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MSc Civil Engineering
TU Delft



Preface

Hey U! A very warm welcome to the Master's Programme and Delft! Starting the TU Delft journey can be daunting and at times, extremely overwhelming. But fret not, U-BASE is there for you! This booklet was written to provide general information about starting life at TU Delft.

It is important to note that this is **not** an official booklet of the university. This booklet was created as an initiative of the Commissioner of Education of Board 10 and has since been maintained and edited by successive Boards. While this is not an official TUD guide it is something a bit more personal - a little piece of advice from one generation of students to the next. So if U find something more useful that should be in this booklet, we're open to suggestions.

If you have any questions about the booklet, please contact one of the U-BASE board members. For further information about the courses, contact the track coordinators: Oguzhan Copuroglu for Structural & Materials, and either Roel Schipper or Ajay Jagadeesh for Structural Engineering.

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Academics

COLLEGERAMA

Did you miss a lecture because of bad weather or did your bike break down? Or maybe you just didn't feel like attending? Don't worry! Collegerama has you covered. Click the following link to visit the website, select your faculty under the Playback lectures and then go to the MSc CIE (New Master Programme) to revisit your lectures. You can scroll through the existing list to see which courses have been recorded.

Pro Tip: A few courses also have recordings from previous years. You can check them out if a new lecture is poorly recorded.

Link to Collegerama website: https://collegerama.nl/watch-lectures/

BRIGHTSPACE

This is where you register for a course, see all the past courses that you have registered for, receive all the announcements from professors, and access all the assignments and course materials.

Link to Brightspace: http://brightspace.tudelft.nl/

Link to General info:
https://www.tudelft.nl/en/student/my-study-me/study-tools/brightspace

MY TIMETABLE

This is where you can access the Timetable for all the courses. Note that you don't have to be registered for a course to see its timetable. Visit the My Timetable link and make sure to Log In at the top-right corner. Click on "Add Timetable," then "Course". Search for the course of your choice, then click "Add Timetables". Once added, you can see their Timetable on your MyTUDelft App.

Link to My Timetable: https://mytimetable.tudelft.nl/

Pro Tip: You also want to add the Programme of Study. This way, you can see the extra sessions that you can attend such as Module/Track info sessions. Follow the same procedure as above, and instead of adding a "Course", choose to add "Programme of Study", followed by "CEG Master Civil Engineering Y1 (2026/2027)". Then choose your preferred track.

MY TU DELFT APP & PULSE:

These apps are available on the Play Store. MyTUDelft is your go-to app for checking your timetable and classroom information. You can also register for your exam via the app, check your grades, and study progress (no. of ECs earned). The Pulse App is a more concise version of Brightspace that lets you receive notifications whenever a new announcement is posted on the course page. You can also view the course slides as soon as they are uploaded to Brightspace.

Link to MyTUDelft App on the Play Store:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nl.caci.osiris.student.tud
Link to Pulse on the Play Store:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.d2l.brightspace.student.android

COURSE REGISTRATION

Visit the Link to Brightspace. Click on Discover. Make sure to Log In at the top right corner. Search for the course you're interested in. Select the course and then click on Enroll. You can then launch the course to see the announcements. You can see that you've registered for this course on the "My Home" tab of Brightspace. For Quarter 1, make sure you are registered for both "CEGM1000: MUDE" and "CIEM0000: Programme BASE".

Pro Tip 1: You can also register for the previous year's Brightspace page of the same courses. That way, you can access the materials and examinations distributed in previous years.

Pro Tip 2: There are also a few important pages you might want to register for and keep an eye on for general information. The following are a few:

Master Civil Engineering
CE Master Track Structural Engineering
Master programme Civil Engineering and Geosciences
CIEM0400 Thesis Preparation

EXAM REGISTRATION

If you're an international student then this is very important! TU Delft requires you to register for any exam. Only if you're registered will you be allowed to take the exam. Registration typically opens 8 weeks before the exam. However, you can register only until 14 calendar days before the examination date. After this deadline, you will be placed on a waiting list. Please note that the Professors will **NOT** announce during the lectures that the registration is open. It's up to you to register!

