



Information for Erasmus+ students

Broadening your horizons –
are you ready for it?



Theological University Kampen

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An Erasmus exchange can be an unforgettable experience!

Living in another country, meeting 'foreign' students, listening to teachers from another context will broaden your horizon. Do you want to receive fresh perspectives on doing Reformed theology, get to know foreign students from the Netherlands and many other countries? Do you want to follow in-depth courses on challenging theological subjects, understand the process of the contextualization of the Gospel better or just gain an exciting international experience? Then come to Kampen for an Erasmus exchange programme!





About us

The Theological University in Kampen was established in 1854 as the academic institution of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands. To us, doing theology means:

- being faithful to the Scriptures;
- working from a Reformed confessional perspective;
- serving churches in the Netherlands and abroad;
- equipping theology teachers and Christian leaders from around the world.

In short, we strive to connect Bible and life.

Our university has about 150 students and offers state accredited Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programmes. Our community fosters an open attitude to Christians from around the world and we host a growing number of international students. Our theological library is up-to-date and well equipped, which makes the university attractive to national and international theologians and researchers. All this ensures that an Erasmus exchange programme in Kampen is interesting and enriching!

About the City of Kampen

Kampen is a compact city with a beautiful historical city centre, which shows the rich past of the town, going back as far as the Middle Ages! Larger cities, such as Zwolle and Amsterdam, are within easy reach by means of public transportation. Next to your studies, there are ample possibilities for enjoying

social life, culture and nature in and around Kampen. There are many recreational and cultural facilities (shops, restaurants, theatre, cinema, swimming pool, museums, concerts, fitness centres), as well as possibilities for walking and cycling in the neighbourhood. Feel welcome to Kampen!





Erasmus programme

The TU Kampen offers Erasmus+ students opportunity to study in Kampen for a period of three to twelve months. Tuition fees are not required by the Theological University. Your home institution will give you full academic recognition for the awarded credits at the Theological University. Therefore, a Learning Agreement between your home institution and the Theological University Kampen should be prepared, stipulating the programme to be followed. Please contact the Erasmus coordinator at your home institution for guidance!





Study programmes

There is quite a variety of subjects you can study as an exchange student, both in our Bachelor's and Master's programme.

For Bachelor students we maintain a flexible system: many modules can be taught either in Dutch or English, depending on the students in the class. The main idea of the exchange in the Bachelor's programme is to obtain international experience and to become immersed in a different culture and institution. The programme will be discussed on a personal level.

For the Master's programme, international students typically choose a specialization in a specific subject or topic. In this brochure you will find a list of available modules in the Master's programme. Combinations of modules from different disciplines are possible. Don't hesitate to contact us for more information and possible study tracks!

Personal approach

We cherish our high standards of academic education, which include personal interaction with our teachers, good library facilities, and personal support by our International Office. We also have a 'buddy system' in place, which means that one of our Dutch students will act as a 'buddy' for you personally. There are also many opportunities for fellowship with other international and Dutch students. We will do our best to make you feel at home!



Worship

We worship together at our weekly Chapel and share our needs in the English prayer group. The Eudokia Reformed church provides English translation during the morning services and our student pastor is available for personal conversations.





Cost of living

Our university does not have a student campus, but we will help you to arrange suitable accommodation in Kampen. Costs will be about € 400.- a month. Remaining costs of living for a student are approximately € 300.- per month (meals, transportation and various activities).

Insurances

Please check at your insurance company which costs are covered in the Netherlands. If necessary, you should take out additional insurances. Your insurance company can provide you with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Besides your health insurance, you will probably need a separate liability insurance as this is not always covered by your national health insurance! We can help you to arrange this.

Start your application

A requirement is that you have been selected for an Erasmus exchange by your home institution. If you are considering studying in Kampen, you can contact us at international@tukampen.nl and ask for more information.

Our international officer, Drs Jos Colijn, will help you with questions regarding choosing modules in English and the content of the exchange programme. Klaas Vroom MA is ready to help with practical issues, such as housing and budgets. Please email us at international@tukampen.nl.

Make sure to contact us at least six months ahead of time.



