



Dear HBM student,

Many congratulations on your application to the 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!

Please note: if all requirements are met, the official confirmation of enrolment will come from International Office, should you not yet have received this.

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. HBM Introduction week including practical information to start the academic year
[academic calendar](#) – [website HBM](#) – [website new students](#) (information about laptop, [literature list HBM](#) etc.)

1. Arrival in The Netherlands

Please ensure to arrive in The Netherlands in time to participate in the welcome days (only for international students) starting **Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 09.00 am**. The HBM introduction week (for all students starting the HBM-programme) starts **Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 09.00 am**.

2. Welcome Days: 26 – 28 August 2026

HAS green academy organises Welcome Days: from Wednesday 26 August until Friday 29 August 2026. Attendance is **compulsory** for all new international students. The latest information can be found at: [our website](#).

On Friday 28 August 2026 we organise a nice event including a food truck for which **all new HBM-students (international & Dutch)** are invited.

3. HBM introduction week: 1 – 4 September 2026

The HBM team is looking forward to welcoming you all for the HBM introduction week, which will start **Tuesday 1 September**. The HBM introduction activities are for **all students starting the HBM programme** per September 2026. 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.

Activities include (don't forget to let us know about any dietary restrictions):

Tuesday 1 September	Wednesday 2 September	Thursday 3 September	Friday 4 September
Start 09.00 am Welcome/introduction HBM Coach Acquaintance game Guided tour HAS	Start 09.00 am On camp! 3-day excursion to Land van Cuijk in a group accommodation Bring your own lunch Acquaintance game Teambuilding activities	Start 09.00 am On camp! Still in the group accommodation Visiting/excursion companies	Start 09.00 am On camp! Leaving group accommodation Excursion to a company

3-day excursion in week 1

Wednesday 3 September you will all travel to the beautiful Land van Cuijk, in the east of the Netherlands. For 2 nights you will stay in a dormitory in group accommodation; meals are included. More detailed information will be provided on Tuesday 1 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 sheets, pillow and blanket are provided for (no sleeping bag allowed!)
- 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)

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 HASwise (our "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 green academy. Are you buying a new laptop for the upcoming academic year? If so, look at the Studywise website for tailored advice. Simply select your study programme to find out which laptop is best suited for you: <https://studywise.nl/has-green-academy>.

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 1 September 2026**.

[Costs for study materials, literature, and excursions](#)

Expected costs for books in year 1 are around € 100, -. 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.

We will ask you to buy a limited number of books prior to the start of courses; reference materials that will be used for the entire duration of the HBM-programme. Books can 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](#).

The cost for the introduction camp and field trips/excursions in year 1 is €350. This amount is included in the payment you made regarding tuition fee, visa and insurance.

[Coach/student coach](#)

During your study at HAS green academy, you are assigned a coach. The coach is a member of our staff who is going to help you with your personal and professional development at HAS green academy.

[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 17 July 2026 and will open its doors again on Monday 24 August 2026.

If your questions are study and planning related, please contact our study advisor Maud Putters-Bruurs (puma@has.nl).

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

Kind regards,

The HBM Team