



# **Higher Education & Studying in The Netherlands**

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## Introducing myself.....

- Educational background: MSc Management Science and BEng (Mechanical Engineering) – Twente University and Enschede University of Applied Sciences
- Started with a PhD, but didnt pursue it (1999)
- Current profession: Freelance Certified Management Consultant / Project Manager / Trainer & Part-time Lecturer / Thesis Coach/Supervisor
  - Have worked at 4 Universities (of Applied Sciences) in Netherlands (approx 25 years) (lecturing, research, thesis supervisor) and have worked for NUFFIC
  - Worked with international students for many years (Erasmus programme, exchange programmes, etc

- Established a Master programme in Yemen (MPA) and supported European Humanitarian University (Lithuania/Belarus - MPP) based on Dutch expertise (when working for Leiden University and PBLQ Dutch Institute for Public Administration)
  
- More than 10 years experience in (international) capacity building and institutional development of governments/public sector in more than 10 countries



Approx. 3.000 km

AMSTERDAM

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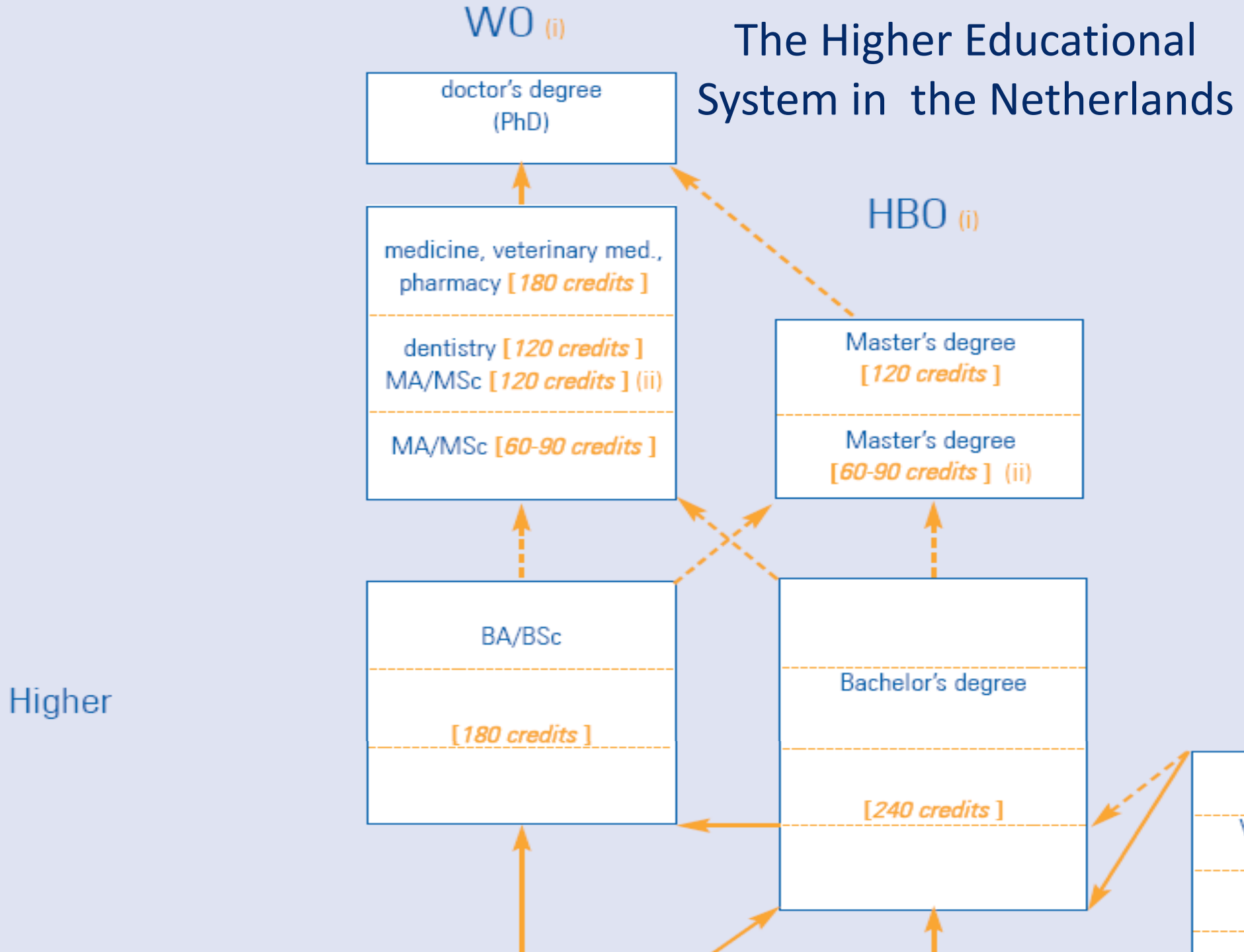
175 km....



17,1 million people

41.526 sq km

# The Higher Educational System in the Netherlands



## Some characteristics of (Higher) Education in the Netherlands

- Accessible for many (within NL, but also internationally), regardless background, income, social situation, etc
  - Public educational system
  - Vertical and horizontal movement within higher education
  - Scholarships (by Dutch government)
- Dutch education is competency based (with lots of opportunities for practice, case studies, internship, thesis research); technical knowledge is important, but emphasis on development of character, motivation and attitude:
  - Critical thinking
  - Asking questions
  - Pro-active
  - Problem solving skills
- Strict with diploma recognition

## Universities in the Netherlands (2018):

- 14 Universities (public)+ 4 private (religious) financed + 1 (business) financed
  - 10 Generic Universities: Leiden, Groningen, Amsterdam (2x: UvA + VU), Rotterdam, Utrecht, Tilburg, Nijmegen, Groningen, Maastricht (PBL)
  - 3 Technical Universities: Delft, Eindhoven en Twente
  - 1 University for Agriculture, Food and living environment: Wageningen
- 4 Religious Universities (Christian and RK)
- 1 Business University: Nyenrode

### Tuition fees:

- Tuition fee regular for bachelor programmes (2018): € 2.060 / academic year
- Tuition fee for Master-programmes: decided by the Universities themselves (also depending on citizenship)



# Universities of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands (2018):

## Higher Education:

- 39 Universities for Applied Sciences (professional bachelors) - comparable with the UK Polytechnics
- Higher Technical and Vocational Education: emphasis on application of knowledge, practice, internship, thesis research
- In many regions

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# Relevant organisations for studying in higher education in the Netherlands

## Ministry of Education, Culture & Science

### Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO) = Educational Implementation Agency

DUO is the Governments' Educational Implementation Agency. DUO finances and informs students/participants and educational institutions and organises exams

**NUFFIC** (Internationalisation in Education): <https://www.nuffic.nl/en>

**Studielink**: to enrol in a study programme: <https://app.studielink.nl/front-office/#52>

Check the website of your **preferred University**



Universiteit Leiden

**IGLON**

# Some practical points

## **Tuition fees:**

Note that EU-citizenship could play a major role in the tuition fee

- students (EU): tuition = € 2.060 / year
- students (outside EU) = € 8.000 / year - € 15.000 (master/1 yr)

**Be aware of housing problems (esp during July/August)**

**Language: Dutch / English**