Practical information

Insurance
It is important to have proper insurance during your stay in the Netherlands. Having health insurance is even compulsory, but a liability insurance is strongly recommended. Also consider insuring your possessions against theft and damage.

For more information about insurances visit the Nuffic website: http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/insurance

Visa
Depending on your nationality and duration of stay, you might need an entry visa for the Netherlands.

EU/EEA or Switzerland citizens
For a stay of up to four months you don’t need a visa. It is, however, possible to register with the IND (the Dutch immigration authorities) free of charge. Although you are not obliged to register, you are advised to do so as this may be quite handy in a number of situations.

If you stay longer than 4 months you are required to register at your local municipality. In that case, you may also register with the immigration authorities. Though this is not compulsory, it is nevertheless advisable. It will make a number of things easier, such as getting a telephone subscription or rental contract.

Non-EU/EEA or Switzerland citizens
For a stay of up to 90 days, you need a short stay visa. If you are staying for longer than 90 days, you might need a provisional residence permit. These requirements do not apply to citizens of the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, Vatican City, Monaco or South Korea. If you are staying for more than 4 months you are required to register at your local municipality. After arriving for either a short or long stay, you need to report to the Aliens Police within three days of your arrival in the Netherlands.

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