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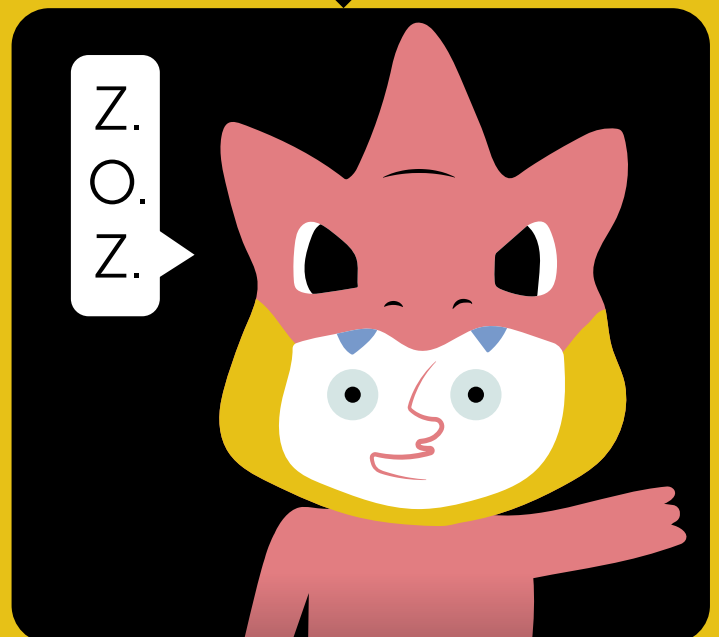
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EDITORIAL

TIPS

When addressing a professor in Dutch, always use the formal 'u', and the Aldi is cheaper than the Coop. Are you a first-year student? Welcome! These are two tips you can definitely use. A third piece of advice: Get yourself student housing. Of course it's wonderful to have your father or mother cook for you, but in order to truly experience Nijmegen you will want to live here.

Vox is the independent magazine of Radboud University. Alongside our permanent editors, we often invite students to submit articles. They are to thank for most of the tips in this introductory issue. As well as the blunders. For example, student of Political Science and Vox writer Gijs has learnt that you should never try to jump over lecture hall desks. Find out why on page 7!

The map included in this issue is for you to keep. On the back you will find an overview of interesting not-to-be-missed Nijmegen festivals, selected for you by Philosophy student Lara. Student of Computer Science Bas has helped us put the final editing touches to this issue. As a third-time mentor daddy, he has the following advice to offer first-year students: "Study associations are really active in Nijmegen, so do not hesitate to join one." And: "You have to try FEBO snacks at least once in your life!"

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DO A LOT W LITTLE



WITH CASH



Nice that you're here! Welcome to Radboud University. Your trip to the oldest city in the Netherlands is now complete, otherwise you wouldn't be sitting here reading this Vox. But that is not to say that you don't need further assistance. This narrative will help you find food, furniture, a bicycle and fun trips – all as cheap as possible!

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The two most important things, or at least the two most urgent matters, are your studies and housing. Have you already arranged both? Your registration at the university appears to be on the right track, judging from your presence here on campus. The fact that you are an international student may mean you have more challenges to contend with.

For example, with the tuition fees. If you come from Europe (the EU plus Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Lichtenstein) or Suriname, you are lucky in terms of tuition fees: you 'only' pay 1,984 euros per academic year. The same applies for recognised refugee students. Students from other countries pay the so-called institutional tuition fees, the 'cost price' of a student. The amount is different for each study programme – see overview on page 6. You can transfer this amount all at once or pay it in ten instalments. If you choose the latter, a tenth of the sum will be booked from your account monthly from September to June. Note: You will need a European IBAN number for an automatic debit.

Moving on to housing. Perhaps you have already arranged this; after all, you need to sleep somewhere, right? How is your room equipped? The student accommodation provider SSH& sells very convenient starter kits for those with a furnished room. A fresh new set of

bedding costs 46 euros. An assortment of kitchen utensils (including pots, plates, glasses and a potato peeler – you're in the Netherlands after all) only costs 51 euros. Are you missing certain pieces of furniture? There is an IKEA in Duiven, about 30 kilometres from Nijmegen. A cheaper option is to visit one of the second-hand shops in Nijmegen. A number are shown on the map in this Vox issue. Are you one of the few foreign students without a room? The chances are slim that the university's International Office can do much for you at this stage. Don't delay in registering with the student housing provider SSH&, and explore the private market as well – for instance via www.kamernet.nl.

On to the next basic necessity: eating and drinking. This Vox is full of great tips about where you can eat and drink cheaply and well. But, as is typical for a budget student, there is not always money for this – most times you eat at home. The cheapest supermarkets are Aldi and Lidl. Other supermarket chains (Jumbo and Albert Heijn are the biggest) are fancier, but also quite a bit more expensive. Tip: a traditional Dutchman eats bread both in the morning and afternoon.

