

### Cost of living

Life in Tilburg is relatively low-cost compared to other Dutch university cities, such as Amsterdam and Utrecht. Living in Tilburg will cost around € 800 per month.





## About the Netherlands

### *International and open-minded*

You've read about Tilburg University and the city of Tilburg, but what does the Netherlands have to offer you as an international student? A lot! The Netherlands has traditionally been an internationally orientated nation. Most of the Dutch speak English and are well known for their open-mindedness. We are convinced that you will feel right at home!

Moreover, the Netherlands has the 18th largest economy in the world (despite its size..) and is home to some of the world's most successful multinational companies, including Philips, Shell, and Unilever. The Dutch economy provides many opportunities for those who wish to work in a multinational, multicultural environment.

### **So many bikes!**

Did you know that, for the Dutch, the bicycle is an important means of transport? In the Netherlands, you will see bikes everywhere you go. Going by bike is a fast, easy and safe way to explore the city and its surroundings and to move between the Tilburg city center and the Tilburg University campus.

## Dutch higher education

### *Research Universities vs*

### *Universities of Applied Sciences*

Higher education in the Netherlands is offered at two types of institutions:

- Research Universities (13 in the Netherlands, among which Tilburg University)
- Universities of Applied Sciences (37 in the Netherlands)

Research Universities offer the highest level of education available in the Netherlands. Education at a Research University is more theoretical and at an academic level, aimed at developing critical thinking skills, preparing students for either a professional or academic career. Universities of Applied Sciences (*HBO*) offer more practice-oriented education which prepares students for specific professions (e.g., physiotherapist, primary-school teacher, or hospitality manager).



*Bikes parked at the Tilburg University campus*

# Your Master at Tilburg University

We offer 50+ English-taught graduate programs in the fields of Data Science, Economics and Business, Law, Social Sciences, Humanities and Theology. Each program provides a unique academic specialization and an excellent foundation for a future career.

Most programs (MA, MSc, and LLM) take one year to complete, others take two years (Research Master). We also offer multiple degree programs with other top universities.

## Why choose a Master at Tilburg University?

- Get **high-quality education** at an outstanding university. We have been chosen as Best General University in the Netherlands for Master's programs (Keuzegids Masters). We also regularly take a leading position in international rankings.
- Study at a **beautiful green campus** with state-of-the-art study facilities, different restaurants and bars, and an excellent sports center.
- Be inspired by **leading researchers and excellent teachers** who bring out the best in you and teach you how to tackle problems and face challenges.
- Be part of a **global community** with students from over 100 countries.
- Become a critical thinker who dares to act and **actively contributes to society**.
- Develop a strong, clearly identifiable **professional profile** for the job market and gain a head-start in your career.



For a complete overview of our Master's programs, see:  
[www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters)

# MA Health Humanities

## Quick facts

### Duration

One year

### Language

English

### Degree awarded

Master of Arts

### Start

End of August

### Application deadlines

#### Fall intake:

April 1 for non-EU/EEA

July 1 for EU/EEA

### Tuition fees

EU / EEA citizens:

€ 2,083 p / yr

Non-EU / EEA citizens:

€ 11,100 p / yr

*Fees are indicative only and may be subject to change.*

Study how developments and opinions regarding health, medicine and healthcare are reflected in cultural practices in society. And learn how cultural norms, diversity, technological developments and the online world shape these developments and opinions.

This program will enable you to critically analyze current healthcare and contribute to its improvement by approaching health and medicine from an interdisciplinary humanities perspective. This is a track of MA Culture Studies.

## Key characteristics

- Study the meaning of health and illness in our society.
- Learn how you can report on research outcomes to influence the debate and decision making processes around health care.
- Relate concepts of health and medical sciences and practices to questions of public debate and concern.
- Connect theory with practice through an internship (optional) and through guest lectures from professionals in the field.
- Turn academic content into publications that are accessible to a wider public through DiggIt Magazine, both a learning instrument and an online news platform focusing on digital culture, globalization, and arts.

## Career prospects

Upon graduation you have gained knowledge and skills that enable you to analyze topical issues related to health and medicine, and to contribute to improving healthcare. With your MA in Health Humanities you can develop your career as a health care researcher or as a non-clinical healthcare professional.

Specific professions that will benefit from a training in Health Humanities include:

- Research in Health and Medicine
- Health (and science) journalism
- Health promotion and communication
- Health policymaking
- Health administration
- Health (and science) councils
- Ethical boards
- Healthcare consultancy
- Healthcare management
- Educational institutes and creative professions
- Medical complaint committees
- Emerging professions, such as counsellors to support both patients and professionals when it comes to meaning making and/or normative / ethical issues

## Information concerning coronavirus

Because we understand that the developments with respect to the coronavirus have a great impact on our prospective students, we are trying to share the most frequently asked questions and answers on this website: [FAQ on coronavirus for prospective students](#)

The information on this page is in line with the latest information on coronavirus.

