



**UNIVERSITEIT TWENTE.**

**TRAVEL GUIDE**

## Introduction

This document elaborates on the means and ways to get to and get around in Enschede, as well as possible options to stay and activities to do.

## From your airport to Twente

When travelling from one of the Dutch airports, you can reach Enschede through the public transport systems. For all public transport in the Netherlands, you can stay up-to-date with departure and arrival times through the [NS travel planner](#) or [9292](#) webpages (both also available as apps). Through these applications, you can purchase tickets (we recommend using NS travel planner for purchasing your train tickets). In all Dutch bus systems, you can check in and out using your debit card, credit card or smartphone (“[OVpay](#)”). Simply present your card in the bus to the check-in card reader when you board and present it again when you get off. **Please note you cannot pay with cash for your bus or train tickets.**

For both [SCHIPHOL](#) AIRPORT and [EINDHOVEN](#) AIRPORT (the two main airports for public travel in the Netherlands), signs and information points are available to guide you to the train station (for both, located right next to the airport).

For travelling from abroad, you can find a description video on traveling from Schipol Airport to Enschede [here](#).

When travelling large distances by train, it may be beneficial to travel alongside someone with an NS (Dutch railroad organisation) travelling subscription, who can allow their guests to travel with a 40% discount (‘[samenreiskorting](#)’). As a group, you can also purchase [group tickets](#) for train travelling at a discount.

## Travelling to the University of Twente

To reach the University of Twente, either take the train to **Hengelo train station** and take bus line 9 to Enschede (passing two stops on the University of Twente campus: **UT/Kennispark** and **UT/Westerbegraafplaats**); or, taking slightly longer, continue on to **Enschede train station** and take bus line 9 in the opposite direction to Hengelo (again exiting for **UT/Kennispark** or **UT/Westerbegraafplaats**). From Enschede train station, you can also take bus line 1, travelling through the campus (passing various stops located on the campus, always indicated as “**UT/...**”). This bus line takes longer than bus line 9 and will only bring you slightly closer to the central **O&O square** on the University of Twente campus.

You can also travel to the University campus by car, following the route [here](#). At the University campus, there are various (free) parking spots available (see [here](#)). You can find the parking spaces indicated on the campus map (below).

## Travel within Enschede

Within the area of Enschede and the University of Twente, you will be able to travel around by bus. This commonly done by long-term visitors through a personal or anonymous “[OV card](#)”. When staying only a few days, you can use the Dutch public transport by checking in and out using your debit card, credit card and smartphone (“[OVpay](#)”). **Please note you cannot pay with cash for your bus or train tickets.** You can find the time schedule of the busses on the [9292](#) webpage/application. Checking in on the bus is always done through a box near the driver. For the train, you have to check in at a column or a portal when entering the station.



## Campus map

You can find the map of the University of Twente campus on the last page of this document or through this [link](#).

## Bike renting

If you wish, you can travel as the Dutch do by renting a bike. Possible options for this are through [Actief Twente](#), the [Intercity Hotel](#) in the city centre or any of these [options](#). If you have a personal [OV card](#), you can get the subscription to rent [OV bikes](#) at all stations in the Netherlands.

When cycling, please make sure to keep the [Dutch rules on cycling](#) in mind (including this overview of [cycling signs](#)). Especially note these important rules:

- Helmets and other protective gear are not mandatory but can be highly encouraged for novice cyclists.