Pro Tip: Don't forget to remind your friends to register for the exams too! Always carry your TU Delft ID card for your exams. It is recommended to set up a quarterly reminder on your calendar for registration for the exams! You must also register for the resits!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN EXAM?

Visit the MyTUDelft website or the App. Look for the option "Enrol". Then select the option "Test". Search for your course and enrol.

Pro Tip: You should receive an email confirming your registration for the examination of the selected course.

Link to MyTUDelft website: https://my.tudelft.nl/home

PRINTING ON CAMPUS:

Printers are available on campus everywhere. Either download the Campus Print app or use the Print Portal to get access to printers. Log in to your account, add credit and there you go.

SOFTWARES:

As a student of TU Delft, you get free access to Microsoft Office 365. You also get a student licence to various other useful softwares such as Maple, Ansys and Diana, which you will be using during your course of studies.

Pro Tip: You will have to use your Net ID and password to register to the Microsoft Office in the following website.

Link to General info:
https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/mijn-studie-ik/studietools/software

Link to softwares: https://software.tudelft.nl/

Link to Microsoft Office 365: http://portal.office.com/

EUROPEAN CREDITS (EC) SYSTEM

The Modern Migration Policy Act (MoMi) is the Dutch immigration law. It requires all non-EU/EEA students with a residence permit for study at TU Delft to achieve sufficient study progress (50%) every academic year. TU Delft is obliged to monitor your study progress.

Is your study progress not sufficient? Then TU Delft must report this to the IND. Consequently, your residence permit for study may be revoked.

No matter what, make sure you get 30 EC's by the end of your 1st Year, unless you have a valid reason.

Life beyond Academics

BUIENRADAR - THE WEATHER APP

The Dutch weather is unpredictable. You can get reliable information about what to expect from the Buienradar app. It's available on the Play Store!

Link to the Play Store App:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.supportware.Buienradar

Link to the website:
https://www.buienradar.nl/

Pro Tip: Don't always trust the weather app. It's recommended to have a raincoat handy! (Umbrellas might not be the best idea considering the roaring Dutch winds)

GROCERIES:

Are you on a budget? Some supermarkets offer the same groceries at lower prices than others. So, explore all to find what you like the best. Here is a list of supermarkets you may want to visit: Albert Heijn, Jumbo, Lidl, and Aldi are a few. Almost all the supermarkets offer some discounts if you create an account on their website. You can benefit by using their apps.

There is also a supermarket on campus: SPAR University TUD

The Thursday and Saturday markets in the main square of Delft are also worth visiting if you're looking for fresh produce or vintage items.

TRAVEL:

Travelling in the Netherlands might feel overwhelming but hey they say if you can find your way in a new country on your own, you can find your way through almost anything. Use the following apps to plan your journey well - 9292 & NS.

Pro Tip: If you're a frequent traveller, then check out the following link to view various subscriptions offered by NS. Take note of the off-peak hours, or you will be subject to a penalty! https://www.ns.nl/abonnementen/

FIETS

It's time to get you a fiets! In the Netherlands your fiets is your second pair of feet - with wheels. Some people buy their first bike from the IP sale. However, me, myself, and I (Board 12 here) wouldn't recommend it, as better deals are usually found elsewhere. There are a plenty of bikes going around for under 100 euros on Marktplaats, at bike shops (ncluding the one right outside IDE) or sometimes even through your building's group chat.

If buying a bike the moment you arrive feels like too big a commitment don't worry, you can rent a Swapfiets and get a feel for cycling and decide later whether you want to get your own.

Do you want to pump up your bike tyre? All faculty buildings have pumps at their entrance desks. Or visit X. Ask for a bike pump at the reception. You will have to use your Student ID card to get one! There is also a motor pump at the Delft station (underground at the Parking location), which is free to use and even more handy.

