



## Student Exchange Program

### About Fontys

Fontys Academy for Creative Industries (Fontys ACI) in Tilburg, The Netherlands has 1750 students working towards a Bachelor of Business Administration (International Event, Music & Entertainment Studies and Digital Publishing Studies), a Bachelor of Communication (International Event, Music & Entertainment Studies) or a Bachelor of Lifestyle (International Lifestyle Studies).

Fontys ACI is part of Fontys University of Applied Sciences. Fontys accommodates over 40,000 students and about 4,000 staff members; the largest university of applied sciences in the south of the Netherlands (main campuses are located in Venlo, Eindhoven and Tilburg).

### Exchange Program

JMC students will undertake a ten-unit ACI International Event, Music and Entertainment Studies program. EBM students seeking to transfer credit for their ACI studies to their JMC degree must successfully complete the four ACI units in the chart below in order to be awarded credit for the corresponding JMC units.

Fontys ACI units	JMC Academy units	JMC trimester
Live Entertainment	ENT 307: Tour and Performance Management	4
Strategic Communication Management	ENT 402: Entrepreneurship and the Creative Industries	5
Trend-watching	ENT 401: The Reinvention of "Cool"	5
Events	ENT 306: Project and Events Management	4

In addition, students will select 6 of the following half-semester (five-week) subjects:

- Strategic Communication Management
- Imagineering & Concepting
- Creativity & Personality
- Effective Marketing Communication
- Popular Culture
- Event & Sales
- Music
- Radio & TV
- TV Channel Brand Management
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Trend-watching
- Radio Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Live Entertainment
- Special Project

### Pre-Requisites:

This program is available for Entertainment Business Management students only. Students must

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have completed at least two trimesters of study at JMC Academy prior to commencing the exchange program.

Students who have already completed some of the JMC units listed above (ie.T4 units) may still participate in the program if they choose to only receive credit for the units not already taken. This will extend their overall course duration by one trimester.

**Campus:**

Fontys ACI is located on the university's Tilburg campus. The address is Prof. Goossenslaan 1-04, Building P3, Tilburg; The Netherlands (click [here](#) for a Google map).

The campus is located on the outskirts of Tilburg and is serviced by good bus connections and safe cycling routes. The Arts cluster is situated in the centre of the city.

Fontys and Tilburg University attract many students to Tilburg, with more than 25,000 students studying in the city.

Tilburg is approximately 90 minutes from Amsterdam, 4 hours from Paris and close to the Belgian and German borders. The Netherlands is the gateway to Europe!

**Tuition fees:**

JMC Academy students will continue to pay their normal tuition fees to JMC Academy for the trimester that they are on exchange. No further tuition fees are payable for the exchange program.

**Financial Support:**

JMC Academy has applied for a set of Australian government International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) grants that can be used for accommodation and living expenses. The maximum grant is \$5,000 per student and should cover approximately half of the trip expenses, depending on lifestyle. In the event that you are selected to participate in the program, you will be given the opportunity to apply for this funding. Based on the terms of ISEP funding, students who can demonstrate financial hardship will receive priority consideration. Students eligible for Youth Allowance can find further information about receiving payments while outside Australia [here](#).

**Living Costs:**

Students can expect general living expenses to amount to approximately €800-1,000 per month. This amount includes accommodation rental, food, transport and personal expenses. The program is approximately four months long. Also see, <http://www.studyinholland.nl/>.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation can be arranged by Fontys through their housing agencies. All student accommodations are well located, safe and have comfortable fully furnished rooms. You will always live together with other international students of Fontys ACI, which from our experience is a very sociable way of living. Successful applicants will receive more information about student housing from the JMC International services office and then the Fontys ACI international team.

If you choose to arrange your accommodation on your own, you also have to arrange all practical matters yourself. This is generally NOT advised due to a lack of safe and comfortable housing for

international students, but JMC students have managed to do this in the past. It is possible, but it can be quite time-consuming and possibly problematic.

**Visas:**

All students from outside Europe will require Residence Permits. In addition to Residence Permits, students from countries other than Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Vatican City, United States of America or South Korea will also need Entry Visas. Students may not apply for their own Entry Visas and/or Residence Permits. Fontys will secure these on their behalf. For more information visit: <http://fontys.edu/Bachelors-masters/Preparing-your-stay/Visa-information.htm>

**Insurance:**

Insurance is mandatory for students who need an entry visa and/or residence permit. Purchasing insurance is therefore part of the immigration procedure and Fontys will arrange it on students' behalf.

**Dates:**

Applications for the September program close on **28<sup>th</sup> August 2017**.

The program will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Students are recommended to arrive in the Netherlands at least one week prior to commencement to attend orientation. *Students should return to Australia for the June trimester no later than 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.* This is week 2 of the JMC Academic calendar. Students who arrive later will need permission from their Head of Department to commence the June trimester, or defer to September. Students who receive information contrary to the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 return date must contact JMC's International Services office.

Please note that due to the examination schedule of Fontys ACI, students may be limited in their choice of study units.

**For more information:** Visit <http://www.fontysaci.com>

**To apply:**

You can speak to your Head of Department or contact the JMC Academy International Services Division:

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T: 03-9624-2929 (and ask for International)