- Always indicate your turning direction and ring your bell to inform people you want to pass.
- Cycling lane are indicated with red street colouring and are often separated from the car and walking lanes, only in limited cases there is no cycling lane available. In such cases, always stay on the right side and/or cycle behind one another.
- Do not cycle in busy walking places such as city centres but rather walk. Signs with “fietsers afstappen” mean “cyclists, disembark”.
- Cycling under influence of alcohol (higher than 0,5 promille) is prohibited.
- Bike lights are mandatory (and important!) at night when the streetlighting turns on and are usually installed on a rental bike but can otherwise be bought at any supermarket or in vending machines at the University. Do make sure to take clip-on lights off when stalling your bike to avoid theft.
- It is forbidden to hold a cell phone in your hand when cycling, so use a (fitting) cell phone holder placed on your handlebars or stop on the side of the cycle lane to use your phone.
- Signs with “hier geen fietsen plaatsen” mean “do not park your bike here”.
- You cannot take your bike with you on the bus; for the train, you may only bring your bike outside of peak traffic and a [bike ticket](#) is required.
- Please also note that, as the Netherlands is a true cycling country, you are not supposed to walk on cycling paths or cross them without looking (in fact, looking over your shoulder before crossing is a must to avoid stepping into a cyclist’s path). If there is no walking lane, walk strictly on the (right) side of cycling lanes.



In the city centre of Enschede there are many (guarded) [bicycle parking spots](#) you can use for free. Most remain open all day; please note that for some you need to press an intercom next to the door when picking up your bike late at night to open the automatic doors. On the University of Twente campus, make sure to store your bike in the designated spots.

## Possible hotels around the University campus

For staying in Enschede, you can consider one of the following hotels (ordered from near to far from the University of Twente campus).

- On the University of Twente campus, you can stay at the [U Parkhotel](#)
- Opposite of the campus is [Fletcher hotel De Broeierd](#)
- Central in Enschede, close to the train station is [IntercityHotel](#)
- Slightly away from the centre is [Van der Valk Enschede](#)
- In Hengelo, there is [City Hotel Hengelo](#)

On campus, for groups there can be reservations made to stay at the campus [blokhutten](#). There is also a hostel available in Enschede: [Little Monkey](#)

## Connecting to WIFI

On the University of Twente, Eduroam ('education roaming') enables students, researchers and other members of staff to use their education or research institute's wireless network. If you use Eduroam at your own institute, you can connect similarly on the [University of Twente network](#). In Enschede, you can also make use of the free public network called "[Enschede Stad van Nu](#)".

## Facilities at the University of Twente

There are several educational/study facilities available on the University of Twente campus:

- At the [DesignLab](#), there are creative spaces for collaboration, as well as recording studios and woodwork, electronics and sewing workshop spaces.
- At the [Vrijhof](#), there are cultural spaces and music studios available.
- At the [Vrijhof Library](#), there is a library space where you can study, lend books and [book group study spaces](#) (requires a University of Twente account).
- Printing shops from [Xerox](#).

As well as facilities for the campus life:

- Swimming [pools](#).
- Many [sporting facilities](#) and fields, including a [fitness centre](#) (requires a unioncard or [campuscard](#)).
- [Restaurants](#) on campus.
- [Theatre and cultural](#) events.
- [Festivals](#) (both in Enschede and on campus).
- Rooms for [spirituality and praying](#).
- There are laundromats located at the Bastille building at the loading dock, close to the Coop supermarket, and at the Witbreuksweg.
- You can buy University of Twente merch, office supplies and print work at the [Union Shop](#).

## Things to do in Enschede

There are various activities to do, and events held in Enschede all year round. You can find an overview [here](#) or [here](#).

When visiting the city centre, you can find many restaurants and cafes to enjoy a meal or a drink. At a restaurant, you can often see signs or ask for a '[daghap](#)' ('meal of the day'), which is a full meal offered at a low price.

### Mobility week – 28th and April to 2nd of May 2025

Around the mobility week of the ICCS Challenge, there are several events taking place in Enschede/the Netherlands.

