When it comes to autumn in Holland, many people will put on their windproof jacket while they are going out. Frankly speaking, the weather in the autumn can be quite bad due to wind and rain. It’s common that cloudy days last for a whole week. However, the beauty of natural scenery will definitely give you a big surprise. In October or November, the color of leaves is on its way from green to yellow and red so that everything in your eyes will be filled with these two colors. The ground covered with countless fallen leaves is just like a comfortable handmade carpet. Therefore, forget about the disappointing weather, run out of the house and embrace the fabulous autumn in Holland!
Joint Master Project (JMP)
Finding your way

The Joint Master Project is a course offered by the IDE faculty, which students from all the three master programs take (Design for Interaction (DFI), Integrated Product Design (IPD) and Strategic Product Design (SPD)). The project is done in the first semester of the second year, in a group of 4 to 6 students and the project accounts for 12ECTS. Preferably, each group contains two students from each master programme, but the nature of the proposed projects could also determine the group composition.

Preparing for JMP

The best time to start preparing for JMP is in your first year of the MSc. This is because, often, the first year of your MSc program is a period when you explore how your interests match your courses. It is also a time to reflect on what motivates, inspires and gives you satisfaction because during the various lectures you will be attending, you will sometimes listen to guest lecturers or alumni who will tell you about projects they have executed and the role your MSc programme or specialization choice plays in such projects. Since JMP is executed in a group, this group often consists of students with similar interests. Therefore, identifying your interests is a very important step in preparing for JMP.

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Building your team

In addition to discussing project interests with fellow students in order to build a team of students with similar interests, it is also advisable to explore personal contacts. The first year of the master program often brings us into groups with different students. One of the advantages of these prior projects and assignments is, it helps to discover possible collaboration with various students you have worked with on one project or the other. In addition to that, you can explore your contacts on the various social media like LinkedIn and Facebook. You might also want to build your team by joining Facebook groups with potential JMP students (you could also start one). Another way to put together your team is to attend various JMP preparatory events often put together by the Industrial design Study Association. These events help you to have first hand information about JMP and it could also be a place where you can meet potential team members.

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Working with Tutor, Critic and Company

The project team is assisted by one or two company staff members, who look after the company’s interests, and two faculty staff members, who are responsible for the quality of the design process and support the group process. It is advisable to always be explicit about your ideas and present them in way that is easy to understand. Carry your tutor, critic and company supervisors along at every step of your project. And finally, clearly state every step of your design process in the report you are expected to present at various stages of the Joint master project.

At the end of JMP it is expected, among other things, that you will have learnt to turn the interests and goals of the company, and the interests of society and future users, into a materialized form of a product; learnt the practical application of group dynamics; gained insight into the use of methods and techniques for product innovation and product development. Hopefully, you would have also had a lot of fun. Like the Dutch would say, goed gevolg!!!
Cool spots at IDE

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Jean - SPD 2nd year master
“I think most people are familiar with the ground floor and first floor of the faculty, but I find the space (ID-StudioLab, on the second floor) also interesting as you will jump into a lot of exhibitions!”

PMB
Marta - IPD 2nd year master
“I am a prototyping girl, it is like an amusement park for me, I like to spend time in the workshop, especially when other places are crowded with people. Here you have a lot of cool machines you can use, you can even use the spare materials that are left inside the containers. I would recommend people to come here and explore, there are endless possibilities!”

Secret corner at JMP studio
Rick - IPD 2nd year master
“This is really a cool place no one knows here, when you go through the JMP studios you suddenly notice this corner. See those chairs? I don’t know who put them here, but it is really cool!”

Red couch
Suwen - IPD 1st year master
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Baseline corner
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New dean at the faculty of IDE

On 1 September 2012 Ena Voûte (50) started as the new dean of TU Delft’s Industrial Design Engineering faculty. Ena Voûte returns to her alma mater: she studied Industrial Design Engineering at TU Delft. In the 90s she worked for Unilever, where she developed global brands and marketing strategies for products such as Magnum. At the start of this century, she was an innovation consultant for Altuïtion. During the last nine years she worked for Philips Consumer Lifestyle and oversaw the launch of the financial comparison site Independer as its marketing director, and worked as an innovation consultant for Altuïtion. During the last nine years she worked for Philips Consumer Lifestyle and Lighting in a variety of global roles.

Ena Voûte succeeds Cees de Bont, who was IDE faculty Dean from April 2005 until February 2012. Cees de Bont is now dean of Industrial Design at Hongkong Polytechnic University.

Spring start
The faculty of IDE is looking forward to welcoming a new batch of international students in February! The group of new international students that start in February is always a bit smaller than the group that starts in September but every year the number of applications grows for the Spring semester. Students that start in the Spring semester take the same courses as the students that start in the Fall semester (but in a different order). There is also a group of Dutch students that start their MSc in February. At this moment, the faculty of Industrial Design Engineering is the only faculty at Delft University of Technology (DUT) with a Spring semester start for international students of all of its MSc programmes. Other MSc programmes (at different faculties) that have a Spring Semester start are MSc Marine Technology and some special MSc programmes where students only spend a part of their studies in Delft. All faculties at DUT welcome international exchange students in February.

New: Spring introduction programme!
Starting this February DUT will also offer an Introduction Programme especially for new international (MSc and exchange) students that start in Spring semester. In the past years there only was an introduction programme for new international DUT students that start in Fall. The Spring introduction programme will take place in the week before the semester starts (5-8 February) and will consist of an airport pickup, a group project and registration. The introduction programme will end on February 8th with the Faculty Introduction Day (called Meet IDE) where students will receive a lot of (practical) information about studying at the faculty of IDE.

MSc Opening Week (GPS)
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See you in February!
Willemine Biemond

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