



Dear student,

In about seven weeks you will start your study career at HAS University of Applied Sciences. It was great already meeting some of you recently at the Meet & Greet on Monday 17 June!

Please find herewith an update on what you need to know to start the International Food & Agribusiness programme. Read it carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to us via WhatsApp should you have any questions before starting.

1) **Welcome days**

- **Thursday 29 August, 8h30 – 16h00** : Activities for all international/exchange students.
The International Office provides those students with more detailed information regarding the planning of the activities.
- **Friday 30 August, 10h00 – 15h00**: Social activity + Grab a Bite (Food truck lunch) at the HAS, for all starting IFA students (including the Dutch students). You will also have the opportunity to meet other international students and staff members from IFA and HBM (Horticulture & Business Management) during this happening.

2) **IFA Introduction week**

- We will be happy to receive you all live at HAS on **Monday 2 September at 8h30**, when we start the IFA introduction week. We will receive you at the entrance and guide you to the correct classroom.
- On **Tuesday 3 September** you will meet online with your coach for an individual talk and you have time to pack for the 3-day Texel excursion.

3) **3-day excursion**

Wednesday 4 September you will all travel to the beautiful island of Texel, in the north of the Netherlands. For 2 nights you will stay in a dormitory in a group accommodation; meals are included. More detailed information will be provided on Monday 2 September. Please pack at least the following:

- Proper + all-weather outdoor clothes
- Sportswear, sturdy sports shoes, bathing suit + towel

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Toiletries + towel(s)
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, umbrella/raincoat
- Pillowcase and sleeping bag/sheet + blanket
- Refillable water container (0.5-1 liter)
- Extension cord/multiple adapter (USB)

Optional:

- Additional food/snacks/drinks (dietary wishes/allergies)
- Medicines (if applicable, inform staff)

4) **WhatsApp group**

During the Meet & Greet on 17 June we started a WhatsApp groups chat for all new IFA students, in which we share key information prior to the start of the academic year, which will always be communicated via e-mail as well. The WhatsApp groups chat is an easy and fun way to connect with future classmates, to meet up and/or help each other out. Feel free to join & leave at all times. Simply send a message with your first & surname to Milouska Lensing, +31 6 29 09 04 87 should you wish to join.

5) **Information** shared with you previously (mail 24 June) is repeated at the bottom of this e-mail.

Feel free to reach out through WhatsApp in case of questions.

Recent event

IFA Graduation 9 July 2024



Looking forward to meeting you during the Welcome Days or on Monday 2 September and enjoy the summer!

Please be informed that HAS green academy is closed for the Summer break as of Friday 12 July 2024 and will open its doors again on Monday 26 August 2024.

On behalf of the entire IFA team,
Kind regards,

Esther van Lieshout
Study Advisor



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Letter sent 24 June 2024

Last Monday, 17 June, we had the privilege to already meet some of you (online) on the Live Welcome at HAS green academy in 's-Hertogenbosch. We got further acquainted, provided basic information regarding the IFA study programme and shared some of the practicalities related to the first weeks of your studies.

WhatsApp group

During the Live Welcome we also started creating a WhatsApp groups chat for all new IFA students, in which the IFA staff can share key information prior to the start of the academic year. Please note that all crucial info is always communicated via e-mail as well. However, the WhatsApp groups chat is a quicker, easier and fun way to connect with future classmates, meet up and/or help each other out. Feel free to join & leave at all times. Should you like to join? Simply send a message with your first & surname to Milouska Lensing, +31 6 29 09 04 87.

Information about the start of the Academic Year

Please find herewith the latest update on what you need to know to start the International Food & Agribusiness programme. Read it carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to us, should you have any questions before starting.

- [Arrival in the Netherlands](#)
- [Welcome days](#)
- [IFA Introduction week including practical information to start the academic year](#) [academic calendar](#) – [timetable](#) – [laptop](#) – [study materials](#) – [literature](#) – [website](#)

1. Arrival in The Netherlands

For the international students in specific, please ensure to arrive in The Netherlands in time to enable yourself to participate in the HAS Welcome Days starting Thursday 29 August 2024. The International Office and relevant IFA staff members will then welcome you and try to assist you in all necessary arrangements to be made.

The introduction week of the IFA programme itself, organised for all students starting the IFA programme, begins on Monday 2 September 2024, and marks the official start of the academic year 2024/25. All IFA students are expected to attend.