- **25<sup>th</sup> of April** – King's Night; the night before King's Day is traditionally a night of parties and festivals. You can find an overview of the activities for King's Night and King's Day in Enschede [here](#) and the King's Night techno festival at the University of Twente campus [here](#).
- **26<sup>th</sup> of April** – King's Day; one of the biggest celebrations in the Netherlands. There are celebrations and markets across the Netherlands on this day, you can find an overview of the activities around the country [here](#) (and don't forget to wear something orange!). Note, this celebration is annually on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, but in 2025 this day will fall on a Sunday, which is why the celebrations are held on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Also good to note that city centres might be closed for cyclists on King's Day and local public transport may drive at alternative times (see the public transport website [9292](#)).
- **4<sup>th</sup> of May** – Day of Remembrance; the remembrance of victims of wars. There are special ceremonies held throughout many cities and there is a national moment of silence at **20:00**. Before the moment of silence (church) bells are rung and after the moment, the Dutch national anthem is played throughout the country on trumpets. It is expected of everyone in all public places to remain silent during this moment.
- **5<sup>th</sup> of May** – Liberation Day; on Liberation Day, there are many celebrations and large [festivals](#) throughout the country.

## Useful Dutch phrases

When visiting the Netherlands and Enschede, you will find that the majority of people will be able to easily converse with you in English. On the University of Twente campus, English is the main spoken language. However, some phrases can be useful to know if needed.

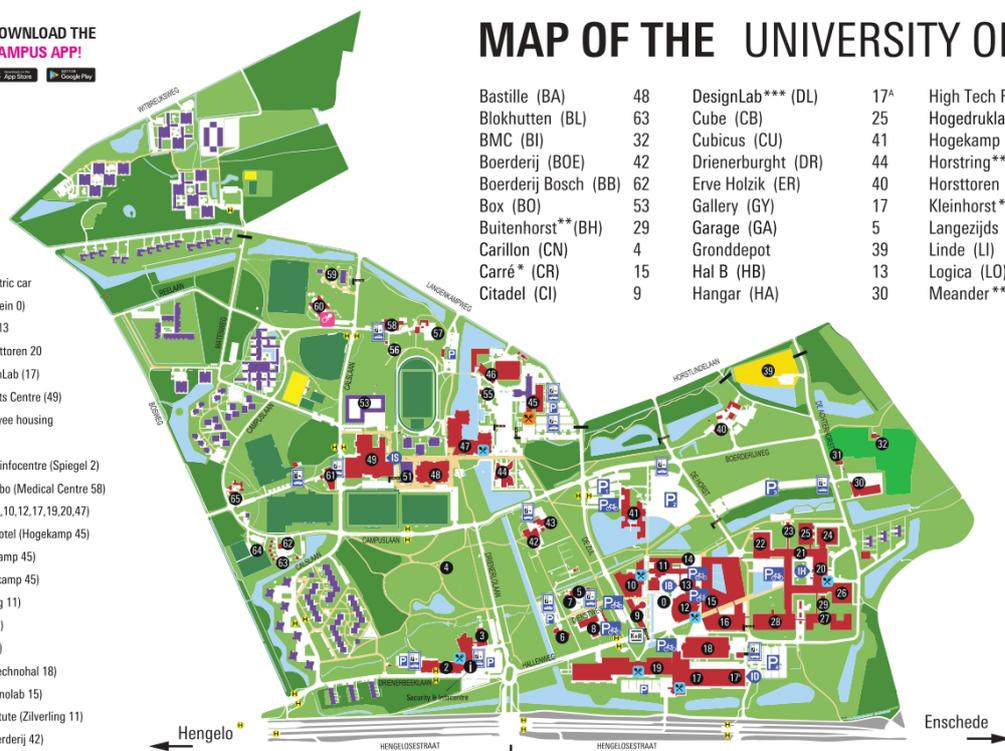
Fietsen verboden	Cycling here is prohibited
Fietsers afstappen	Cyclists disembark (walk here)
Hier geen fietsen plaatsen	Do not park your bike here
Parkeerplaats	Parking place
Omleiding	Detour (often also indicated for cyclists specifically)
Waar is het treinstation?	Where is the train station?
Waar is de bushalte?	Where is the busstop?
Hoi, ik ben... (name)	Hi, I'm... (name)
Is er een restaurant dichtbij?	Is there a restaurant near?
Wat is de daghap?	What is the daghap?
Ik ben een student	I'm a student (sometimes provides you a discounts, especially for museums)
Ik wil naar de Universiteit Twente campus	I'm looking for the University of Twente campus
Fijne Koningsdag!	Happy Kingsday!



