

Tilburg University

Summer School

Serious fun



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Preface

By Philip Eijlander,
Rector Magnificus of Tilburg University

Thank you for your interest in the Tilburg University Summer School. Tilburg is the perfect match for students looking for high-quality courses, an exciting social program, and excellent facilities at a modern and compact campus.



This brochure includes all information you might need about our courses, The Netherlands and Tilburg, and a number of practical issues.

We have also included experiences from some of our past students. We look forward to welcoming you this summer for some serious fun!

Philip Eijlander

Tilburg University Summer School

Join us this summer!

Tilburg University Summer School aims to make your stay in Tilburg as fun, educational, and relaxed as possible. Of course, we offer the high-quality courses you can expect from Tilburg University and arrange a fun-packed social program, but we do more than that.

As part of Tilburg University's International Office, the Summer School helps everything run smoothly. You can turn to us for all kinds of assistance and information. We organize the entire backoffice including housing and registration, taking those worries away from you so that you can focus on having a seriously good time!



Do you want to know all about our courses, social program, registration, and more?

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Review

Tobi Müller

Studying at Tilburg University was great!

I loved the campus because it is quite small, so you can walk everywhere. You can get to the city center in 10 minutes on your bike too. On the weekends, I visited Antwerp and Amsterdam, which was just a short journey by train.

It is also easy to get to Tilburg from the airport. You only have to change trains once. The Summer School organized a Pick-up Day. They picked me up at the station and arranged for me to get the key to my room. This was really helpful and made me feel very welcome.

Tobi Müller, Germany



*"You can get to the city
center in 10 minutes on
your bike too!"*



The Netherlands

Your gate to Europe

When you say 'Holland', you say windmills, cheese, wooden shoes, and tulips. Those can all be found in abundance of course, but there is more to The Netherlands than these stereotypes. The Netherlands has a rich history, which still manifests itself in the old city centers of Amsterdam, Den Bosch, Delft, and Utrecht.

Water plays a prominent part in Dutch culture. Just think of the world famous windmills at Kinderdijk, the canals of Amsterdam (both UNESCO World Heritage Sites), and the Delta works. Their experience with water has made the Dutch the leading water management experts in the world.



The Netherlands is quite compact, which means that many places of interest are within travel distance. Most Dutch cities, as well as the Belgian cities of Antwerp, Brussels, and Ghent, and the German cities of Cologne, Aachen, and Dusseldorf and even Paris and London can be reached within

a few hours. From Eindhoven airport, there are direct flights to London, Dublin, Stockholm, Madrid, Prague, Rome, and many other destinations, making The Netherlands the perfect starting point for weekend trips to other cities or a holiday before or after your summer course.



Dutch Highlights

- A country with a rich history
- Friendly, English-speaking people
- Learn how to bike!
- Tulips, windmills & wooden shoes
- Beautiful beaches
- Visit the picturesque cities of Delft, Den Bosch and Amsterdam

Tilburg

Lively home to your University

Tilburg officially became a city about two centuries ago, in 1809. For much of the twentieth century, Tilburg was home to countless textile mills and other related textile industries. Many of the old textile mills have been demolished to make room for a modern city center, but other old buildings have been renovated, reminding Tilburg of its history. Right now, Tilburg is a modern and lively city with a rich cultural scene.

The city center is great for shopping with both major brands and quaint boutiques. In the summer, people enjoy a drink in the sun outside one of the pubs around the Heuvel or Piusplein.



Tilburg houses a number of museums, including the Audax Textile Museum and museum of modern art De Pont, as well as countless art galleries, theaters and cinemas. It is home to the largest funfair in the Benelux, the *Tilburgse Kermis*. Other places of interest near Tilburg are theme

park the Efteling, with exciting rides in a dreamlike setting, Safari Park the Beekse Bergen, Brewery De Koningshoeven (the only place in The Netherlands where official Trappist beer is still produced) and National Park the Loonse and Drunense Duinen with bright sand dunes.



Tilburg's Highlights

- Largest European funfair
- Shopping
- Lots of bars, clubs, restaurants
- Everything within biking distance
- Exciting cultural life

University

Welcome to our green campus

Officially established in 1927, Tilburg University currently comprises over 11,000 students across five different Schools: Economics and Management, Law, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Theology. Its motto is “Understanding Society”. Tilburg University is a place to meet one another and exchange ideas, views, and experiences. Students from all over the world study here, making diversity and liveliness one of the university’s key features.

Intellectually too, Tilburg University covers a range of disciplines, all geared towards a contemporary approach to understanding society.



At this University

- Modern facilities
- Wireless internet
- Excellent sports facilities
- Different kinds of food courts
- Grand café
- Large forest next to the campus

Located on the edge of one of the most energetic cities in The Netherlands, the University campus offers the full range of what students look for. The campus itself offers the peaceful environment necessary for developing your mind and acquiring knowledge. Right off campus is the Warande forest where you can go for a walk and clear your head.

Tilburg University prides itself on the excellent facilities to support the students' learning process. There is an abundance of student workspaces with easy computer access, free wireless internet, and places for group work, allowing you to work the way you work best.



The main restaurant, the Food Plaza, opens its doors to you during the summer for lunch and snacks at very reasonable prices. For warm evening meals, a good cup of coffee and a very relaxed atmosphere, you can visit Grand Café Esplanade.

Courses

High-quality courses in several disciplines

From a university heralded as the best specialist university in the Netherlands, you can expect nothing but the best. We offer a broad range of courses in the fields of this university: Economics and Management, Humanities, Law, Theology and Social and Behavioral Sciences, but also from our Language Center.