Academic year

The academic year consists of four study periods:

- A.** September – October
- B.** November – January
- C.** February – 1st half of April
- D.** 2nd half of April – June.

In each period there are six weeks of lectures followed by a period to prepare for exams and write papers. For exact information about dates and study periods please visit our website.

Master Programme

All Master's modules are 6 ECTS credits, unless otherwise indicated. 1 ECTS credit amounts to 28 hours of study. The letters before each module mentioned below, refer to the four study periods in which the module is offered (A-D, see *Academic year*). The letter F ('flexible') means, that the modules can be offered in different periods. As a rule, these 'flexible' modules are individually guided reading tracks, not lectures.

Modules

| Study Period | Module | ECTS Credits | Code |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|-------|
| General Subjects | | | |
| A | Common Course - 'Doing theology in a contextual manner. Hermeneutics for the Reformed Tradition' | 5 | MA001 |
| A-B | Introduction to academic skills and research methodology | 1 | MA010 |
| Old Testament | | | |
| F/B/C | Orientation in the field of Old Testament studies | 6 | MOT1 |
| F/B/C | The Study of the OT in the Reformed or Evangelical Tradition | 6 | MOT2 |
| F/B/C | Historia revelationis - Theology of the Old Testament | 6 | MOT5 |
| F/B/C | The Debate Concerning the Image of God in the Old Testament | 6 | MOT6 |
| F/B/C | Biblical Aramaic or Biblical Hebrew | 6 | MOT4 |

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New Testament

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| F | Current developments in New Testament studies | 6 | MANT2 |
| F | Context New Testament and main topics of NT Theology | 6 | MANT3 |
| F | New Testament Theology | 6 | KVNT |
| B | `The Apostolic Church' with an Exegesis Project in small groups (Knowledge of NT-Greek required) | 6 | KVNT |

Systematic Theology – General Topic: Predestination

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| A | Diving Deeper into the History of Dogma and Dogmatics | 6 | MAST1 |
| A | More Recent Theology | 6 | MAST2 |
| B | The Canons of Dort in their Historical and Theological Context | 6 | MAST3 |
| B | New Testament Theology in Relation to Election | 6 | MAST4 |
| B | Contemporary debates about Election and Reprobation | 6 | MAST5 |

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Church History - Topic: How Catholic is Calvinism?

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| C | Lutherans in the Netherlands in the 16 th and 17 th century | 6 | MAKG31 |
| C | Neo-Calvinism in the Late 19 th and Early 20 th Century | 6 | MAKG26 |
| F | Calvinism and Confessionalization of Europe | | MAKG22 |
| F | The (Inter-)national Synod of Dort 1618-1619 and the Genesis of the Canons of Dort | 6 | MAKG25 |
| F | The Position of the Dutch Churches in the Public Domain of the 16 th and (beginning) 17 th Century | 6 | MAKG13 |

Master of Intercultural Reformed Theology - Reformed Theology in a Global World

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| A | Reading the Scriptures Interculturally. A Reformed approach | 6 | MIRT3 |
| B | The Core and Fabric of Reformed Theology. Methodology and Structure of Reformed Theology | 6 | MIRT4 |
| B | Doing Intercultural Reformed theology. Local Relevance of the Gospel in Theory and Praxis | 6 | MIRT8 |

| Study Period | Module | ECTS Credits | Code |
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| C | Reformed Worldview. A Reformed and Neo-Calvinist perspective for the Christian, the Church and the World | 6 | MIRT6 |
| D | What's at stake? Actual themes and discussions in the field of Reformed theology and Neo-Calvinism | 6 | MIRT5 |

Church and Mission in the West

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| A | Church and Mission in the West. Religion and Secularity in Western Societies | 6 | MCMW1 |
| B | Caring. Pastoral and Missional Guidance | 6 | MCMW2 |
| B | Community. Practical and Missional Ecclesiology | 6 | MCMW3 |
| C | Communication. Contextual Communication of the Gospel | 6 | MCMW4 |
| D | Christian Leadership. Leadership and Ministry for Church and Mission | 6 | MCMW5 |

Questions and information

For questions and information please contact us at international@tukampen.nl



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