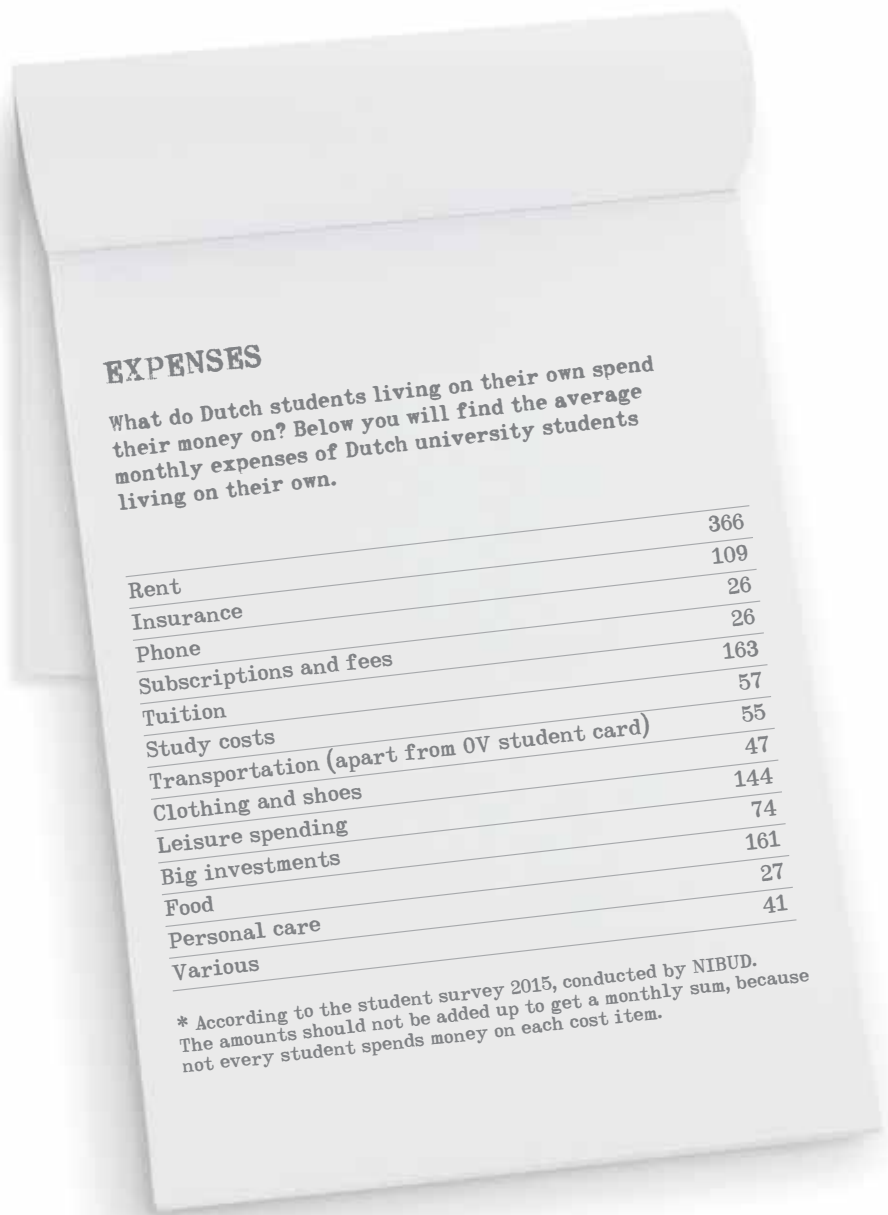
Once you've arranged your studies, room and food, it's time for the fun stuff. Whatever you decide to do in Nijmegen, a bicycle is by far the easiest means of transport around. You can rent a Radboud Bike from the International Office for a week, but we definitely recommend that you get yourself a bike and sell it again when you leave Nijmegen. This needn't be too expensive if you

Cheap tips in Nijmegen

FURNITURE & CLOTHES

1. Check out the Facebook group Second Hand Nijmegen. Or go to Het Goed (Burchtstraat) or Petit Village (Honig-complex).
2. Klerengoed (Prins Hendrikstraat) is a three-story shop that sells clothes, but also some furniture. Alternatively, you can visit clothing exchanges, for example in the Strowijk in Lent or at the summer festival De Kaaij.





EXPENSES

What do Dutch students living on their own spend their money on? Below you will find the average monthly expenses of Dutch university students living on their own.

Rent	366
Insurance	109
Phone	26
Subscriptions and fees	26
Tuition	163
Study costs	57
Transportation (apart from OV student card)	55
Clothing and shoes	47
Leisure spending	144
Big investments	74
Food	161
Personal care	27
Various	41

* According to the student survey 2015, conducted by NIBUD. The amounts should not be added up to get a monthly sum, because not every student spends money on each cost item.

OVERVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL TUITION FEES

Faculty of Law, Faculty of Arts, and Nijmegen School of Management:

Bachelor's programme:	6,817 euros
Master's programme:	9,232 euros

Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies:

Bachelor's or Master's of Theology or Theology and Religious Studies:	1,984 euros
Other Bachelor's programmes:	6,817 euros
Other Master's programmes:	9,232 euros

Faculty of Social Sciences:

Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence:	9,232 euros
Other Bachelor's programmes:	6,817 euros
Master of Artificial Intelligence, and Cognitive Neuroscience	10,137 euros
Other Master's programmes:	9,232 euros

Faculty of Science:

Bachelor's programme:	9,232 euros
Master's programme:	10,137 euros

Faculty of Medical Sciences:

Bachelor of Biomedical Science:	9,232 euros
Other Bachelor's programmes:	16,480 euros
Master of Biomedical Science, and Molecular Mechanisms of Disease:	10,137 euros
Other Master's programmes:	16,480 euros

Cheap tips in Nijmegen

LEISURE TIME

1. Endless beer drinking .

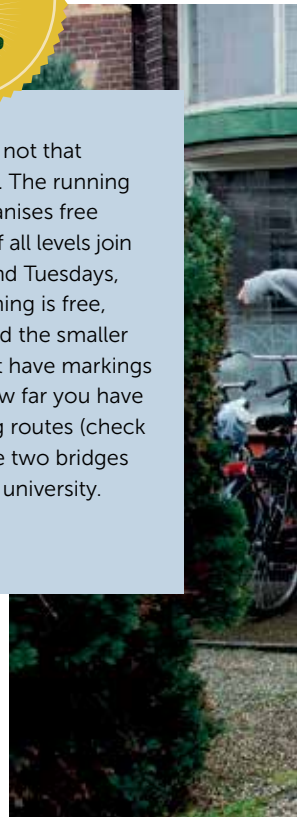
Meter Monday at café De Fuik: 12 beers for 12 euros. On normal days, you can enter most bars for free, but count on entrance fees for certain parties on weekends. Luckily, you can always go to Kollektief Kafé de Bijstand, where you pay what you want and can. Even cheaper: buy some cheap cans and go to the Kronenburger park, the Valkhof park or the city island Veur-Lent.

