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Dear Student,

Welcome to the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC). We would like to inform you about the upcoming start of the International Bachelor Arts & Culture Studies (IBACS). Please read this information carefully.

Eurekaweek: August 17 – August 20

The Eurekaweek is an introduction week for all new students at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. During the Eurekaweek you will get to know fellow students, the Erasmus University Rotterdam, student/sports organisations and Rotterdam. This year the Eurekaweek will consist of both online and offline activities in the city of Rotterdam; online because it is possible and offline if it is possible. We highly recommend participating in the Eurekaweek. For more information see: <https://www.eur.nl/en/about-eur/eurekaweek>

IBACS introduction: August 31 – September 1

The new academic year at ESHCC starts with the Faculty introduction days. These introduction days are mandatory.

On **Monday the 31st of August**, we welcome all first year IBACS students. Via online meetings we will provide you with practical information about the programme and your lecturers will introduce themselves and their courses. Thereafter, you will be introduced to your mentor groups and tutorial groups. In the afternoon there will be an introduction activity on campus for those who are in the Netherlands.

On **Tuesday 1 September** you and your mentor group will get together (online) for more practical information. Two of our teachers have set up a nice online activity to end the second introduction day.

Programme schedule

Courses start on **Monday the 7th of September**. During the first year you will participate in mandatory tutorials (with around 20 students) and lectures (with the entire class).

Our Education Office will register all first-year students for the courses of the first term. As from the second term you need to register for the courses yourself.

We will offer an online version of all our courses. Additionally, we will provide part of our education on campus, which we will adapt to meet the Dutch government measures that currently apply to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will inform you late August which of our classes will take place both on campus and online.

As from the 2nd week of August you can find the timetables via <https://timetables.eur.nl/>. The 'help' button will take you to the manual. Please note that the timetable sometimes has last minute changes.

Mentor programme

For all first year IBACS students we organise a mentor programme during the first 2 terms of your first year. Mentors will help you adjust to student life at Erasmus University. Based on their own experience, they can give you advice about studying. Mentors also organise social activities so that you can get to know your fellow students better. With the help of your mentor you will settle in quickly!

Literature

It is important to purchase the compulsory literature before the start of the courses. The compulsory literature can be found in the course descriptions. Via <https://www.eur.nl/en/eshcc/bachelor/international-bachelor-arts-and-culture-studies/study-programme> you will find the study schedule of the first year of the International Bachelor Arts and Culture Studies. If you want to learn more about a specific course or want to see the current timetable or compulsory literature, click on the course.

Order / buy books

If you become a member of the ACE student association (see the attached document) you can order the books at a discount (up to 20%). Books can be ordered via <https://ifaace.nl/booksale> as from the 1st of August. You are not obliged to order and buy your books via ACE. You can also buy them in the shop, for example via the online bookstore of StudyStore <https://www.studystore.nl/>

Facebookgroup

Become a member of your Facebookgroup International Bachelor Arts and Culture Studies, class of 2020-2021: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ibacs2021/>

A final word

Hopefully we have informed you sufficiently about the start of your new study for now. Late August you will hear from us again, with an update about the introduction week and the start of the academic year.

Please note that it is our intention to have our education in full physical form at the latest by the third term which starts in February 2021. We anticipate that all students will be in Rotterdam by this point.

Until we see you either in person or over the internet, we hope you are able to stay safe and healthy and that you have a positive transition to Erasmus University Rotterdam.

We look forward to seeing you on the 31st of August!

Kind regards,

On behalf of the department Arts and Culture Studies
Drs. Mariëlle van Leeuwen, Student Advisor

More information for new students:

<https://www.eur.nl/en/eshcc/education/welcome-new-students>
Information 2020-2021: Academic calendar, timetables, student ID card etc.

<https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters>
Important practical information for international students.

<https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/contact>
Erasmus Student Service Centre: general questions, registration, studylink, payment tuition fee.

The Erasmus University supports students with a functional impairment such as ADHD, impairment in hearing, movement or vision, dyscalculia, dyslexia etc. For more information about the possibilities please visit the website

<https://www.eur.nl/en/education/practical-matters/advice-counselling/studying-functional-impairment>
Please also contact your student advisor!

Access to ICT-facilities and the ERNA account

Upon registration all students receive a so-called ERNA access code (user name/password combination). This ERNA code provides students with access to the EURnet (the Erasmus University network) and the Internet. Furthermore, students receive a 24EUR7 mailbox, calendar and network storage. The ERNA password can be changed, if desired.

We advise you to bring your ERNA credentials during the introduction days to be able to practise the educational systems.

Campus map:
<https://www.eur.nl/en/campus/locations/campus-woudestein>

Measures by Erasmus University Rotterdam regarding the coronavirus:
<https://www.eur.nl/en/news-calendar/corona>

For more **specific questions and advice** about the study programme, personal circumstances, binding study advice etc. you can contact the student advisor
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