Pro Tip: Keep a puncture-repair kit handy and be prepared to repair your own bike!

ACCOMODATION

Did you secure your housing via DUWO? Well and good! But if you want to find a house/room by yourself, it can get pretty difficult. Start by registering for the WhatsApp and Facebook groups. Spread the word among your friends that you're looking for a room. Keep an eye out. Beware of the scams!

LEARNING DUTCH

Those who want to move past "ik ben een appel" and learn the language, maybe even master the Dutch "G" sound, can enrol in the Dutch Elementary course (via Brightspace). The course runs every quarter, and registration begins before each quarter. There is an entrance test as well for which chapters 1 and 2 of the course book need to be studied. Those who pass the entrance test can enrol for the actual course wm1115TU via Brightspace. There is usually a wait list for people who pass the test but don't get in immediately, those people get priority for the next quarter.

For more info visit:
https://www.tudelft.nl/en/tpm/itav/education/dutch-courses/tu-delft-students/msc-bsc-and-exchange-students

EMERGENCY:

Hopefully, you'll never need them, but it's always good to know where to turn incase of an emergency. Here are some useful contacts and resources to keep handy:
https://www.tudelft.nl/en/student/my-study-me/counselling/contact-in-emergency-crisis

U-BASE Study Association

Whilst you're putting in your best efforts to obtain your degree, it is important to not only be occupied with studies and frequently take time off to relax. By becoming a member of U-BASE, you will have the opportunity to participate in many fun activities with fellow students.

U-BASE is an abbreviation for "United Building and Structural Engineering Association", and it is the student association for master students of Construction Materials and Structural Engineering at the Civil Engineering faculty of the Delft University of Technology. U-BASE was established in September 2015 as the result of a merger of three former MSc study associations: U-dispuut, CST-dispuut, and Betondispuut. At U-BASE we aim to make your time as an MSc student unforgettable. We are here to bring you in contact with your fellow students so that studying is easier, but mainly so you will make a whole lot of new friends. Also bringing students and teachers closer together and improving education is one of our goals. And finally bringing students and companies together for future job opportunities is important to us.

We offer our members a wide range of activities throughout the year. To bring students and companies together we organise excursions, lunch lectures and a yearly recruitment dinner. U-BASE also organises social activities throughout the year, a short U-BASE trip in fall and an international trip during summer break. To bring students and teachers closer together, we organise Coffee and Cake Breaks where they can exchange information about courses, exams, graduation, or research. Also, course evaluation and improvement are among our core activities in education.

Committees

Committees are the heart of U-BASE. As a member, you're given the opportunity to join a wide range of committees. A committee is a group of students who help the association by creating fun and interesting content and activities for other students to participate in. During the Committee Interest Drinks, an overview of all committees U-BASE contains will be given. After these drinks, we hope you have a general impression and can make a well-informed decision about whether to join a committee you like. Already interested in joining a committee? Take a look at our website: https://u-base.org/about-us/committees/current-committees for more information!

The BASE

Our office (called 'BASE') is located in Stevinlab II (room S2.1.35) of the Civil Engineering faculty. Here students can relax between lectures and meet up with their fellow students. Upcoming events and company information are also shared here. Our door is always open for students, teachers and companies to come by for a visit. So if you are interested in becoming a member or have any questions, don't hesitate to come by and say hi!



Other useful links:

U-BASE website: https://www.u-BASE.org/

https://www.tudelft.nl/en/student/my-study-me/education

Study guide (offers information about each module):
https://www.studiegids.tudelft.nl/

Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER) and Rules and Guidelines Board of Examiners (R&G):
https://www.tudelft.nl/studenten/faculteiten/citg-studentenportal/onderwijs/onderwijsinformatie/educational-rules-and-regulations

Academic Year calendar :
https://filelist.tudelft.nl/Studentenportal/Centraal/Mijn%20studie%20_%20ik/Onderwijs/Academische%20jaarindeling/Academische%20Jaarindeling%202026-2027.pdf

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