2. Cultural activities

At cinema LUX, you can enter as a student for 5 euros on Monday. The City Theatre and concert hall De Vereeniging offer a last-minute discount: if you come in the last fifteen minutes before the start of the show, you can get a ticket for 12.50 euros. Concert venue Doornroosje offers students 50% discount on concerts in Merleyn, their location in the city centre. On top of that, students can enter for free in the first hour of some dance parties. Cultuur op de Campus, the cultural event organiser at Radboud University, books weekly acts on campus, usually for free.

3. Exercise

The Radboud Sports Centre is not that expensive, at 104 euros a year. The running platform Girls Love 2 Run organises free training sessions and cyclists of all levels join De Wedrenners on Sundays and Tuesdays, for a one-time donation. Running is free, of course. The Goffert park and the smaller Wester park in Nijmegen-West have markings on the street, so you know how far you have been running. Popular running routes (check Strava's heat map) are over the two bridges or through the forest near the university.



know where to look. Examples of bicycle shops which sell good second-hand bikes are De Concurrent (Van Trieststraat 23) and Rijwielboetiek Henk Geurts (Van Oldenbarneveltstraat 77b). Used bikes are often sold on websites that sell second-hand things such as Marktplaats.nl as well as the Facebook group Second Hand Nijmegen. Sometimes homeless people offer bikes for very low prices, but buying such a bike is very risky: they are usually stolen and buying a stolen bike is a crime.

Although it is a national sport to moan about the Dutch railway system, it actually works really well. You can get almost anywhere in our small country within two hours. To use public transport, you need an OV chip card, which you can buy at any station. Unfortunately, it is difficult for someone without a Dutch bank account to take out a discount subscription and without this discount, train travel is rather expensive. A good way to make your day trip more affordable is to buy a group ticket. You need to have at least four people and it costs 55 euros. The fifth to tenth traveling companion each pay an additional 2.50 euros. You can travel the whole day with 10 people for 80 euros, at 8 euros per person.

Talking about trips through the Netherlands, Radboud International Students (RIS) regularly organises excursions for international students. For instance, you can visit Keukenhof and see the typically Dutch tulip fields, go to a cheese farm or a football match. Details can be found on RIS' Facebook page.

Whatever you do during your time in Nijmegen: a true Dutchman watches his pennies. Don't feel pressured to do this as well. If you follow all the tips from this Vox, however, you will be sorted for at least several months. After that you're on your own. Good luck and, most importantly, have fun! *

Cheap tips in Nijmegen

FOOD



1. To start with the basics: Aldi is the cheapest supermarket, Jumbo and Albert Heijn are fancier and more expensive. A kilo of rice is more of a bargain than a 500-gramme pack, and you can easily buy the store brand instead of the international brand.

2. For cheap vegetables and fruit, visit the market on Mondays and Saturdays in the city centre.

3. For only 2.50 euros, you can eat a three-course meal at the Student Chaplaincy on Mondays and Tuesdays. It is always vegetarian, and most of the time even vegan. On Wednesdays, you can eat vegan soup in the political cafe De Klinker, where you pay what you want for charity.

4. Dumpster diving, though illegal, is of course the cheapest way to get your food. If you dive into a dumpster behind a supermarket, you can find some dented boxes of chocolate sprinkles, a kilo of apples and three pies.

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The blooper of *Gijs*

OOOPS!

Gijs, student of Political Science, fell flat on his face during a lecture

"My biggest trauma at the university involved an incident in the Spinoza Building, during a lecture on microeconomics. I wanted to go back to my seat after the break but the seats left and right of mine were already occupied. It's always such a fuss when people have to get up to let you pass, so I thought I'd be clever and climb back to my seat over my desk. A great idea in theory, but in practice my foot got caught on a desk, and I fell flat on my face. It sounds funny now, but when I walked out of the lecture hall with blood pouring down my face on my way to the doctor, it gave people quite a fright. Weeks later, complete strangers would still come up to me at the pub and ask about it. To this day, people make fun of me because of it..."

CRASH!



A LAP OF Radboud

BREAKFAST

Location: Erasmusplein
Why: A great breakfast
When: Early!

It's true that the Refter doesn't immediately conjure up warm, fuzzy feelings. This restaurant is bone of contention *numero uno* among students. But on the days when your flatmate has just swiped the last crust of bread from under your nose, you only have two options: either you go to the lecture you weren't looking forward to on an empty stomach, or you nip in somewhere for a quick bite to eat. This is where the Refter comes in. You can get a strong cup of coffee, a glass of orange juice, two slices of bread with whatever you fancy and, as the icing on the cake, a boiled egg. A 5-star breakfast for just 2.50 euros.



LOOKOUT

Location: Top floor of the Erasmus tower
Why: For a great view of the city
When: On clear days, just before sunset

The Nijmegen campus can be very confusing for newcomers, but a bird's eye view of the complex can help you get your bearings. If you're due for a lecture in or near the Erasmus building, go up to the Sky Lounge on the twentieth floor. Apart from the view of the campus, you also get a phenomenal panorama of Wolfskuil, Nijmegen-East, the Stevens Church and everything that goes to make Nijmegen such a magnificent city. On a clear day, you can even see Arnhem.



ARCHITECTURE

Location: Grotius building, Montessorilaan
Why: For the architecture
When: Around lunchtime

Radboud University has a fair share of ugly buildings, but it also has a few architectural stunners. The most beautiful building by far is the Grotius building – the new home to the Faculty of Law. Go to Het Gerecht canteen for lunch: it has a slightly more upmarket, fresher range of hot meals than the Refter. Added advantage (or disadvantage if you're a vegetarian or vegan): this canteen doesn't do *Meat Free Monday*, the University's customary vegetarian Monday. The outside area is a great place to enjoy a meal in good weather.