## Curriculum

The program of the Health Humanities Master's track consists of 60 ECTS: 4 core courses of 6 EC (in total 24 EC), 2 Research skill courses of 3 EC (in total 6 EC), a internship (9EC) + self study module (3 EC) (in total 12 EC) or 2 elective courses of 6 EC (in total 12 EC) and 1 master thesis (in total 18 ECTS).

### Core Courses

Cultural practices of knowledge production in health and medicine	The Normal and the Abnormal
Online Health practices	Diversity and Equity in health and medicine

### Research Skills Courses

Digital Ethnography	Hermeneutics	Survey Design
Ethnography and Interview	Anthropology and Fieldwork	

### Electives

Bioethics, Technology and the Body	Digital Health Communication	Self-fashioning, Life Writing and Mediatization
Beauty and the Sublime Online	Intimacy, Privacy and Authenticity	Victimhood and Human Rights
Contested Ritual Space and Religious Diversity	Ritual and Religion in the Digital World	

\* Programs are subject to change, so we advise our students to check their exact program in the [education catalog](#) at the official start of the academic year.

## Admission and application

<b>Best qualifying Bachelor's degrees</b>	General Culture Studies, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, Religious Studies, Science and Technology Studies, Anthropology, Medicine, History etc. or a BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences.
<b>English language requirements</b>	TOEFL: 90 (internet-based) IELTS: 6.5 (6.0 min. for all components) Cambridge: C1 advanced (formerly CAE) or C2 proficiency (formerly CPE), score A, B or C
<b>More info</b>	<a href="http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters/health-humanities">www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters/health-humanities</a> <a href="mailto:admissionshumanities@tilburguniversity.edu">admissionshumanities@tilburguniversity.edu</a> +31(0)13 466 2848



# Application and admission

## Admission requirements

### Diploma requirements

In general, you are eligible for Tilburg University Master's programs if you have:

- a Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline for the program of your choice

### English language proficiency

You need to demonstrate your proficiency in English by submitting the results of either:

- Academic IELTS: minimum score of 6.5 (and 6.0 minimum for all components)
- TOEFL Internet-based: minimum of 90
- Cambridge Proficiency Examination (Pass)
- Cambridge Advanced English (grade C)

An English proficiency test is not required if you are an English native speaker.

## Additional requirements

Programs in the field of Economics require a GRE. Programs in the field of Business require a GMAT.

However, the specific application procedures and requirements may vary between Master's programs.

Please visit [www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters) to find out the exact requirements for the program of your choice.

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## How to apply?

All applicants must apply to the university through our online application system (MySAS) and register in Studielink. To apply for a Master's program you can follow these steps:

1. **Choose your program** - Make sure it suits your interests, skills and career goals
2. **Check the program's admission requirements and deadlines** - You can check a complete overview of the requirements and deadlines per program on our website [www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters)
3. **Submit your application online** - You can apply online through our online application system [MySAS](http://MySAS). You will need to fill in information about yourself and your educational background and you will also be able to upload all your supporting documents before submitting your application.
4. **Register in Studielink** - Studielink is the Dutch national registration system for higher education in the Netherlands. It is available in Dutch, German and English. All prospective students need to register in this system: [www.studielink.nl](http://www.studielink.nl)
5. **Admission's Committee's decision** - Within 4-6 weeks after having received your complete application package, you will receive the outcome of your application.
6. **Accept your offer** - If you are (conditionally) accepted, you will receive an offer letter. You can follow the instructions in your offer letter to confirm your acceptance.

**Find out more about Tilburg University and our study programs by visiting our website, speaking to a representative or visiting us on campus!**

Do you want to have more information about our university or one or more specific programs? You will find the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on our website:

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/masters)

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/phd](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/phd)

## Open Day

Twice a year we organize a Master's Open Day:

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/masters-programmes/open-day](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/masters-programmes/open-day)

## Meet us in your country

Tilburg University representatives regularly visit education fairs around the globe. Check the schedule at: [www.tilburguniversity.edu/meet-us](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/meet-us)

## Campus visit

You can always sign up for a Tilburg University 'Drop-by-Day' on Wednesday or Friday:

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/bachelors-programs/event-calendar/plan-a-visit](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/bachelors-programs/event-calendar/plan-a-visit)

## Virtual campustour

If you can't come to our campus, you can take a look at our virtual campus tour:

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/campus-tour)

## Contact us

Do you have any questions? Don't hesitate to contact us at

[www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/masters-programmes/contact](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/masters-programmes/contact)

**Want to get a glimpse of what is happening on our campus? You can follow us on Social Media!**



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