

Welcome to Indonesia!



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Get yourself ready! Travel for approximately 13 hours from the Netherlands to Indonesia. You will be amazed by the beauty of the country, white sandy beaches, thousands of volcanoes, and magnificent rainforests. Yes, that is Indonesia, the largest archipelago in the world and home to hundreds of ethnic groups speaking many different languages. It will become your home away from home, because you will always be welcomed with the warmth and friendliness that is typical of Indonesian people.



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Economic growth

Indonesia is part of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which is one of the fastest growing regions in the world. ASEAN is a form of cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, technical and educational, peace and stability between countries in Southeast Asia. Indonesia has the highest economic growth in the region with a fast-expanding middle class. Indonesia is part of the CIVETS (Colombia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Egypt, Turkey and South Africa) countries, offering promising markets with diverse economies, reasonably sophisticated financial systems and fast-growing populations.

Bahasa Indonesia

It is possible to live in big cities in Indonesia without learning or speaking Bahasa Indonesia. However, you will miss the fun part! Speaking some Bahasa Indonesia makes it easier to mingle with Indonesians and bargain on souvenirs or other things. Indonesians love foreigners who make an effort to learn Bahasa Indonesia. Bahasa Indonesia is relatively easy to learn compared to other languages especially when it comes to grammar. The alphabet is quite similar to the Dutch alphabet and many words are borrowed from the Dutch language, such as *dosen* (docent), *administrasi* (administratie), *handuk* (handdoek) and *kulkas* (koelkast). Interesting, right?

Studying in Indonesia

Indonesian higher education institutions offer a similar degree system as the Netherlands: bachelor's, master's and PhD programmes. More and more universities in Indonesia are providing international programmes for incoming foreign students. And there are many Indonesian universities which have cooperation agreements with Dutch Higher Education Institutions. Contact your international office and find out about exchange programmes or short courses in Indonesia.

Academic year

Begins in early September and ends in June. The academic year has two 16-week long semesters, followed by exams.

Tuition fee

Tuition fees per semester vary across Indonesian universities. The costs range between €500 – €2,000.

Programme duration

Bachelor's programmes take three to four years, master's programmes one to two years, and PhDs three to four years. The duration depends on the type of programme.



Internships in Indonesia

Having international internship experience is a great investment for you as an international student. Get experience in a real working environment, deal with actual projects and work with people with different cultural backgrounds in an international context. Indonesia is a perfect country for your international internship. By 2030 Indonesia will be the 7th largest economy in the world and require 113 million skilled workers. So there are plenty of possibilities.

Once you decide to go to Indonesia for an internship you should prepare yourself well in advance. Start by finding the right training place. This first step can be a challenge, but don't worry! You can start, for example, by exploring opportunities at Dutch companies which are based in Indonesia, such as Unilever, Shell, Rabobank, Friesland Campina, Royal Haskoning and Philips or other companies that accept international students. Before accepting an internship position,

make sure that you receive a contract which mentions all the conditions and agreements. If you find it difficult to secure an internship by yourself, contact organisations that can help you finding a suitable internship, such as [Binus University](#) and [Internship Indonesia](#).

Visa

Arranging your visa can be a bit of a challenge for Dutch students who want to study in Indonesia. Don't worry! Either the international office of the Indonesian university will help you out, or the company you will do your internship with. Basically, there are two types of visa you could apply for based on your period of stay in Indonesia: *Visa Kunjungan Sosial Budaya* – Social Cultural Visit Visa (VKSB) and *Visa Izin Tinggal Terbatas* – Limited Stay Visa (VITAS). If you stay in Indonesia for less than six months, you can apply for a VKSB. Otherwise, you will need a VITAS. For short courses, exchange programmes or internships, you can use a VKSB.



Student life

Campus life

Don't be surprised! Classes in Indonesia usually start at 7am and every lecturer has his/her own tolerance level for students arriving late. Like in the Netherlands, group discussions and presentations will dominate the way of teaching. Join students' associations as a way to socialise with other Indonesians. You can join sports clubs, arts clubs, do mountaineering and much more.