WORKSTATIONS

Location: Thomas van Aquinostraat 6
Why: For a quiet place to study
When: During exam periods

It's almost impossible to find a seat in the University Library during exam weeks. Not only because of all the students cramming for exams, but also because of secondary school pupils who think they're students and HAN University of Applied Sciences students who missed their turn-off to Kapittelweg. Luckily, the uni has plenty of alternatives, which are often deserted even during exam periods. There's a lovely quiet study & resource centre in TvA 6, the Social Sciences study area. The students from this Faculty don't seem to have noticed that this place exists. The Multimedia Study Centre on the first floor of the Erasmus building is another great alternative, which also provides room for group consultations.



Many first-year students don't get much further than lectures and bus stops during their first few weeks at uni. But there's so much more going on at Radboud University! It's time to discover the rest of its secrets with a day on campus.

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BEER

Location: Noord- en Zuidkantines in the Huygens building

Why: Because it's great

When: There's always something going on

Are you a science student? If so, you can pop into the Noord- en Zuidkantines any time of the day. Olympus, the coordinating body for the study associations, manages these two canteens, which serve as a sort of all-in-one area: they're a place to study, have lunch, a quick coffee, a beer or even hold constitution drinks. Anything goes and everyone is welcome. With an average beer price of just fifty cents a glass, it's the perfect place to drink when you've had an expensive month.



HOSPITAL GRUB

Location: Radboudumc, restaurant De Haardt

Why: For a hearty meal

When: Around mealtimes

These days, universities are not 9 to 5 organisations. You often see students wandering around the campus during the evenings, so a hot meal is more than welcome. Try eating at Radboudumc, where you can get a decent meal in a brand new restaurant for just 3.80 euros using your student card. Or on Mondays and Tuesdays, go to the Huiskamer of the Student Church and enjoy a meal in a cosy ecclesiastical setting for 2.50 euros.



E-SPORTS

Location: In and around the Sports Centre

Why: For all sorts of amazing sports

When: Any time!

As a student, you have to keep your body fit and healthy as well as your brain. Radboud Sports Centre has a huge range of the usual (and less usual!) sports on offer. Come here for mass sports such as tennis and hockey, or for a game of Bossaball. The name says it all: this is the new boss of sports. In a nutshell, it's volleyball played on a field of trampolines and inflatable cushions. Guaranteed exercise and fun. There are also plenty of sports clubs linked to the Gymnasium, and the e-sports association Dorans is one of them. This association organises various League of Legends competitions, both internal and external.

TO SEE ALL
LOCATIONS:
VIEW THE
ADDED MAP

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The blooper of *Koen*

OOOPS!

Koen, student of Computing Science, misbehaved on a night out drinking at the University

"As a first-year student, I was invited by my study association to a cocktail night in the Huygens Building. It was great fun and we were all drinking cocktails. At some point, we got talking about the Foucault pendulum at the entrance to the building: we thought it looked like a Christmas tree topper. Those toppers are always hollow on the inside, and I assumed this was also true of the pendulum. I thought it might be fun to head the ball back when it came my way. I soon found out that that pendulum weighs 110 kilos – it hurt so badly! And worse of all, someone from the faculty student council witnessed the incident and actually threw me out. Turns out you are not allowed to even touch that thing; it costs 400 euros to reset it. At the next get-together, I was *persona non grata*."

OH!



The HOW-TO-BE-A-STUDENT-IN-NIJMEGEN HELP CHART

A new study programme, a new country and a new city. It's not difficult to lose track in a situation like this. This chart will help you out.



START

Are you planning to do more than studying here?

YES

NO



Do you have a plan?

YES

NO

Oh good, a blank page! Maybe you are bored with staring at the cracks in university library wall, and you want more. But what? Your confusion is understandable, as it is all too easy to drown in a sea of possibilities. Whatever you do, be it exercising at the fantastic sports centre, partying on a Tuesday night, or improving your knitting skills, don't forget to explore Nijmegen! Our city offers quite a lot of activities in English, in addition to things like beautiful nature, and fun bars and cafés.



Is it learning Dutch?

YES

NO

How noble of you to be willing to conquer the unforgiving path known as 'the Dutch language'! Learning a new language is awesome, so it is completely understandable that you would want to learn more than 'goedemiddag' and 'twee bier'. Just remember though: only a handful of people in the world speak Dutch and everybody in The Netherlands speaks English. So study your grammar, but don't forget to enjoy the other opportunities of Nijmegen's international life.

Is it partying?

YES

NO

You are an international student, so of course you want to party. This is completely understandable, especially if you are an exchange student. You will probably want to attend as many parties as you can in other European cities too, now that you are so close. Remember, though, that even if Nijmegen is not Berlin, our city still has a lot more to offer than the bars in the Molenstraat. Nijmegen has a very diverse and imaginative party culture. Events such as Drift, Planet Rose, Het Zusje van Debbie and Shindig are definitely worth checking out. And this will give you a great opportunity to meet the local men and women, depending on which you fancy!

Say no more! Let us guess. You are not into studying, learning Dutch, or partying... So what do you want? To debate? Cool! To make art? If you are still exploring your options, you might want to check out the Radboud International Students Facebook page, or look on the website of ISON, the International Student Organisations Nijmegen.



Why not?

I WANT TO WATCH NETFLIX



Well, it is a free country, but did you really move all the way here to become a couch potato? In The Netherlands, we don't have blizzards or extreme heat waves to prevent you from getting out of your house and going for a walk. And if you really must, you can always bring your iPad along and watch a movie on the river Waal beach.

MY HOMETOWN IS COOLER THAN NIJMEGEN

No, it isn't. Let us show you.

I WANT STRAIGHT A'S



It makes sense to want good grades. After all, you have invested quite a lot in coming here. Especially for people like you, the university has a bar attached to the library. The CultuurCafé on campus is open nearly all day long. And they even sometimes offer live music, so you can just drop by to attend a concert, have a beer in passing, and go right back to studying.

