



Dear exchange student HBM,

Many congratulations on your application to the BBA Horticulture and Business Management (HBM) degree programme within HAS green academy, University of Applied Sciences. We are looking forward to welcoming you at our university!

## Information about the start of the Academic Year

Please find herewith an update on what you need to know to start the Horticulture and Business Management programme. Read it carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to us, should you have any questions before starting.

1. Arrival in the Netherlands
2. Welcome days
3. IFA Introduction week including practical information to start the academic year [academic calendar](#) – [website Horticulture and Business Management](#) – [website new students](#) (information about laptop, literature list etc.)

### 1. Arrival in The Netherlands

Please ensure to arrive in The Netherlands in time to participate in the HAS welcome days (for international students) starting **Thursday 29 August 2024 at 08.30 am**. The HBM introduction week (for all students starting the HBM-programme) starts **Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 09.00 am**.

### 2. Welcome Days: 29 – 30 August 2024

HAS green academy organises Welcome Days: from Thursday 29 August until Friday 30 August 2024. *Attendance is **compulsory** for all new international students.* The latest information can be found at: [our website](#).

On Friday 30 August 2024 we organise a nice event including a food truck for which all new HBM-students (international & Dutch) are invited.

### 3. HBM introduction week: 3 – 6 September 2024

The HBM team is looking forward to welcoming you all for the HBM introduction week, which will start Tuesday 3 September. The HBM introduction activities are for all students starting the HBM programme per September 2024. The introduction week is a great way to get to know each other and everyone involved in HBM. The introduction week activities are mandatory for all first year HBM students.

The final programme will be posted online mid-July. Activities include:

Tuesday 3 September	Wednesday 4 September	Thursday 5 September	Friday 6 September
<b>Start 09.00 am</b> Welcome/introduction HBM Coach Acquaintance game Lunch Guided tour HAS Scavenger hunt Den Bosch	<b>Start 09.00 am</b> Introduction The horticultural sector Introduction practical propagation Practical Lunch Instruction IT systems	<b>Start 09.00 am</b> Introductie Planty and Environment PBL escaperoom Lecture Taxonomy Pub Quiz Foodtruck	<b>Start 09.00 am</b> 't Dommeltje: Farm games Lunch

#### Academic year

One academic year has 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.

#### 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), how to read and import these into your digital calendar. Next to that, we will give you further instructions on how the online classes work in practice and what applications we use.

#### 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.

#### ***Important: Apple laptops/devices are not compatible with software at HAS.***

Please ensure to at least have a laptop with Microsoft Office including MS-teams available prior to the start of Tuesday 3 September 2024.

### [Coach/student coach](#)

During your exchange period at HAS green academy, you are assigned a coach and you will be introduced to a fellow student who is going to help you out getting settled and finding your way around. The coach is a member of our staff (can be a lecturer or our study advisor) who is going to help you with your personal and professional development at HAS green academy.

### [Study materials, literature, and excursions](#)

Study materials may include:

- Book(s)
- Digitally available articles/books
- Reader(s) digitally available including the course manual

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.

As you are an exchange student you do not have to purchase everything on the list. It is also possible to borrow some books from our library. Books can also be ordered online/at any bookstore. Other study materials are made available digitally at the start of a course. Please find the required books for HBM year 1 on our website;

<https://www.has.nl/en/more-has/study-at-has/information-for-new-students/>.

In September you will receive an invoice regarding the amount you will have to pay for the introduction and the excursions organized in the first semester.

### [Looking forward to meeting you!](#)

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

Should you have any questions and/or remarks, please do contact us.

**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 Maud Puffers-Bruurs ([puma@has.nl](mailto:puma@has.nl)).

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

Kind regards,

The HBM Team