

Going Abroad

How to prepare for a stay abroad

Yes! You have registered for a minor Study Abroad or are planning to do an internship abroad! Studying abroad is a lifelong dream for many students and a great way to further develop your (international/intercultural) skills. Here you will find information about Fontys' policy regarding international mobility and what to expect in the months leading up to your travels abroad. Please read the following very carefully.

<p>Am I allowed to travel?</p> <p>In order to determine whether it is safe for you to travel, Fontys uses the travel codes from the website of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You can check the colour code (travel advice) of your destination and the specific travel advice for the country or region. This travel advice is leading in whether Fontys gives a GO or NO-GO for your travels abroad.</p> <p>Green / yellow → GO: Student are allowed to travel to this country, region or city but are required to fill out a risk analysis form (see your workflow in Mobility Online)</p> <p>Orange / red → NO-GO: Students will not get permission from Fontys to travel to this country, region or city. Fontys strongly advises you not to travel to this country, region or city.</p> <p>Things to remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the colour code <i>on the day of departure</i> is the final go/no-go for your travels and colour codes are subject to change. This means it is best to check the colour code regularly and on the day of your departure.• there can be a difference in classification within one country or region.• classifications may change continually and may change even just before you leave. Therefore we advise you to sign up for a travel advice alert or download the app on the website of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	<p>What do I do if the travel code is orange (and does not change)?</p> <p>During preparations</p> <p>Due to the unpredictability of changing circumstances abroad we ask all students who plan to study or do an internship abroad for Spring 2023 to <u>prepare a plan B</u> in case traveling abroad will not be possible at the time of departure.</p> <p>Your plan B can e.g. be an alternative minor, at Fontys or another university in the Netherlands, an internship position in the Netherlands or switching your semester for internship and the minor. Please contact your Coordinator Internationalisation or study counsellor to discuss your options for your plan B.</p> <p>It is also advised to choose a final date at which you are still willing or can still switch to your plan B without study delay. Set your own deadline as to say, when do I want to be sure about what I am going to do during Spring 2023? A last minute switch may not be always possible, discuss the most suitable 'deadline' for your with your Coordinator Internationalisation or study counsellor.</p> <p>Departure</p> <p>If the country, region or city of your destination has an orange or red travel advice Fontys strongly advises you not to travel. Fontys will give a so called NO-GO for your travels.</p>
<p>What happens if the travel code changes whilst I am abroad?</p> <p>Due (unforeseen) circumstances the travel advice might change. If the colour code of your destination changes to orange or red whilst you are there, for your own safety Fontys will advise you to return to the Netherlands or your home country immediately. You will be informed about this advice by email and receive further instructions. Please note that you are (financially) responsible for arranging your return journey. Sometimes an immediate return might not be possible. If this is the case please inform your Coordinator Internationalisation about this as soon as possible to discuss your situation. Make sure to always follow the instructions of the local authorities.</p>	<p>Exceptions to the travel codes</p> <p>There is one exception for the orange or red travel advice. If you are an international student and will do a minor or internship in your home country (e.g. you are a Bulgarian national and will do an internship in Bulgaria) you may be allowed to travel abroad for your studies when the travel code is orange or red.</p> <p>Please contact your Coordinator Internationalisation or study counsellor if you fall into one of these categories to discuss the specifics.</p>

<p>If you <u>decide to stay</u> in the country of your destination despite the change to an orange or red travel advice, Fontys will continue to offer guidance and support for your studies or internship. Provided that the travel code was green or yellow at the start of your stay abroad. However, the remaining of your stay will be at your own risk. You will be responsible for all practical matters, including but not limited to financial and insurance matters.</p>	
<p>Financial matters</p> <p>Fontys always advises you to not make any financial arrangements (such as down payments etc.) until you are sure you will be able to travel. However, we are aware that this may not always be possible. Make sure you have a clear overview of your financial situation and the potential financial risks. The financial risk of, organising, international travels for studies for the student.</p> <p>For up-to-date information about the Erasmus scholarship crisis, please refer to the Study Abroad website.</p>	<p>Insurance</p> <p>The right insurance is essential. Going abroad for study or internship asks for a different kind of insurance than when travelling for leisure. Every situation is different so make sure you make this a top priority on your to-do-list. Fontys also has set minimal requirements for healthcare, repatriation and liability. There are special insurances for students going abroad like Insure to study or AON, make a considered choice.</p>
<p>Visa</p> <p>For most European countries travelling to and residing does not require a visa. However this is also depending on your nationality. Outside of the EU you will need a visa. Visa applications take time and cost money, now even more since a number of embassies or consulates may be closed. Make sure you check all the regulations for the country you are travelling to and start the process in time.</p>	<p>Entry requirements for the country of your destination</p> <p>Please make sure you are informed about special documents and health requirements you might need for entering the country of your destination.</p>
<p>General preparations</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with the country of your destination. Read up on local customs, laws, culture and Covid-19 regulations. Now that borders are re-opening there may be additional focus on the behaviour of travellers, be aware of this. Make sure you respect local (Covid-19) rules and approaches to dealing with the pandemic and keep in mind that when abroad you represent Fontys</p>	<p>Registration in Mobility Online</p> <p>Going abroad for study or an internship is not possible without finishing your registration in Mobility Online. If you're not registered in Mobility Online we also cannot locate you if an emergency occurs and offer you support or - grant you your scholarship if you proved to be eligible. Always make sure your contact details and those of your emergency contact person are up-to-date in Mobility Online. Put the contact details of your Coordinator Internationalisation in the Emergency Contact Person list of your phone. Save the emergency number of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in your phone, +31 247 247 247. If you do not have the Dutch nationality you need to make sure you know where the embassy or consulate of your home country is located and how to reach them.</p>