# MAP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE



- Parking
- Bike park
- Barrier
- Closed road
- Charging point electric car
- Kiss & Ride (O&O plein 0)
- \*Entrance via Hal-B 13
- \*\*Entrance via Horsttoren 20
- \*\*\*Entrance DesignLab (17)
- \*\*\*\*Entrance Sports Centre (49)
- Student and Employee housing
- Bus stop
- Campus Security & infocentre (Spiegel 2)
- Dentist / Doctor / Arbo (Medical Centre 58)
- Canteen (Building 2, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 47)
- Restaurant U Parkhotel (Hogekamp 45)
- U Parkhotel (Hogekamp 45)
- Campus 053 (Hogekamp 45)
- Starbucks (Zilverling 11)
- Subway (Bastille 48)
- Daycare (Vlinder 60)
- Techmed Centre (Technohal 18)
- MESA+ Institute (Nanolab 15)
- Digital Society Institute (Zilverling 11)
- Contact Centre (Boerderij 42)



Bastille (BA)	48	DesignLab*** (DL)	17*	High Tech Factory (HTF)	46	Medisch Centrum (MC)	58
Blokhutten (BL)	63	Cube (CB)	25	Hogedrukfab (HD)	8	Mondriaan (MO)	59
BMC (BI)	32	Cubicus (CU)	41	Hogekamp (HO)	45	Nanolab* (NL)	16
Boerderij (BOE)	42	Drienerburght (DR)	44	Horstring** (HR)	21	Noordhorst** (NH)	24
Boerderij Bosch (BB)	62	Erve Holzik (ER)	40	Horsttoren (HT)	20	O&O plein (OO)	0
Box (BO)	53	Gallery (GY)	17	Kleinhorst** (KH)	23	Oosthorst** (OH)	26
Buitenhorst** (BH)	29	Garage (GA)	5	Langezijds (LA)	19	Openluchttheater (OUT)	56
Carillon (CN)	4	Gronddepot	39	Linde (LI)	61	Paviljoen (PA)	6
Carré* (CR)	15	Hal B (HB)	13	Logica (LO)	65	Ravelijn (RA)	10
Citadel (CI)	9	Hangar (HA)	30	Meander** (ME)	27	Seinhuis (SH)	43

Hengelo ← HENGELOSESTRAAT → Enschede

Station Enschede Kennispark

## OFF-CAMPUS BUILDINGS

**69 Therm (TM)**  
 Capitoel 40

**70 Watersportcomplex (WX)**  
 Auke vloerstraat 99

**74 Fraunhofer (FR)**  
 Hengelosestraat 701

**78 Capitoel 15 (CL)**  
 Capitoel 15

**79 Wallstreet (WS)**  
 Walstraat 47

**76 ITC International hotel (IIH)**  
 Boulevard 1945 4

72 Future Factory (FF) Capitoel 25

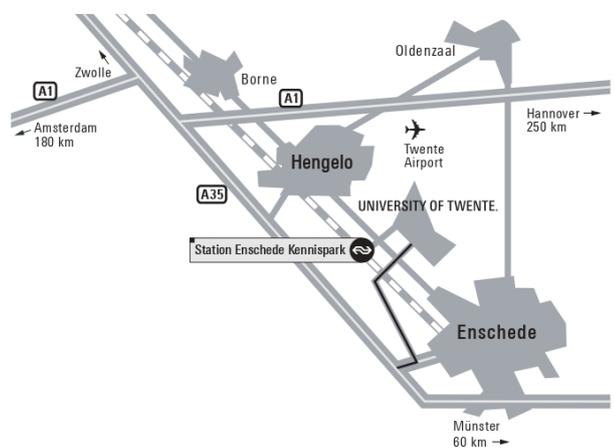
71 Pakkerij (PK) Oude Markt 24

Downloadable at [www.utwente.nl/campusmap](http://www.utwente.nl/campusmap); for building details see [www.utwente.nl/buildings](http://www.utwente.nl/buildings)

## UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

Destination	Building number
<b>FACULTIES</b>	
<b>Faculty of Behavioural, Management &amp; Social Sciences (BMS)</b> .....	10, 41
Educational Science and Technology; Psychology; Communication Science; Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society; Teacher's training; Business Administration; Public Administration; European Studies; Industrial Engineering and Management	
<b>Faculty of Engineering Technology (ET)</b> .....	20, 21, 22, 45
Civil Engineering; Industrial Design Engineering; Sustainable Energy Technology; Mechanical Engineering; Construction Management & Engineering	
<b>Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science (EEMCS)</b> .....	9, 11, 15
Electrical Engineering; Applied Mathematics; Business Information Technology; Creative Technology; Computer Science; Embedded Systems; Mechatronics; Interaction Technology; Systems and Control	
<b>University College Twente (ATLAS)</b> .....	9
<b>Faculty of Science and Technology (TNW)</b> .....	15, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28
Advanced Technology; Biomedical Technology; Chemical Engineering; Health Sciences; Nanotechnology; Applied Physics; Technical Medicine	
<b>Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)</b> .....	19

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<b>INSTITUTES</b>		Novel-T (parking Hengelosestraat)	17
Digital Society Institute	11	O&O square	0
MESA+ Institute	15, 16	Physiotherapy (Topvorm Twente)	49
TechMed Centre	15	PRE-U	48
<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENTS AND FACILITIES</b>		Professional Learning & Development (PLD)	10
Admission Office	42, 47	Restaurants	12, 45, 47
Bicycle workshop 'De Versnelling'	53	Security & Info Centre	2
Campus & Facility Management (CFM)	61	Shops (COOP Supermarket)	51
Centre for Educational Support (CES)	9, 42, 47	Sports centre	49
Children's day care centre 'Vlinder' (Catapla)	60	Strategy & Policy (SP)	2
Contact Centre	42	Student Counsellors, Counselling Service & Student Psychologists	47
Culture centre, Vrijhof	47	Student Restaurant (Mensa)	12
De Veste (student housing)	58	Student Services / Contact Centre	42
Expedition	5	Student Union	48
DesignLab (DL)	17	Studium Generale (SG)	47
Exam Hall (Therm)	69	Study Information Centre (SI)	42
Executive Board (EB)	3	Swimming Pool	49, 57
Finance (FIN)	2	Theatercafé Vrijhof	47
General Affairs (GA)	2	Twente Graduate School (TGS)	10
Medical Centre	58	Unionshop	48
Hair Dresser (De Barreboks)	51	UToday	47
High Tech Factory	46	UT Athletic Track	47
Human Resources (HR)	2	UT Language Centre (UTLC)	47
ICT-Servicedesk	9	U Parkhotel & Restaurant	45
Library, ICT Services & Archive (LISA)	2, 9, 47	Vestingbar	48
Logica	65	Xerox Service Center	13
Mail room	5		
Main Entrance	2, 3		
Marketing & Communication (MC)	2		
Notebook Service Centre (NSC)	9		



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 Drienerloolaan 5  
 7522 NB Enschede

**Postal address**  
 University of Twente  
 Postbus 217  
 7500 AE Enschede

**Route to the campus / University of Twente?**

**BY CAR**  
 From the A1 motorway, take the A35 motorway in the direction of Enschede  
 Take exit 26: Enschede - West / Universiteit  
 Follow the signs 'Universiteit'

**BY TRAIN / BUS**  
 From Enschede railway station: line number 1 in the direction of 'Universiteit Twente'  
 line number 8 in the direction of Hengelo-Noord  
 line number 9 in the direction of Hengelo

From Enschede Kennispark railway station: line number 1 in the direction of 'Universiteit Twente'  
 line number 9 in the direction of Enschede  
 From Hengelo railway station: line number 15 in the direction of 'Universiteit Twente'

For more information, please visit [www.9292.nl](http://www.9292.nl)