Grading

- Grading scale: 1 - 10
  (very poor - outstanding)
- A 6 is a pass, an 8 is excellent, a 9 is awarded 1.5 of cases and a 10 is awarded 0.5% of the time.
- Cum Laude: A total average of grade 8 with no grade lower than a 7 and finishing the course on time.
- Assessment is on the basis of class participation, oral presentations or assignments, a written paper or a final examination.
- Plagiarism/cheating is taken very seriously in The Netherlands.
Credits

- Student workload is measured in ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits.
- One credit = 28 hours of study work.
- 60 credits = one year of full-time study.
- 40 hours of study per week is expected.

Language

- Masters programs are taught in English.
- The Institute of Technology and Communication provides Dutch language courses for foreigners.
mobile phone options

1. Contract / plan (needs a bank acc.)
   - voice only plan    min €3.00 / m
   - voice + data      min €15.00 / m

2. pre-paid SIM card
   - pay for what you use
   - more expensive per minute

If you didn’t bring your cellphone, a basic phone will cost about €15, or you can sign a contract that includes a free phone.

Telecom operators in Delft
Tele2 - in the Survival Cafe
Others - all located in Delft Central
BelCompany, Telfort,
The Phone House, T-mobile,
KPN , Hi, Vodafone,
Telefoonkopen
The internet

In DUWO housing
- Bring an Ethernet cable
- Purchase one from BCC (€5 for 2m)  
  *(They run out quite fast...)*

On campus
- TU Delft has excellent wireless coverage, be sure to bring your laptop.
- Visit the IT room after your registration to get help configuring your laptop.
- Make sure to bring an adapter - two round pins (230 V, 50 Hz)
Dutch Cultural Facts:

The Dutch love to...
1. Be on time and honour appointments *(afspraak is afspraak, stipt op tijd).*
2. Ride their bicycle's; everywhere!
3. Help you out and will generally speak English very well
4. Eat a sandwich *(boterham)* or bread roll *(broodje)* for lunch
5. Drink many cups of coffee *(koffie)* a day with a cookie *(koekje)*
6. Be direct and speak their minds
7. Prefer a firm handshake
Crash Course Dutch

1. hallo! hello!
2. hoi! hi!
3. ja [yah] yes
4. nee [nay] no
5. lekker [leh-ker] nice/tasty
6. graag (yes) please
7. bier [beer] beer
8. fiets [feets] bike
9. doei [do-e-j] see ya
10. alsjeblieft here you go / please [a(w)l-stew-bleeft]
11. dankjewel thank you [donk-yeh-well]
Attractions

Within Delft
New Church
Royal Delft
kobus kuch (Restaurant)
  *Try their apple pie*

Near Delft
Zaanse Schans Windmill Village
The Hague (Den Haag)
Madurodam
keukenhof tulip garden

Supermarkets

- C1000 *Bastiaansplein 135*
- Aldi *Papsouwselaan 1*
The Dutch
Johannes Vermeer (*below*)
van Gogh (*bottom*)
Freddy Heineken (*right*)
@TU
- Eat at the canteen rather than home. Big queues? Take the chance to chat while waiting!
- Go to local happy hours/Friday nights/parties!
- Join a study group or a hobby association!

@home
- When you see someone collecting their mail or parking their bikes, ask a question that shows you’re new in town e.g. ‘Where is the local supermarket?’
- Break the ice with a ‘kitchen/bathroom smalltalk’ and get to know your roommates!
key
- Try the most popular Smalltalk ‘Bike smalltalk’

‘Do you have a bike? Where did you buy it? I’ve searched everywhere for a used one and still haven’t found anything! My feet are killing me!’
- Keep in mind that a Dutch will really appreciate a strong handshake and eye contact!

Managing with groups
- Speak English even when among people from your country! This way you’re accessible to others and you don’t make them feel uncomfortable! You want to be ... popular, right?
Get a Dutch buddy!
- Finding a Dutch friend especially a senior student can be really useful!
- Who’s gonna translate your phone company messages and cleaning product labels for you?

Build a network!
- Hard time remembering names? End discussions by asking for contact details: e-mail/fb/skype etc. Start creating your network!
- What’s the worst that can happen anyway?
3 Main forms of transportation

Trains

*Type 1: Intercity - faster / less stops*
*Type 2: Sprinter - slower / more stops*

- fast travel between Delft and other cities, as well as internationally.
- Schiphol Airport: get off at Den Haag or Leiden then board train to Delft. There is no direct route. (~€8.90)
- Automatic ticket teller at every station: Coins / Maestro cards Only (English avail.)
- Ticket counters exist at major stations
- Conductors spot-check tickets.
- Use 9292.nl or ns.nl to plan your trip.

- For frequent travellers, purchase an ov-chipkaart (€7.50). It can be used with trains, buses and trems.
Bus
Useful bus routes within Delft
- Ikea from TU: 81, 80
- Train Station (Delft) from TU: 121, 60
- Tickets can be purchased from the driver. (~€1.60 cash)

Bike
- Bike lanes exist on every street in Delft.
- Nobody wears a helmet.
- Put a light on the front / back of the bike.
- Double lock your bike to prevent theft.
- City bikes are a lot more popular than mountain bikes, as the Netherlands is flat.
- A list of bike shops in delft Bike Shops
- Secondhand bike shops Secondhand Bike Shops
- A used bike costs ~€70 - 100
- A new bike costs ~€150+