

Press release

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Avans once again the best in the Netherlands

Avans University of Applied Sciences has been proclaimed the best major university of applied sciences in the Netherlands. Every year, the Dutch Centre for Higher Education Information examines the quality of higher education in the Full-time Higher Professional Education Options Guide 2012. Avans was also awarded the title of best university of applied sciences in the Netherlands last year. The international study programmes of Avans are amongst the best in the Netherlands.

The Options Guide is aimed at pupils who are looking for information on study programmes. The guide contains the very latest information and quality assessments for all higher professional education study programmes. Avans University of Applied Sciences is described in the new Options Guide as 'large and reliable'. Avans has proven that operating on a large scale is no impediment to the provision of excellent quality. Avans scored significantly higher than the other universities of applied sciences, and even managed to improve on last year's performance.

Top-level international study programmes

The International Business and Management Studies programme offered at Avans University of Applied Sciences in Breda triumphed once again as the best programme of its kind in the Netherlands. The International Business & Languages programme at 's-Hertogenbosch was rated second at a national level. Other areas in which Avans scores highly are its economic, social, technical and art programmes. Twelve Avans study programmes were rated the best in the Netherlands.

Paul Rupp, Chairman of the Executive Board of Avans University of Applied Sciences, stated that he was particularly delighted to see Avans hold on to the top spot in the rankings with even better results than last year. 'Our performance as a community has been excellent. What's more, we are faced with the challenge of improving still further over the coming year'.

Avans is evolving

Avans has recently extended its portfolio even further with two new international study programmes: Finance and Control and International Maintenance Management. The university of applied sciences is also keen to continue to identify new partner institutes around the world. As Avans is growing, more partner institutes are needed to offer students the possibility to study for a semester. It is easier to find partners now that Avans is considered the leading university of applied sciences in the Netherlands. Exchanging knowledge with other countries also helps to improve even further. Avans has recently concluded covenants with renowned business schools in Taipei and Moscow.

Avans University of Applied Sciences is one of the larger institutes of higher professional education in the Netherlands. Avans has 25,000 students and almost 2,200 employees spread over its locations in Breda, Den Bosch and Tilburg. Avans offers international and English-taught study programmes in a range of disciplines, such as economics, science and technology and ICT.

More information can be found on the website: www.studyatavans.com

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