



University of Applied Sciences for teacher training

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Eager to study abroad? Then come to the Marnix Academie for an outstanding experience! You'll meet lots of new people from various countries, you'll discover a new culture, and you can expand your knowledge and skills. Everyone quickly feels at home at the Marnix Academie in Utrecht. It's a small institute of higher education where every individual counts. And there's never a dull moment in the lively student city of Utrecht.

Marnix Academie

Marnix Academie is a university of applied sciences that is wholly dedicated to training teachers for primary education. As an institute of higher education we are small, but as a teacher training faculty we are in fact quite large. The Marnix Academie takes world citizenship and sustainable development to heart. It is embedded in our philosophical, pedagogical and educational identity. Most of our lecturers have a background in primary education, so they are experienced in teaching in primary schools as well as in teacher training. The Marnix Academie is known for an informal atmosphere, so you will soon feel at home with fellow students and staff.

COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS Each year students from all over Europe come to the Marnix Academie to discover and enjoy Dutch culture and society, and to benefit from the high level of education. Marnix Academie offers two courses in English that are open to exchange students.

'The group consists of both Dutch students and exchange students from all over Europe. We also like to do things together outside school hours.'

Ludivine Dieudonné from Belgium

Special Educational Needs – 'inclusion or not?'

The international programme concentrates on special educational needs and the conditions and circumstances associated with such needs in an international context.

This programme addresses various aspects of the field of special educational needs, such as:

- Developing a personal vision on education for children with specific needs.
- Knowledge about different learning and behavioural difficulties (e.g. literacy, numeracy, oral language & communication, behavioural and psychiatric problems, e.g. ADHD and autism).
- Systematic educational strategies to implement conditions and circumstances associated with such specific needs.
- Performing research into a current dilemma within the field of special educational needs. Dilemmas can relate to political or contemporary societal developments. The starting point is the 1994 UNESCO Salamanca Statement concerning children's rights. All participants of the programme work together on a shared research project.
- Designing tools to boost teachers' professional skills for inclusive education.

Humanities

The Humanities programme focusses on the content and pedagogy of (World) Citizenship Education (WCE) and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). We examine these themes from different perspectives: personal (attitudes), classroom (pedagogy), school (innovation and implementation), European (national policies) and global (UNESCO). The theory is elaborated further through concrete illustrations, combined with practical experience. Fieldwork is a major part of the programme. You are stimulated to engage in dialogue with schools across the world, to jointly identify themes for (World) Citizenship Education and Education for Sustainable Development. In this programme, foreign students from across Europe work with Dutch students from the Marnix Academie. The programme includes ten days of practice training in primary schools.

After completing the programme:

- you can formulate your own views on the two main themes of WCE and ESD
- you are able to teach and coach primary school classes in respect of the two main themes
- you are able to implement these themes in primary schools
- you have a global perspective on global awareness, citizenship education and education for sustainable development

The programme will introduce you to:

- integrated learning, including science, geography, history, language education and math
- 21st-century skills in education
- Bloom's revised taxonomy
- higher-order thinking skills
- Dutch language and culture (important for basic communication with children)
- CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning
- and much more

'There is a lot of room
for discussion at the
Marnix Academie.
I really appreciate that,
as it broadens my horizon.'

Isabelle Gerhardt from Switzerland

ASSESSMENTS (APPLIES TO BOTH COURSES)

- vision, including a comparison of relevant pedagogical theories
- educational group design, including a planning document, log, assessment by the practice school, report of teaching activities
- three practice examples showing how you put integrated teaching into practice
- action research: the assessment of an individual research in which you examine literature and translate these theoretical results into practice
- use of sources
- Dutch lessons
- personal report of your activities for the Marnix Academie



PROGRAMME FOR DUTCH-LANGUAGE STUDENTS In addition to these two English-language minors, Dutch-speaking students from abroad also have the option of attending regular courses at the Marnix Academie. We will confer with you to determine which courses are interesting and feasible for you.

DUTCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE For daily life and during your internship, you will be glad to have some command of the Dutch language. A compact course will teach you to introduce yourself in Dutch and to understand and follow a brief conversation. You will practise reading aloud a children's book for your pupils in a Dutch school.

Your stay in the Netherlands means experiencing Dutch society and culture. You are encouraged to investigate diverse aspects and expressions of Dutch culture. We organise excursions to explore neighbourhoods, cities and exhibitions. The Marnix Academie will provide you with a 'national museum card' offering you free admission to lots of museums during your stay.



STUDY COACHING Meetings with a 'study coach' are organised for incoming students, as an opportunity to exchange experiences relating to the study and internships. We will also discuss our vision on education and how you can develop your skills and identity as a teacher.

Application

Does all this appeal to you and are you eager to enroll for a programme at the Marnix Academie? To be eligible for these programmes, the following criteria apply:

- You are a European student studying at one of our partner institutions; please see the list on our website.
- You must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate programme at another European university, outside the Netherlands.
- You need to have proof of English proficiency at level B1 at least, but we recommend level B2.

You can find the application form on our website. The minors cover one semester: 3 to 5 months. Special Educational Needs starts in August. Humanities starts in August en January.

Living in Utrecht

ACCOMMODATION The Marnix Academie doesn't have its own campus, so students need to arrange their own accommodation. We advise incoming students to use the recommended websites. For more information, please visit our website or contact the International Office, internationaloffice@hsmarnix.nl.

LOCATION OF MARNIX ACADEMIE Marnix Academie is situated in a pleasant area of the city of Utrecht, close to the city centre.

UTRECHT Situated at the heart of the Netherlands, Utrecht has a long and colourful history, which is reflected in its beautiful old city centre. Utrecht is one of the most important cities in the Netherlands. All rail, road and water transport systems converge in Utrecht.

Utrecht is home to many highly educated people. Around 70,000 young people study in the city and enjoy its rich cultural life. Just by strolling through the city, international students will immediately discover the vibrant student life. The city is a combination of a rich past and a dynamic present. Over 3000 monuments are maintained and the canals in and around the city give the centre a very distinctive character.

There is no shortage of cultural activities in Utrecht to enjoy. Every summer, for example, Utrecht hosts a film festival, a festival of classical music, and several dance festivals and events.

In the city's museum quarter you will find many excellent museums. There are plenty of cinemas and an 'art house' for the movie-goers, plus various theatres and clubs. There are lots of restaurants and bars to enjoy a cup of coffee with apple pie (the most popular cake in the Netherlands), a light lunch, a drink or dinner. And if you want a change of scenery: the city of Amsterdam is just 30 minutes away by train!

ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN) During your study you can participate in ESN activities. This adds a lot of fun to your stay and is a great way to meet other international students! ESN representatives will visit the Marnix Academie at the beginning of your study, offering the opportunity to acquire an ESN card. For more information about ESN-Utrecht please see the website: <http://esn-utrecht.nl/>

BUDDY We have very enthusiastic students who like to help international students with all kinds of questions, both before arrival and during your study here. Our student board will tell you more about your buddy.

'The Humanities minor devotes a lot of attention to 21st-century skills. I find it very interesting to help children deal with all the information that's coming at them.'

Oriana Ziegler from Switzerland

Why the Marnix Academie?

- small and specialised university of applied sciences
- centrally located in the Netherlands
- pleasant and informal atmosphere
- internship opportunities at primary schools
- lessons in Dutch language and culture

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