We offer courses at different levels. There are courses for students preparing to enter a bachelor's program and courses at bachelor's level, but we also offer specialist courses for (Research) Master Students or PhD students.



All summer courses are taught in English and are open to students from all over the world. In your class, you may therefore find students of all ages, sometimes from different disciplines and from any part of the world, making your summer course a truly international and educational experience.

Teachers

Young, inspiring instructors

Our intensive summer courses are conducted in small groups with lots of interaction, both with your fellow classmates and your instructor. Your lecturer will be an important factor in your summer school experience. That is why you can expect only highly qualified and motivated teachers.

In Dutch universities, student-teacher relations are relatively informal. This allows for an open and inspiring learning environment. Your teacher will challenge you, not just by lecturing, but by stimulating debate and group discussions, asking questions, and requiring active participation.

Some instructors also invite guest speakers who will be able to give a more specialist perspective or talk to you from their own practical experiences.



Review

Mai Lim

I did the course English for IELTS because I was going abroad for a semester. We had a small class with 18 students, so we got a lot of personal feedback. The small group also made the lessons very interactive.

The course was intensive, which I liked because you learn a lot in four weeks. Because there were both Dutch and international students, we spoke English all the time, which was good practice in itself.

All in all, the course was useful, intense and fun!

Mai Lim, Vietnam

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Rankings

Outstanding education

Tilburg University holds high positions in virtually all national, European and global rankings. It has been the best specialist university in The Netherlands according to Elsevier's Higher Education Review four years running.

Especially the Tilburg School of Economics and Management and the Tilburg Law School are renowned for their high-quality education, attracting hundreds of international students each year. Of course, all Tilburg University summer courses are accredited with internationally recognized credits (ECTS - European Credit Transfer System).



Our summer courses are highly interactive: taught in small groups by the most motivated teachers. This provides ample opportunity for questions, debate, and discussion and requires active participation by all students. Studying at Tilburg University therefore means a mix of top

quality, interactive education, making Tilburg University Summer School a unique learning experience!

Accommodation

Comfortable and affordable rooms

Tilburg University is a place where anyone would feel right at home. On request, we set you up in a 'home away from home' in our comfortable and affordable rooms.

You will be housed together with other Summer School participants at the Professor Verbernelaan, just a stone's throw away from the university, the train station and bus stops, and around the corner from the university Sports Center.

Rooms are booked through the registration system. Costs are between € 175 and € 500 depending on the duration of your stay.



About the rooms

- Private room
- Close to the city center
- Tidy and furnished
- Free internet

Other facilities

- Shared toilets and bathroom
- Common room and shared kitchen
- Bicycle parking
- Laundry room

Social Program

Meet, experience, enjoy

Our motto is “serious fun” and we take fun seriously! There is so much more to Tilburg than studying. That is why Tilburg University Summer School organizes an exciting and very affordable social program in which you can participate.

Every year, we choose a number of active, relaxed, social and/or cultural events so that there will be something to everyone’s liking. Think about day trips to some of the major Dutch cities, sports evenings, concerts, and so on. You are accompanied by specially selected mentors. All you have to do is decide how much fun you can take and choose your activities.



Many students also make their own social program by having dinner and going out together. Usually, this is arranged through the official Facebook page, which helps you keep in touch during your stay.

Because we aim for “a healthy mind in a healthy body” we also offer students the opportunity to buy a sports card. With that card, you can use all the facilities at the sports center such as tennis and basketball courts, football fields and the modern fitness facilities.

You will also be able to participate in sports evenings organized by the Summer School together with professional instructors from the Sports Center and members of the University's sports associations.



A social program means

- Meeting new people
- Food and drinks
- Modern fitness facilities
- City trips
- Summer School sports competitions
- Film, music and more!

Review

Lenka Georgievicz

The social program was a lot of fun. It was the perfect way to relax during a busy week. I especially enjoyed our trip to Amsterdam and Tuesday sports. We got very competitive!

There is an official Summer School Facebook page, so it was easy to communicate with each other and with the mentors and, of course, to share pictures.

I also liked just hanging with my classmates. We went to the Muzen concerts in the campus garden every week, after which we went out in the city center. I am still in touch with some of them.

Lenka Georgievicz, Poland

“The social program was a lot of fun. It was the perfect way to relax!”



Registration

Sign up for serious fun!

Register for a Tilburg University Summer School course on our website:
www.tilburguniversity.edu/summerschool

In our step-by-step registration system, we have a great many choices for you to personalize your summer school experience. Of course you sign up for the course of your choice, but you also decide about housing, the kind of social activities you wish to participate in, bike rental, and so on. Because you have your own account, you can come back and adjust your registration before completing your payment by iDEAL or credit card: simple and safe.



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Fees and payment

Admission criteria

What will a 4-week summer course approximately cost you?

- Courses: € 0 - € 1000
- Course materials: € 0 - € 100
- Housing: € 400
- Social activities: € 100
- Bike rental: € 50
- Food & expenses: € 150
- Sports card: € 30
- Travel expenses: € 100

Costs are indicative and subject to change.

Everyone who is currently studying at or has graduated from university-level education can participate in Tilburg University Summer School courses, apart from the ones with special entry requirements.

Before registration, please read the Terms & Conditions on our website carefully.

Your Tilburg experience is just one click away!

Visit our website for more information and direct online registration:

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