

Country	Netherlands
Number of higher education institutions in the country	<p>Higher professional education is provided at 'hogescholen' (institutions of higher professional education). HBO institutions generally offer courses in several different fields. There are 42 government-funded higher professional education institutions.</p> <p>University education Degree courses are provided at 14 universities, including the Open University. Three universities – the universities of technology in Delft (TUD), Eindhoven (TUE) and Twente (UT) – focus predominantly on engineering and technology. Besides the 14 universities, there are a number of approved institutions, privately funded, including six offering theological courses, one offering a degree course in humanism, and Nyenrode Business University.</p> <p>Source: Euridyce National Report Bologna proces 2012</p>
Description of national higher education system	<p>The bachelor-master system was introduced in 2002. The distinction between higher professional education and university education in terms of their respective goals remains. By now, all 4-year HBO courses and a majority of university courses have been converted into bachelor's and master's degree programmes. A bachelor's programme at university takes three years and a master's degree takes one, one and a half or two years.</p> <p>Source: Study in Holland website (please, see the „BAMA schema“)</p>
National Higher Education Strategy	
An extensive report <i>Kwaliteit in verscheidenheid</i> (Quality in diversity) published in 2011 defines the strategic agenda for Higher Education and Research. A change of course is needed to prepare the Dutch Higher Education for the period to come (until 2025).	
Link to the appropriate document: Document available in Dutch Specific chapter about Internationalization on page 23 “Internationale Oriëntatie” Kwaliteit in verscheidenheid	
National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation	
The Internationalization Agenda was published in 2008. The increase of quality of higher education is at the heart of the strategic agenda. The following items are leading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing the mobility of Dutch students to 25 percent in 2013; • promoting international orientation of education, for example through joint degrees and additional scholarships for outstanding students; • increasing brain circulation, including through intergovernmental cooperation in the field of 	

exchange of researchers;
 • improving the business climate for education and research, and reduce bureaucracy for migrants

Link to the appropriate document:
[The boundless good](#) (Internationalization Agenda)

Are joint programmes mentioned in:

✓ the national higher education strategy	The Internationalization Agenda mentioned above.
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Quotation of an appropriate paragraph:	One paragraph dedicated to the role of joint degrees, page 8
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Legislation on joint degrees

Legislation adopted in Parliament made joint degrees legally possible from July 2010 onward: Act: WHW new article 7.3 for Bachelor and Master programmes and 7.18 for doctoral studies

Involvement in Erasmus Mundus Programme

	Number of joint study programmes:	Number of higher education institutions involved:
Erasmus Mundus Master Courses	37	15*
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates	19	14**

Additional comments:* the number include one institute for international education.
 ** the number includes one institute for international education, one research institute and one Medical School (hospital).

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