The Netherlands – Visa Requirements

Holders of a valid U.S. passport do not need a visa for visits up to 90 days. Your passport should have a validity that exceeds your intended stay by at least three months.

Students: if you are staying longer than 90 days, you may apply for your student visa while in the Netherlands or prior to your departure from the U.S.

Please click the following link and choose, USA, as your country, then click all the tabs to see what is required of you: http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/how-to-prepare/checklist/visas-and-permits/student-visa-wizard

Residence permit

US citizens who intend to stay in the Netherlands for a period longer than 90 days need to apply for a temporary residence permit (called ‘VTV’, Vergunning Tijdelijk Verblijf).

To apply, you will need:

- Valid U.S. passport
- Evidence of financial means during your stay (bank statement or letter by your parents)
- Original acceptance letter from your host university
- Fees paid

Students may be asked to take a tuberculosis exam as well. You might also need:

- Proof of housing
- 2 passport photos
- Proof of insurance
- Plane tickets/reservations

Even if you are planning to apply once you arrive in the Netherlands, you will need to plan ahead and bring these items with you. Your host university will apply for a residence permit for you within 5 days of your arrival, but it is up to you to follow through and ensure that the paperwork is completed.

If you are applying for your visa before leaving for the Netherlands, you must schedule an appointment with the nearest Dutch embassy (Chicago). The appointment can be made online: http://dc.the-netherlands.org/the-embassy/schedule-your-appointment.html

You may want to call and double check that you need to come in person.

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