ACROSS THE BORDER

Students and their standards of decency – one could write an entire book on the subject! Ask any lecturer, and they will gladly tell you about inappropriate e-mails, breakfasting in class, and extremely short attention spans. But what about students in neighbouring countries such as Germany and Belgium?

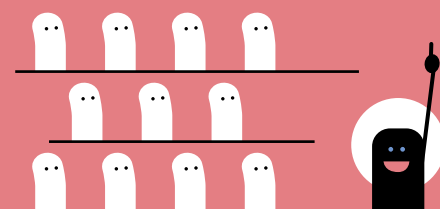
"In Germany there is a much stronger sense of hierarchy," says Mareike Altgassen, Assistant Professor of Psychology and originally from Germany. "You would never hear a German student use the informal 'you' form (du) when speaking to a lecturer. And lecturers also address their students using the formal form (Sie). This creates more distance between student and lecturer."

In the Netherlands, this distance is much smaller, notes Altgassen. "If a student doesn't like something, they will just say so. Or even ask the lecturer to change her approach." This is something that Altgassen, teaching at Radboud University for the past three years, really had to get used to. "Even now I sometimes ask my colleagues advice on how to respond to a student's e-mail. I find it difficult to assess what is appropriate."

Best behaviour

The Flemish Dries Raeymaeckers mostly notices how direct Dutch students are. "But I would like to bring some nuance to this image of the timid Flemish and the rude Dutch," says the Assistant Professor of History. "Over the past ten years, Flemish students have changed quite a bit. And Dutch students are very polite to me, even though I sometimes feel that they are on their best behaviour because I am Belgian."

It is important to occasionally hold up a mirror to the Dutch, says Raeymaeckers. "People here believe that the Dutch universities are very egalitarian, but under the surface, hierarchy plays a very important role. In contact with non-direct colleagues, for example in faculty meetings, I am constantly surprised by how formal the communication is. Addressing each other as 'Esteemed ...', using each other's titles – in Belgium people would just say 'hello' and 'best'."



The HOW-TO-BEHAVE-AT-UNIVERSITY

HELP CHART

The university is a bubble with its own rules and habits. If this is your first year, you might easily get confused. Here's a short crash course on how to behave at university.



START

Is this the first university you attend?



NO

The academic world is not new to you. But the Radboud University is. The 'RU' attracts lots of students from the Dutch countryside. Count on meeting a lot of people from the direct surroundings of Nijmegen, mostly from Brabant and Limburg. Many of these students are the first in their family to go to university. In addition, Nijmegen and its university have for decades been a left-wing stronghold. This is apparent from such left-wing initiatives as the *Meat Free Mondays* at the Refter.



KIND OF

The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain.



Kind of? Do you mean you attended a University of Applied Sciences? Socially, they are not quite the same thing. UASs are usually a little more informal than universities. At Radboud University, professors are rather keen on a more formal social etiquette. They feel it's just part of the deal. Don't worry: Just check the chart and let us help you.

YES



High school might have prepared you for university intellectually, but maybe not socially. We can help you get ready for any social snake pits you might run into.



Are you excited about your new school?

When it's hot, is it OK to wear shorts and flipflops?



I will put in maximum effort in every class



SENDING E-MAILS

How to

Professor André Nuytinck considers it his mission not only to teach his students the principles of private law, but also to instil in them norms of decency regarding e-mail communication. Here is a brief summary of his e-mail etiquette, which he sends out every year to his first-year students.



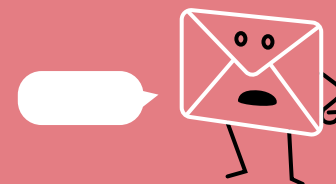
1 Never start an e-mail with 'Hello' or 'Hi'. This makes you appear rude. E-mails should begin with 'Dear Mr/Ms (followed by the person's name)'.

2 Never start the body of your e-mail with 'I'. In my days we were taught at primary school: "If you start your letter (nowadays e-mail) with 'I', you're a stupid guy."



3 End your e-mail with 'Kind regards' or, for a slightly less formal tone, 'Yours sincerely'. Never use abbreviations such as 'TIA' or 'EOF'; they are completely unacceptable.

4 Use a normal e-mail address. After all, you are no longer a child, and while e-mail addresses based on fairy-tale characters and animal names were fun when you were twelve, they are unacceptable coming from an adult.



5 Do not forget to enter a subject line. If you can't be bothered announcing what your message is about, people will assume you are not really interested.

6 Use normal correct language in your e-mails, definitely not SMS or Twitter language. So no 'TNX' and '4U', but 'thank you' and 'for you'.

YES!



Trick question! And you fell for it head first. In The Netherlands, calling your 'uni' a 'school' is uncool. Trust us: you don't want to call it that in front of senior students or professors. You will see why in a moment. And there are more words like that. For example you are not in a 'class', but in a study group, and there is no such thing as homework anymore. You just sit at home studying. Got it?

UHM, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'SCHOOL'?



Precisely! Some words are simply *not done* here. And 'school' to refer to 'university' kind of tops that list. You were sharp as a pencil there. Just to be sure, check out the other 'forbidden' words above.

SURE



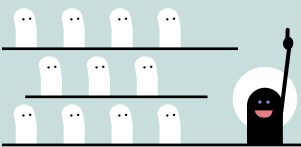
There is no official university dress code, so you can basically wear whatever you want. But if you wish to be taken seriously, it is best to avoid shorts. At the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medical Sciences, they will expect you to dress properly. But in other places on campus, too, you might run into old-fashioned professors who get itchy when a student wears a beach outfit to a lecture or oral exam. Don't do it!

NO



It's not forbidden. You can certainly wear shorts for a day at the library or in a group meeting with other students. But be careful. As a character in a Dutch TV series about fraternities once said: "Shorts? Are you a forest ranger or something?"

