Maastricht University
Maastricht, Netherlands

About:

Maastricht University (UM) stands out for its innovative approach to learning and international outlook. Researchers at UM work in multidisciplinary teams and in close cooperation with international institutes, business and industry. The high-quality researchers have attracted international attention by taking the lead in several large European research projects. Maastricht University’s research portfolio continues to attract national and international top researchers. UM can easily call itself the most international university in the Netherlands, almost 45% of students and more than 30% of teaching staff come from abroad. Most of the programs are taught in English, and European and international themes are deeply rooted in research and education.

http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Main/AboutUM.htm

Quick Facts:

- More than 14,400 students
- Second youngest university in the Netherlands
- 43% of the students are foreigners
- More than 3,900 employees
- Half of the Bachelor’s degrees are offered in English
- 2 campuses
- 6 faculties

Faculties:

- Arts and Social Sciences
- Business and Economics
- Health, Medicine and Life Sciences
- Humanities and Sciences
- Law
- Psychology and Neuroscience

Estimated Costs:
(Average monthly cost)

- Rent (power and water included): USD 395
- Groceries: USD 235
- Books and materials: USD 55
- Clothing and personal care: USD 125
- Leisure expenses: USD 130
Course Offerings

- Accounting
- Finance
- Humanities
- Information Management
- Marketing
- Science
- Social Sciences

For more information, visit http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/SBE/TargetGroup/ProspectiveStudents/ExchangeProgramme1/IncomingStudents1/Courses3.htm

Types of Accommodation

Semester dates:
Fall: September – January
Spring: February – July

As it is usually difficult to find short-term furnished accommodation in Maastricht, the university provides housing for exchange students in the Guesthouse Maastricht. The Guesthouse provides several locations for foreign students, but most exchange students registered at SBE will be housed in its main building (although this cannot be guaranteed, since reservations are treated on a first-come-first-serve basis), at a mere 10 minute walking distance from the campus.

* Note that you can request one of your fellow students (from Clemson) as a roommate by indicating this on the reservation form. Your intended roommate then must fill out his/her own reservation form with your name as intended roommate.

Contact: guesthouse@maastrichtuniversity.nl

If you need a residence permit, you need to keep in mind that you will only be allowed to stay in the Netherlands 28 days after the permit expires; you are not allowed to travel once the permit has expired so you need to remain in the Netherlands. FYI: those 28 days -- when spent in the Guesthouse -- are subject to the €3 surcharge. Please visit the Website of our Visa office for more information about a residence permit.

You are not required to room in the UM Guesthouse, though it is recommended. There are several other ways of finding housing independently. One is via www.MaastrichtHousing.com. This is a collaborative effort between the UM Guesthouse and the Kamerburo.

HousingAnywhere allows outgoing students to sublet their room for a short period of time to incoming students. This website is free to use and it operates on a full student-to-student basis: www.HousingAnywhere.com.
Het Kamerburo helps students find unfurnished accommodation of good, fire-safe and acceptable quality in and around Maastricht. To get private accommodation you can register with "Het Kamerburo". They act as intermediary for the local corporations in the "social" rent sector.

A third way to find housing on the private market is to browse the internet for landlords who offer furnished rooms, or for working people or students who are looking for someone to sublet their room or apartment.

When finding housing, keep the following in mind:

- Try to check whether the address of the room/apartment offered actually exists (via google maps, for example); only too often people try to make a fast buck by renting out rooms that do not, in fact, exist.

- You may want to book a room in StayOkay hostel ([www.stayokay.com](http://www.stayokay.com)) for a few days, leaving you more time to do a proper search for a room on the private market.

**Warning:** Please note that the International Relations Office at SBE cannot and will not interfere on your behalf in case of legal disputes, either with the Guesthouse, MaastrichtHousing, HousingAnywhere, Kamerburo, or private persons or landlords. If you encounter frauds and crooks, consult with your own lawyer or the Student Law Agency (see page 13 of the Practical Guide in the Student Handbook).

For more information, visit [http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/SBE/TargetGroup/ProspectiveStudents/ExchangeProgramme1/IncomingStudents1/Housing.htm](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/SBE/TargetGroup/ProspectiveStudents/ExchangeProgramme1/IncomingStudents1/Housing.htm)
Fun Facts about Maastricht

- Maastricht is the oldest city in the Netherlands.
- Cobblestones, bridges, and other ancient structures stand as a reminder of the Roman rule in Maastricht.
- All American soldiers buried in the Netherlands (and other European countries) face away from Germany. The only soldier to face Germany is George Patton, who is buried in Luxemburg. He is facing Germany because he is looking at all his soldiers.
- Beer was originally created as a way of ensuring a germ-free drink. Water was not safe to drink and so beer became a smart solution. Brand Beer is the oldest brewery in the Netherlands and is about an hour away from Maastricht.
- One of the three musketeers, D'artagnon, was killed in Maastricht. Now a statue stands in his honor, about a few hundred feet from where he was killed.

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