

English Language Preparatory School



Get ready for international study

Studying abroad can be overwhelming with brand new subjects, unfamiliar teaching methods and cultural differences. But a good command of English is essential if you want to make the grade on our programmes. THUAS English Language Preparatory School programme (Prep School) will make sure you have the English and study skills to succeed on your course. →

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The Prep School programme will improve your English, familiarise you with new teaching methods and study skills and raise your cultural awareness of Dutch life. You will gain all the skills you need to succeed in the international programmes of The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS) or any other higher education institution in The Netherlands.

You can opt for a one-year or a six-month Prep School programme depending on your level of English.

Entry requirements

To enrol for Prep School you need to have obtained the following minimum scores in your Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams:

	TOEFL Computer-based	TOEFL Internet-based	IELTS
			Overall score
1/2 year preparatory course	197	71	5.5
1 year preparatory course	173	61	5

These requirements do not apply if you were taught in English during your entire secondary school education, or if you are a European Union national and have studied English as part of your secondary curriculum.



Alina Milovanova from Russia - Prep School as a precursor to obtaining a top-notch business degree

“Alina’s English wasn’t up to the required level to enrol directly in a Bachelor’s programme, so she signed up for a 12-month course at Prep School. Now halfway through the Prep School course, she feels she has made the right choice. “This is a good place to study English and probably the only one where you can be sure

to get the skills to express all your ideas and interact in English with many different people.” She’s also pleased she has some Russian classmates and gets on so well with her fellow students from countries like China, Iran and Colombia.

The opportunity offered by the Prep School of making friends and networking while at the same time improving your English means for Alina that the hard work is alternated with lots of fun. She enjoys the strong focus on language skills. “After just two months, my English had already improved to the point where I understood much more and no longer stumbled when I pronounced tricky words. Speaking and thinking in English is now much easier for me. We also learn about different customs and societies.” With her Prep School diploma in her pocket she feels she has every reason to face the future with confidence. ”

What will I learn at Prep School?

Prep School is not just about learning English, although this is at the core of the curriculum. In the full year version of course, the two-month-long first term involves intensive English study.

The rest of the course will equip you with the study skills needed for your degree course. You will be surprised at how quickly your English improves, as you will be working with other international students and use English more often than ever before. Prep school offers you a safe environment for you to prepare entry into BA or MA courses of Dutch Higher Education allowing you to make the most of the experience of living in the Netherlands.

What does Prep School involve?

- 16-hours of teaching per week
- Small classes led by highly qualified lecturers
- Four hours per week of individual coaching by senior international and Dutch students who will give you study advice and tips
- In-class training in pronunciation, public speak-

- ing, reading, writing, grammar and listening
- Developing academic skills like critical thinking, argumentation, academic writing, research skills and presentation techniques
- Extensive homework to prepare you for classes
- Exams to measure your progress.

What do I get at the end?

Prep School ends with an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam and you’ll also earn a Prep School certificate and access to The Hague University of Applied Sciences courses.

But the course is much, much more than an exam preparation programme. You will learn to work in a team, improve your study skills and use the latest multimedia software. You’ll meet like-minded students from all over the world, many of whom will end up as friends on THUAS degree programmes later on.

Prep School is fun too. You’ll attend parties, dinners, field trips - and a range of other inexpensive activities.

Learning with a difference

If you expect teaching to consist of a teacher talking to large groups of students, for hours on end, then Prep School is not for you.

Our teaching takes the form of helping you learn. All classes are designed to help you master the skills and acquire the knowledge you need for success in your studies. If you want to take responsibility for your own learning and make your own choices in how to learn, Prep School is the place for you. Therefore, in addition to all course books, you will be given an iPad, which you are encouraged to use in class. Not only will this give you access to the full range of digital learning materials THUAS has to offer, but free, unlimited and uncensored access to the Internet as well. To that end there is high speed WIFI Internet access in all of THUAS' buildings.

Traditional education measures students' progress in exams. Of course Prep School uses these to show you the results of your study. But exams are like photographs taken at one particular point in time. To show how your skills and increase and knowledge develop over time, the Prep School uses a portfolio. This is a collection of materials you have produced, enhanced with comments from both teachers and fellow students. Consider it as a showcase or artist's gallery where the proud owner displays his or her skills. Using a portfolio has proved to result in a dramatic improvement in the quality of students' learning and improved performance in conventional exams.

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ONE YEAR PROGRAMME

SEMESTER 1 September - December	SEMESTER 2 January - July (Half year programme)
16 clock hours of class per week and 20 hours of homework assignments	
Term 1 - language boot camp	Term 3
General English practice	The mechanics of the English language
English for special purposes	English for academic purposes
Pronunciation practice	Speaking
Speaking practice	Listening
Mid term period	Reading
Project week	Writing
Exam preparation	Presenting
Exams	Pronunciation
Excursion	Mid term period
Term 2	Exams
The mechanics of the English language	Project
English for academic purposes	Excursion
Critical thinking	Term 4
Intercultural communication	The mechanics of the English language
Speaking	English for academic purposes
Dramatic expression	Speaking
Reading	Listening
The Revue	Reading
Mid term period	Writing
Christmas holidays	Presenting
Exams	Pronunciation
Project	
Excursion	