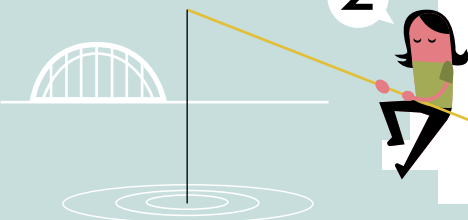
YES



The professors will love you. At university, they like students who come prepared, interact, and are interested. Unfortunately, in every lecture there is usually one annoying know-it-all whom all students dislike. Just make sure it's not you!

NO

Z



No one will force you to read all the literature before a lecture. Nor will anyone prevent you from checking Facebook in class. But do not think your professors don't notice you slouching in your seat like a bag of potatoes while playing Minecraft on your laptop. Our tip: check whether it is a mandatory lecture and if it is recorded, and just watch it at home. Gives you time to sleep in too.

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The blooper of



Martin

OOOPS!

Martin, student of History, unintentionally offended his internship supervisor

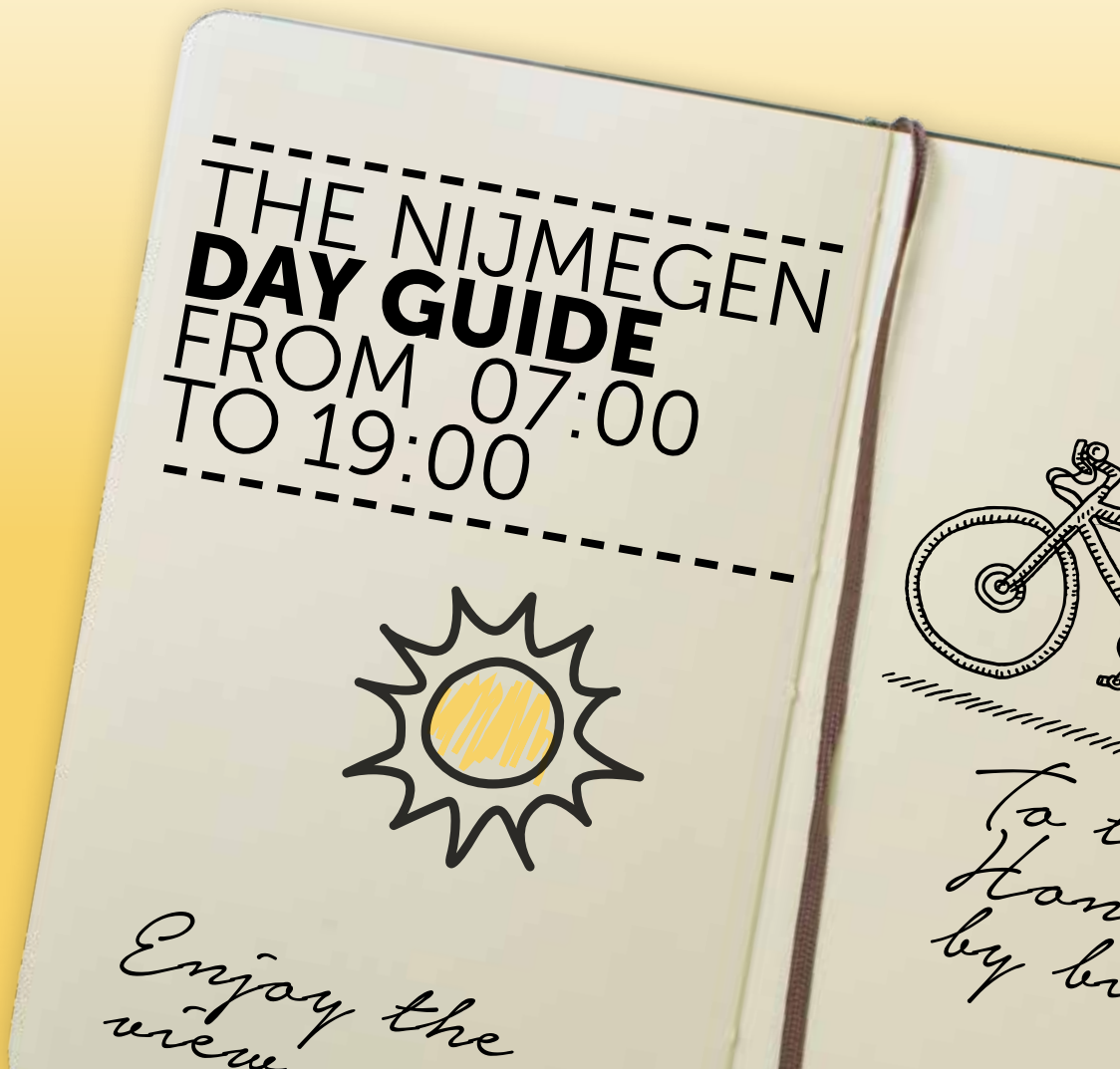
"My internship at a governmental institution was not going very well. I was supposed to write my thesis there, but I kept getting stuck. After a while I met with my internship supervisor to discuss what to do next. She had all kinds of tips that I didn't find particularly helpful. At some point, I asked her, without meaning to be offensive: 'Do you actually have an academic degree?' Which she did, of course, she had an important management position after all. I could see that she was offended but she remained professional. I mumbled that I thought she had done some other kind of training, even though I had no idea what. That internship didn't work out in the end. I quit before it was over and had to rewrite my thesis pretty much from scratch."

... academic degree?

DAY & NIGHT

You can certainly visit McDonald's, H&M and the pubs on the Molenstraat in Nijmegen, but the real gems are found elsewhere. This guide will give you ideas what to do both day and night.

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If we're being honest, the average student is probably still in bed at 7:00 in the morning. Knackered from a night out, tired from a late night study session or just because... well, why not. The early birds among us probably thrive on their morning runs. Of course, any park would do for this purpose, but the real locals do 'het bruggenrondje' (the bridge route). As the name suggests, this involves a jogging route over the three bridges across the Waal. You decide how long you make the route – you can of course also run two bridges instead of three.