2. Welcome Days: 29 – 30 August 2024

HAS green academy organises the so-called Welcome Days for internationals on Thursday 29 August and Friday 30 August 2024. Attendance is compulsory for all new international students. The latest information regarding the 2-day programme can be found on [our website](#).

On Friday afternoon 30 August 2024 we organise a nice event including a tasteful 'Grab a Bite' lunch for which all new IFA-students (international & Dutch), as well as students from the other international programme and exchange students are invited.

3. IFA introduction week: 2 – 6 September 2024

The IFA team is looking forward to welcoming you all on Monday 2 September for the start of the IFA introduction week. The IFA introduction activities are for all students starting the IFA programme per September 2024. The introduction week is a great way to get to know each other and everyone involved in IFA. The introduction week activities are an official part of the IFA curriculum and mandatory for all first year IFA students.

Activities include:

Date	Activities	Location
Monday 2 September	Official welcome to the IFA Programme	HAS green academy
Tuesday 3 September	First meeting with your coach	HAS green academy / online

Wednesday 4 September Thursday 5 September	3-day excursion to the Dutch Wadden island of Texel	Texel
Friday 6 September	Late afternoon arrival back from the excursion	HAS green academy

Academic year

One academic year consists of 4 terms of 10 weeks. Each week you have a study load of 40 hours, of which 15-20 hours are contact hours in the first year. Lectures, tutorials, project meetings and other class-activities can be scheduled from 8h30 to 18h00 each day, requiring your availability for your studies app. 40 hours a week. The academic calendar, indicating the exact school weeks, holidays and official Celebration days, will be shared with you at the start of the academic year and explained in class in the introduction week.

Timetable and online classes

End of August the timetable will be published on HAS Intranet. During the introduction we explain where to exactly find your schedule(s), and how to read and import these into your digital calendar. Next to that, we will give you further instructions on what applications we use and how these online tools work in practice.

Laptop, HAS Student e-mail address + login codes

There are no computers available for self-study at HAS University. We expect you to bring your own device. The minimum requirements for this device can be found here: <https://www.has.nl/en/more-has/study-at-has/information-for-new-students/>.

End of August you receive your account information such as your HAS e-mail and login codes. There are tutorials on how to access and install the required software. Make sure to bring your laptop on Monday 2 September, so we can help you getting ready.

Important: Apple laptops/devices are not compatible with software at HAS! Please ensure to carefully check the exact requirements for the laptops. Since we use specific ANS software at HAS green academy to conduct our written exams digitally, you cannot use the Apple Macbooks. These appear to be non-compatible with our systems. This may thus cause serious problems, as this would prevent you from participating in digital exams.

You should at least have a laptop with Microsoft Office including MS-Teams available prior to the start of Monday 2 September 2024.

Costs for study materials, literature, and excursions

Expected costs for books and excursions in year 1 are around € 350.-. Each course has a course manual informing you about required study materials and excursions; these course manuals are available prior to the start of the course. Study materials include:

- Book(s)
- Digitally available articles/books
- Reader(s)/ course manuals digitally available

We will ask you to buy a limited number of books prior to the start of courses. These are all reference materials that will be used for the entire duration of the IFA-programme. Books can be ordered online/at any bookstore. Other study materials are made available digitally at the start of a course. Please find below the required books IFA year 1.

Literature list International Food & Agribusiness, year 1

Title	Author (s)	Edition	Published in	EAN (ISBN)	Cost (ref. bol.com)
Strengths Finder 2.0	Gallup	NA	2007	9781595620156	€ 25,00
Changing the Game	Simons & Nijhof	NA	2020	9780367145996	€ 30,00
Applied Strategic Marketing	Alsem, K.J.	NA	2019	9781138332089	€ 45,00
Accounting for Non-Accountants	Horner, D	NA	2020	9781789667516	€ 20,00

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On our website you can also find the latest information for new students: <https://www.has.nl/en/more-has/study-at-has/information-for-new-students/>.

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

We trust this letter provided relevant information about Welcome Days, IFA introduction week and the start of the academic year.

Should you have any questions and/or remarks, feel free to contact us. However, **please be informed that HAS green academy is closed for the Summer break as of Friday 12 July 2024 and will open its doors again on Monday 26 August 2024.**

If your questions are study and planning related, please contact our study advisor Esther van Lieshout (E.vLieshout@has.nl).

If your questions are related to visa, housing, etc., please contact our International office (international@has.nl).