

Gemeente Amsterdam


Internationalisation in Education

Amsterdam as an international city

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Amsterdam in numbers




1. 840.000 people live in the city of Amsterdam
2. 203.000 children 0-22
3. 1,7 million in the greater metropolitan area
4. Most diverse city in the world with 180 nationalities living here.




Educational facts and figures



Type of education	Number of schools	Number of students
Preschools	513	40.000
Primary education (4-12 years)	210	62.000
• Newcomerclasses	17 (37 classes)	550
Secondary education (12 - 16/18yrs)	70	40.000
• International bridging classes	2 (over 40 classes)	750
International schools	3	4.200
Lower/middle vocational education	5	35.000
Higher vocational education	4	110.000
University	2	



Historic background



- City of trade
- City of immigrants
- City of knowledge, arts and culture
- City of economical growth and innovation




The strength of Amsterdam and the surrounding region is built upon four pillars:



1. Its position as a business hub;
2. Sustainable urban development;
3. Active citizenship and participation;
4. Knowledge development and innovation.

The European Strategy for Amsterdam focuses on further strengthening these four pillars over the coming years.




1. Amsterdam Business hub:

- 2700 international companies, including approximately 460 international headquarters.
- A strong network of financial and corporate services.
- 19% of employees (150,000) work for international companies.

2. Sustainable urban development

1. Highest % of internet users in Amsterdam
2. New technology like 3D printing programs
3. Climate neutral construction of buildings




3. Citizenship and participation

1. A diverse population, 180 nationalities.
2. A culture of transparency: an attractive city without an excessive number of barriers.
3. Livable and safe: Amsterdam presently holds 12th position in the top 25 of world cities with the best quality of living.

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- Cultural education
- Active and global citizenship

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4. Knowledge and innovation

1. A highly educated workforce with broad language skills
2. Two universities and many research institutes
3. Recognition of the value of business start-ups and (new) enterprises

Education

- Language education
- Connecting education institutes and the labour market
- 21st century skills

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Internationalisation in Education

- More and earlier foreign-language teaching
- An international curriculum
- International experience and exchanges.



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Amsterdam approach


- Extra investment of 1.7 million for the next three years

First year, focus on primary education

- A core group of committed schools working together
- Next: many schools in primary and secondary education give internationalisation a permanent position in their education
- Goal: all students experience internationalisation

- Facilitating growth of international schools

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Today

Innovative ways of education *Creativity*

Adaptive thinking

- How can we stimulate the exchange of knowledge and skills for internationalization between schools, students and (international) enterprises?
- What will be the agenda on internationalisation for the coming years and what are our possibilities to collaborate?

