



Dear student,

On Thursday 19 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 the Year 1 coordinator: 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.

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### 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 Wednesday 27 August 2025. 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 1 September 2025, and marks the official start of the academic year 2025/26. All IFA students are expected to attend.

## 2. Welcome Days: 27 – 29 August 2025

HAS green academy organises the so-called Welcome Days for *internationals* from Wednesday 27 August until Friday 29 August 2025. Attendance is compulsory for all new international students. The latest information regarding the 3-day programme can be found on [our website](#).

On Friday afternoon 29 August 2025 we organise a nice event including a food truck lunch for which all new IFA-students (international & Dutch). Students from the other international programme HBM and all exchange students HAS-wide are invited as well.

## 3. IFA introduction week: 1 – 5 September 2025

The IFA team is looking forward to welcoming you all on Monday 1 September for the start of the IFA introduction week. 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 1 September	Official welcome to the IFA Programme	HAS green academy
Tuesday 2 September	First meeting with your coach	HAS green academy / online
Wednesday 3 September Thursday 4 September	3-day excursion to Land van Cuijk	Group accommodation
Friday 5 September	Late afternoon arrival back from the excursion	HAS green academy

Our coaches

- [Esther van Lieshout, study advisor](#)
- [Dirk Beerendonk, lecturer](#)
- [Milouska Lensing, senior lecturer](#)

### 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 1 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 on Monday 1 September 2025.

### Costs for study materials, literature, and excursions

Expected costs in year 1 for books are around 140.- and for excursions 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	€ 30,00
Changing the Game	Simons & Nijhof	NA	2020	9780367145996	€ 30,00
Applied Strategic Marketing	Alsem, K.J.	NA	2019	9781138332089	€ 60,00
Accounting for Non-Accountants	Horner, D	NA	2020	9781789667516	€ 20,00
<b>Total</b>					<b>€ 140,00</b>

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 18 July 2025 and will open its doors again on Monday 25 August 2025.**

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

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



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Kind regards,

The IFA Team

