



## Attachment 5 Extra information

We are happy to welcome you at Stenden University of Applied Sciences in Emmen. Below, you can find some useful information on what is to know before arrival.

### Study Buddy Coordinator

Do you feel uncomfortable moving to a foreign country? Are you afraid that you will not know what to do and how things are arranged? No worries! Stenden provides every new student with a “Study Buddy”, who will be the contact person to help you out with all your questions and issues. He/she will help you to find your schedule, the study material, to enrol for exams, and of course to inform you about life outside university.

For more information, please contact Julia Huisman (Internationalisation At Home Coordinator, Lecturer): [julia.huisman@stenden.com](mailto:julia.huisman@stenden.com)

### Study Coach IBL

Especially during your first and second year, you will receive great support through a so-called study coach.

Besides your Study Buddy, the Study Coach will help you with your studies and choices. You will have personal interviews in which you can talk about problems you may have and any other topic you would like to talk about. Additionally, you will discuss and evaluate your study progress and personal development.



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### Study Link

Your first step towards your matriculation is your application. Therefore, it is necessary to apply online at [studielink.nl](http://studielink.nl). Your documents must have been sent by latest on 31th of January 2018. After filling in your personal details and banking information, you will get notifications about your career programme, the selection procedure and the required documents (Copy of ID, CV, Motivation Letter, etc.)

Having sent all the required documents, Stenden University of Applied Sciences will examine if you fulfil all the admission requirements. Please note that delays may be possible! The tuition fees can either be paid once a year (2017/2018: 2060€) or in five instalments.

Do not forget to re-enrol for your 2nd (3rd & 4th) year of your career programme ;-)!



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### **PBL - Problem Based Learning**

Like all Stenden students, you will be taught through Problem Based Learning (PBL). Instead of relying on book learning exclusively, you and your fellow-students will actively seek out knowledge using practical case studies from the relevant work field.

- You will learn how to think in terms of solutions.
- You will develop critical thinking skills.
- You will learn to work as a part of a team and share out tasks.
- You will learn to work methodically, according to a project plan.
- You will develop practical skills such as conducting meetings, giving presentations and taking minutes.

#### *How does PBL work?*

You will tackle the course material by focusing on practical issues, which you and a small group of your fellow students will analyse, resolve and discuss afterwards. You set out to find solutions to the problem at hand and collaborate with your classmates to achieve the best results. Throughout this process, you will be supervised by the course tutor, who will intervene if necessary. In your team meetings, you will sometimes be charged with taking the minutes, while at other times you may be required to chair, keep track of the time or write down key information on the whiteboard. This enables you to get experience in a variety of practical roles.

In a nutshell: Problem Based Learning enables you to acquire a thorough understanding of the theory as well as providing you with practical skills that will prove invaluable during your career.

View our video of PBL: Stenden university: What is Problem Based Learning (PBL). Explained in English <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUD0KcWne4>



## Fraternities

There are four different student fraternities and one Student Union collaborating with each other to improve the student life in Emmen. From parties and trips to advice and help for students.



**Sesu:** Student Union that helps out students and receives feedback or points for improvement about their life at Stenden University Emmen.

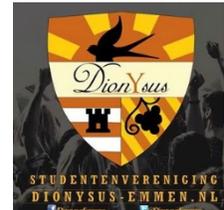


**Global Web:** Organizes trips, small festivals and many other (intercultural) events. Some examples include a Trip to Amsterdam, a Trip to Paris, Taste my Country Event, Pub Crawl Groningen, etc.



**HBO-Sport:** Organises many different sport events including: Tennis and Soccer Tournaments, Karting, Bowling, Water-Ski, Paintball, and many more

**Dionysus:** Organizes student parties like recently the Halloween party or the annual Christmas Gala. They will also organise the second hand book market for you to get cheaper books for your career programme.



**SEFF:** The newly established Foodie Fraternity offers students to share their culinary experiences, culture and traditions from all over the world and shares student budget recipes! The fraternity also organizes the international food market in cooperation with Global Web.

## Holidays

The holidays are mostly as follows:

- October: Autumn Holiday (1 week)
- December: Christmas Holiday (2 weeks)
- February: Spring Holiday (1 week)
- May: "Meivakantie"/May Holiday (1 week)
- July/August. Summer Holiday (6-8 weeks)

The dates/time span may vary according to the resits you may have to take. The official academic calendar can be downloaded at [www.istenden.com](http://www.istenden.com)



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## Emmen

Emmen is a very cosy city with lots of local and international students, which makes it a perfect place to study and live.

Emmen, with its 109.000 inhabitants, is the biggest municipality in the province of Drenthe, located in the northeast of the Netherlands. It is particularly famous for many modern business and industrial parks. Besides that, the area offers many attractions for young and old. Wildlands is the new Adventure park in Emmen, it is worthwhile a visit!! the City of Emmen will renew and renovate the centre of the city and will provide tourists and citizens with even more opportunities to enjoy shopping, relaxing or going out.



The area of Drenthe is also perfect for lovers of nature and sports. It offers lots of recreational activities and events throughout the year; for example Parc Sandur water recreation area, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sport fields, several sport schools and gyms, etc. The heart of the city offers a variety of stores and malls, as well as restaurants, bars and cafes.

The city also offers good connections within the city and to other cities in the Netherlands via public transport. Trains and buses are regularly scheduled. The next big airport is Schiphol Amsterdam, which can be reached by train in less than two hours.

## Accommodation

The best way to find a room is to join the Facebook Group: Students' Garage Sale Emmen. This is the biggest Facebook community of Stenden, where not only students but also landlords post available apartments and rooms. Many apartments are located in the city centre but also neighbourhoods such as Angelslo and Emmerhout are popular for Students. Most of the apartments are shared living communities with 2-5 flatmates. The distance to Stenden varies from 5-15 min. by bike. Supermarkets like Lidl, Aldi, Jumbo and Albert Heijn can be found in every neighbourhood. An average rent would be around 250-350€.

Another possibility to find a room is: [www.studentstay.com](http://www.studentstay.com)



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### **Public Transport**

Emmen has a great public transport system. Regularly scheduled buses connecting all city districts and locations in the surrounding area; services every hour to Hoogeveen and Assen, and the Interliner express that runs between Emmen and Groningen. All buses arrive at and depart from the central bus and train station in Emmen's city-centre market location. It is possible to purchase a day ticket, with which you can travel through the whole Netherlands for a small amount of money (max. 20€).

The closest international airports are located in Amsterdam (Schiphol Airport; 192km) and Düsseldorf (Germany; 200km) and can be reached easily by train.

### **Registering Town Hall**

After finding a nice place to live, it is necessary to be registered as inhabitant of the city of Emmen. This can be done at the local town hall (Gemeente Emmen). Please be aware of the fact, that you will probably need an appointment and bring the following documents: ID, copy of rental contract and an international birth certificate. You will get your BSN (citizen's service number; Burgerservicenummer), which is necessary for several administration acts (e.g. jobs). Your buddy will help you with all the procedures if necessary.

P.S. : It's free ;-)!

Do not forget to give notice of departure when you leave Emmen!