Time for breakfast. Head to **HEMA** at around 9:00. It might not be as cosy as all those cute breakfast places, but where can you grab breakfast for just 2 euros? Well, at HEMA. With a view of the Grote Markt, you can enjoy your coffee, orange juice, egg, bread roll and croissant between 9:00 and 10:00.

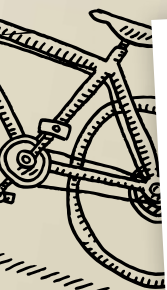
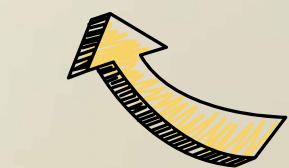


Now that you are in the city, check out the rest of the centre. For vintage clothing, go to **Porch People** (also on the Grote Markt). Then turn into Lange Hezelstraat to visit (among other stores) **Make My Day**, a friendly concept store. Buy designer clothes and plants (Yes, seriously!) at **5|12** in Van Broeckhuysenstraat. Buy your cheese and vegetables at the **market** and climb the steps of the **St. Stevenskerk** on Mondays. You can enter the tower with a guide, who will be able to tell you the necessary facts about your new home city. When you make it to the top, you will be rewarded with a magnificent view of Nijmegen. (For those who prefer sleeping in to running: you have by now burnt the calories from your breakfast. How convenient!)

'CLIMB THE STEPS OF THE ST. STEVENSKERK' ON MONDAY'



No garden? Go to the Kronenburgerpark.



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AT 'THE FUZZ' YOU CAN DONATE YOUR TIP TO THE HOUSE CAT



Lunch! Our tip - and only for insiders: the Alex bread roll in the **Mediterraanse Hoek** in Houtstraat. It is actually a Turkish green grocer, but if you walk in and say you'd like a 'broodje', Alex the owner will make a delicious sandwich for you with a huge piece of Turkish bread, with all kinds of vegetables, herbs and other vegetarian condiments. And it's dirt cheap: 2.50 euros.



Those who want to study in the afternoon can certainly do that at home or at uni, but the city also offers just as many great study areas. **The Mariënborg library** is just one fine example. Near the window at the back you can stake your claim to the best private spaces. It is quiet there, you have enough room and you can see all the Nijmegen shoppers passing by. Or go to one of Nijmegen's many lovely cafés. **Sid en Liv** in Van Wolderenstraat offers tasty lunches (if you still haven't eaten) while you continue doing your coursework. **De Fuzz** in Broeckhuysenstraat has excellent coffee. They play great music and you can even donate your tip to Bert the house cat. (House cat is actually not exactly correct: Bert is a red stray cat and De Fuzz, together with the adjacent student residence, has taken Bert under its wings. De Fuzz pays for Bert's visits to the vet from the donations as well as cat food. In short: a worthy cause.)



Had enough of studying and the bustle of the city? Cycle to the **Honigcomplex**. Among other attractions, you can indulge your inner child here at the trampoline paradise **Bounz**. By all means, bounce around on your own, but it is certainly more fun to participate in one of the workouts or play dodgeball with others. Then grab a well-deserved craft beer at **STOOM**. Looking for something romantic? Take the Veolia train to Mook Molenhoek and visit **Mokerheide** with your new 'uni date'. You'll be there in no-time: just one stop from Heyendaal (and two from Centraal). Step into an oasis of peace, picnic among the sheep and hike through the hills. If the weather's good you will feel like you're in a foreign country.

*P.S.: Just want to get away from Nijmegen for a day? Forget about these tips for now and **bike to Kleve** (just over the German border). It is sure to be a refreshing ride through the polders with no less than German sausages, half litres of beer and pretzels as your reward.*



Drinking craft beer in the Honigcomplex



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19:00



To prepare for what's to come, make sure you have a hearty meal. You could prepare a large pan of pasta at home or polish off a few jars of Chicken Tonight. If you would rather eat out, Nijmegen has plenty to offer. If you're after tapas, you can go to **Eten en Drinken** in Nijmegen-Oost (large portions!) or **De Kluizenaar** in Bottendaal. **Wally** in Hertogstraat is all about the burgers. Of course we can't omit the *oldie-goldie* **Dromai** at Plein 1944 from our list of student-friendly restaurants. If your parents are in town and you can profit from a more generous budget, try restaurant **Nibble** on the Geuzenheuvel.

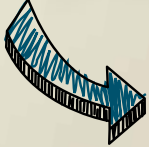
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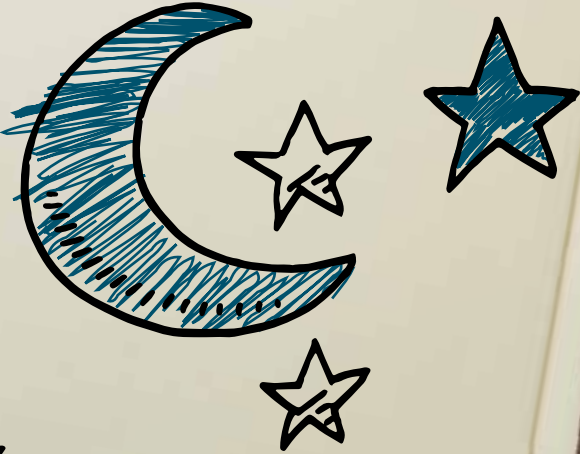
Let's head to the pub now. First a small, tight-packed pub. Dancing comes later. A classic is **Samson** in Houtstraat, with baskets full of peanuts and a wide selection of beers. It's likely that it'll be full (and you'll bump into acquaintances). For the *Samson-ish experience*, you could go to **Café Jos** in Daalseweg, which doesn't call itself a 'master parlour' for nothing. At **Maxim**, **Frowijn** or **Sint-Anneke** – all around Keizer Karelplein – you will also find great atmosphere and plenty of beer.

