

**International office - information sheet Gerrit Rietveld Academie
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ECTS Credits and grades system	<p>If the student meets all requirements and passes the overall semester assessment, he/she will obtain a total of 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) for the semester.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">= +</p> <p>30 ECTS = pass = +/-</p> <p>15 ECTS = doubtful = -</p> <p>0 ECTS = failed</p> <p>The academy doesn't use grades, but uses the +, +/- and - on the transcript. Please note; the final evaluation of your study period abroad will be done by your home Institute.</p>

Departments

Ceramics <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/385/ceramics>
 Design lab <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/382/designlab>
 Glass <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/387/the-large-glass>
 Graphic Design <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/379/graphic-design>
 Jewellery-linking-bodies
<https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/380/jewellery-linking-bodies>
 Photography <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/389/photography>
 VAV (Audio Visual)/ Moving Image
<https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/390/vav-moving-image>
 Textile <https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/384/txt-textile>
 Image and Language
<https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/388/beeld-en-taal>
 Fashion Design
<https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/383/fashion>

Please note: As we do not send out students in the spring, in general we accept less students in the spring than in the fall.
These department only accept exchange students in the fall semester:

- Architectural-design
- Fine Arts
- TXT (Textile)
- Fashion Design

Workshop and facilities	All exchange students are free to use the available workspaces of all departments https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/375/workshops-facilities
Exchange semesters Exchange semesters	An exchange is for one semester only and cannot be extended. ESTIMATED SEMESTERS : FALL SEMESTER; The official semester runs from September 1 st until December 31 st . The estimated lessons period runs from August 31 st till December 18 th , 2026. We start with an introduction day for all new students on the 27 th of August 2026. SPRING SEMESTER; The official semester runs from January 1 st , 2027 till August 31 st 2027. The estimated lessons period runs from January 4 th till around June 25 th , 2027. The graduation exhibition starts in the beginning of July, 2027.
Exchange - application requirements and deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February, all partner institutes with which we have a contract will receive an email to nominate their students for an exchange at Gerrit Rietveld. The nomination deadline is April 6th, 10 AM. • Nominated students will receive information on where to upload their portfolio and motivation before April 15th. Students will have the time until April 27th, 10 AM to upload the required documents. • If the partner institute has not received the invitation to nominate their students, please contact the international office: international@rietveldacademie.nl • <p>In order to be able to be admitted to an exchange program, you must submit the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fully and correctly completed online application form. 2. A copy of your passport and high school diploma.

	3. A portfolio
Costs for exchange	No extra costs, after you paid the tuition fee at your home academy. some departments will have an excursion (costs: 250-500 euro) Living expenses: http://internalaffairs.rietveldacademie.nl/studiekosten/?lang=en
Housing	The Rietveld Academie has limited housing for Exchange students through DUWO. In the assignment of the studios, students from outside the EEA have priority. The remaining studios will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. An e-mail will be sent after the student is accepted to inform him/her about steps that can be taken. For more information about DUWO; https://www.duwo.nl/en/i-search/accommodate/accommodate-location-amsterdam/gerrit-rietveld-academy/ Important for NON-EER students In the end, it is important for every student to register at the address where you're living but it is even more important for non-EER students because this also affects your residence permit. If you don't register at your new residential address in the Netherlands, there is a chance that you will lose your residence permit. For more information about housing; https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/3028/huisvesting
Validation of exchange	Home academy must be on the list of contracted partners. The tuition fee is paid at your home academy; Student is registered as an exchange student at both the host and home institution; There exists an official contract between the two institutes for the duration of the exchange.
Language at the academy and required level	Classes are taught in English. A student needs to have a good command of English (IELTS with a 6.0 as grade). If the student doesn't have this level he/she will need to follow a course at a language institute of his/her choice to obtain the required level.
Dutch Language Course	We would like to refer you to https://www.iamsterdam.com/en/living/feel-at-home-in-amsterdam/learning-dutch
MVV or VVR residence permit	In order to stay in the Netherland legally, a student needs to obtain an MVV visa and/or VVR visa. You need to arrange the permit through the Rietveld Academie, International office.

	<p>After your acceptance, the international office will invite you to start your visa application procedure through Osiris.</p> <p>more information can be found under: https://rietveldacademie.nl/en/page/3029/residence-permit</p> <p>Please note, your residence permit will be valid during the complete registration period of your exchange. You have to provide proof you have enough funding for the whole period of registration, minimum financial means of approx. 1.000 euro per month. 1st semester approx. 4.000 (4 months) 2nd semester approx. 6.000 (6 months)</p>
Academic Calendar	<p>ESTIMATED HOLIDAY DATES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn holidays October 10th- October 28th, 2026 • Christmas holidays December 19th, 2026 -January 3rd, 2026 • Spring holiday February 20th - 28th, 2027 • May holiday April 24th- May 2nd, 2027 • Summer holiday July 4th - September 1st, 2027 <p>Please note: dates are liable to change.</p>
Other social media	<p>https://vimeo.com/rietveldacademie https://twitter.com/followrietveld https://www.instagram.com/rietveldacademie/ https://facebook.com/rietveldacademie</p> <p>sign up for newsletter; https://subscribe.mailinglijst.nl/?l=106193&a=0</p>
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