Leisure time

There are many activities that you should try while being in Indonesia. Go to the cinema, sing karaoke or explore Indonesia's authentic cuisine. Your Indonesian friends would love to accompany you and spend their free time with you. Don't miss the opportunity to discover the beauty of Indonesia nature and heritage. Explore the beaches, mountains, caves and historical buildings.



Testimonial:

"I chose to go to Indonesia for my exchange because it's a beautiful country, with kind people, delicious food and wonderful culture(s). These expectations were definitely surpassed. I have met friends for life and found a new home in Indonesia (Yogyakarta) during my exchange period. Something I will always remember and would warmly recommend to others. I would do it again in a heartbeat!"

Erika Wilting

*Rotterdam School of Management -
Exchange programme with the University of
Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta*

Housing

There are various types of accommodation available for international students in Indonesia, like apartments, student residences, guesthouses, or homestays. You can choose whether you want to live on or off the university campus. Just choose the accommodation that suits you best, based on your budget and personal preference, so you will feel at home quickly.

Study programmes

Degree programmes

Indonesian universities offer various fields of study that are popular among international students, such as Economics and Business, Engineering, Law, Medical Science, Arts, Culture and Languages, and Social Sciences. The universities are spread all over of Indonesia – but there is a large concentration on the island Java. Each island in Indonesia has its own reputable universities, both public or private universities. On Java island, you can go to [University of Indonesia \(UI\)](#), [University of Gadjah Mada \(UGM\)](#), [University of Diponegoro \(Undip\)](#), [Institute Technology of Bandung \(ITB\)](#), [Institute of Technology Sepuluh November \(ITS\)](#), [University of Pelita Harapan](#), [Bina Nusantara University](#), [Atmajaya University in Jakarta](#), [Atmajaya University Yogyakarta](#), [Maranatha Christian University](#), [University of Surabaya](#), and many more. On Sumatra, you will find the [University of Sumatera Utara](#). If you want to travel a bit further, you can study at the [University of Udayana](#) on Bali. On the website of [Master Studies](#) you can find more information about the various master programmes in Indonesia.

Non-degree programmes

If your university does not have partnerships with Indonesian universities, you can still come and study in Indonesia. Join two-week short course programmes on topics such as Business, Medical and Health Science, Technology and, of course, Culture and Languages. Short course programmes usually start in January or July.

[Atmajaya University Yogyakarta](#) (UAJY), [Faculty of Medicine University Muhammadiyah](#) in Yogyakarta, and the [Faculty of Economics and Business – Brawijaya University](#) are among the most renowned universities organising these short courses. Atmajaya University Yogyakarta and Brawijaya University offer different courses every year. In 2015, for instance, UAJY offered short courses in the fields of Architecture, Design, Culture and History. The short courses offered by the Faculty of Medicine University of Muhammadiyah are always about emerging tropical diseases. You can register through the universities' websites. Contact Nuffic Neso Indonesia if you need any assistance.



Scholarships

Studying and living in Indonesia is cheaper than in the Netherlands and other countries. But you can save more money by applying for scholarships

provided by either the Dutch or Indonesian government. Possible scholarships available for Dutch students are:

- 1 [Holland Scholarship](#)**
A scholarship offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, and 49 Dutch universities and universities of applied sciences to Dutch students who want to study, do an internship, or conduct research outside the European Economic Area.
- 2 [Erasmus Mundus Programme](#)**
This scholarship is awarded to master students, doctoral candidates, scientists and staff.
- 3 [Darmasiswa Scholarship](#)**
Offered by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture (MoEc) together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFa) to those interested in Language, Arts, Music and Crafts.

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Why Indonesia

- 1 Prepare yourself for your career by studying in Southeast Asia's largest economy
- 2 Study in one of the most diverse countries in the world – discover different languages, cultures and ethnicities, natural beauty and culinary delights
- 3 Develop your flexibility and intercultural competences by studying in a country very different from your own
- 4 Feel the historical links and become part of the long and close relationship between Indonesia and the Netherlands