THE NIJMEGEN
NIGHT **GUIDE**
FROM 19:00
TO 07:00

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THE LESS TALENTED BOWLERS CAN GO DISCO BOWLING

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In order to keep from losing your orientation week brothers and sisters and further strengthen your bond, you could sign up for the pub quiz at **Beij Ons** on the Daalse-dwarsweg on Tuesday night from 20:30. Good for a date: at **House of Billiards** on the Graafseweg, you can play pool all night for next to nothing. A good alternative is bowling at **Olround Bowling** on the Heyendaalseweg, where there is a student competition every Thursday. The less talented bowlers can go disco bowling. The DJ mainly plays *guilty pleasures*, including their equally embarrassing but nostalgia-inducing music videos. With a bit of luck, a strike may also get you a free round of drinks.

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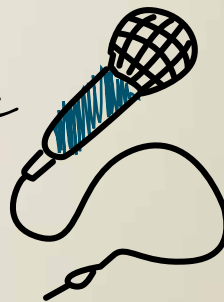


Of course, a student night out on the town is not complete without a round of dancing. For a good warm up, you can dance for free every Monday night at dance school **Salsa Tipica** in Meijhorst and at **Fusion Latina** in Tweede Walstraat every Wednesday night. Or would you rather start your night singing? Every Thursday night at **Café Dollars** in Grotestraat starting from 22:30, you can bowl the whole pub away with your golden voice. If your singing voice is not all that but you love live music, go to **De Fuik** in Eerste Walstraat on Thursday night.



Disco bowling at Olround

Sing & dance



Because i'am happy
Yehhh

Van Dijk



Cheer





Now the night really begins! Where should you go on which day? On Mondays in **Café TweeKeerBellen** at In de Betouwstraat – besides drinking in the vomit-infused air – you can win attractive prizes in the beer bingo. Walk to **De Fuik** one street down for Metre Monday, or skip all that nonsense and visit **Bascafé**, also at In de Betouwstraat. The nice thing about this pub is that if you lose or forget your coat, it will still be hanging there two days later. On Thursday, women drink cocktails for free at trendy **Toon** at Mariënburg from 23:00 until 01:00, surrounded by suited-up men. On Friday, continue your night at **Van Rijn** in Molenstraat: spin the wheel and win (or pay for) shots until you drop. Figuratively, of course.



Your body probably wants to go home now. But not before you've grabbed something greasy for the way home. A Nijmegen invention is the *broodje spee* - a cheese soufflé with saté sauce, chili sauce and onions. This delicacy is available from the snack-bars **Corona** in Tweede Walstraat and **Cafeteria Keizer Karelplein**. Even the discodel (a frikadel with mayo and disco dip – no kidding!) is worth a drunken attempt. Kebab lovers go to **Döner Kebab Nijmegen** in Molenstraat.

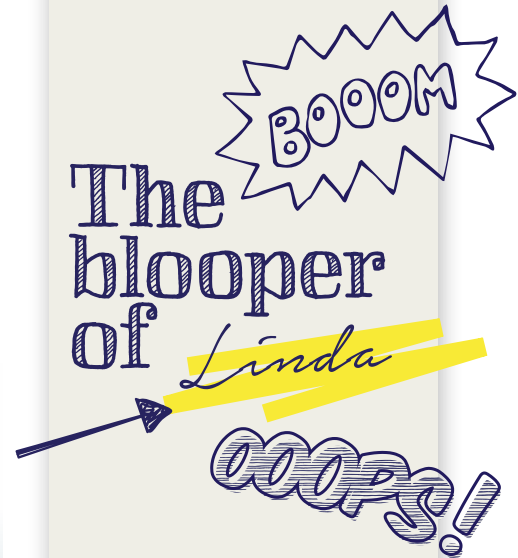


Many student nights at Doornroosje



The Discodel: are you up for it?

As a first-year student, you are almost certain to make a blunder that you will later be embarrassed to remember. Vox collected some bloopers that will no doubt make the ones you will be committing look pale by comparison.



Linda, student of Dutch Language and Culture, failed to recognise the Rector

"It was at the end of the academic year, during the Radboud Sports event – where students and staff members join forces to represent their faculty in sports such as cycling, cross-country and (of course, since we are a university) chess. It's not so much about winning as about solidarity. So there I was, out of breath on the edge of the football pitch, talking to the well-dressed man standing next to me. I was surprised at his appearance: everyone else was wearing sports shoes and colourful faculty shirts, and there he stood in his impeccable tailored suit. After telling him about my team's performance, I asked: 'So what do you do? Do you work for the University?' He looked at me with a slightly irritated expression. 'Yes, I guess you can say that I work for the University.' It was only months later, when I saw his photograph in Vox, that it finally hit me. He was Bas Kortmann, at the time the Rector Magnificus of Radboud University."



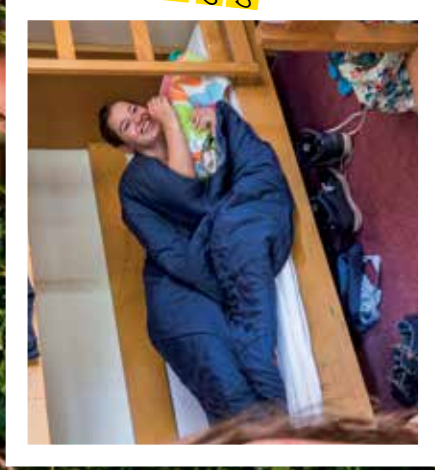
Your time as a student is the best of your life. Orientation week is one of the best weeks of that time. Not surprisingly so, because the entire week is filled to the brim with great activities. Here you can see last year's best photos.

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THEY LED THE WAY



It's a great sight every year: a fresh batch of Nijmegen students coming in.



For many, orientation camp is the best part of orientation week





Of course, the campus
cantus is about singing,
not drinking.

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