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EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES  
STUDYING IN AMSTERDAM

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# UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

## A world-class education

Founded on a tradition of highly integrated academics, the University of Amsterdam enjoys a global reputation for cutting-edge research, high-quality teaching and a broad range of degree programmes. Our open, tolerant and international academic tradition dates back to 1632, and continues strongly today thanks to our thriving community of independent thinkers. Now, with more than 31,000 students, we are considered one of the best research universities in the world. We strive for excellence in teaching and research, and are proud to offer you one of the largest selections of English-taught programmes in continental Europe.

## Coming on exchange

We participate in an extensive network of European and global partner universities to facilitate student exchanges and help you broaden your horizon. If you are an ambitious student at one of our partner universities, we encourage you to participate in a challenging and inspiring academic exchange programme at the UvA. During your time with us you will learn new analytical and problem solving skills, embark on interesting subjects that may not be offered at your home university, enhance your interest in global issues and extend your knowledge of the world.

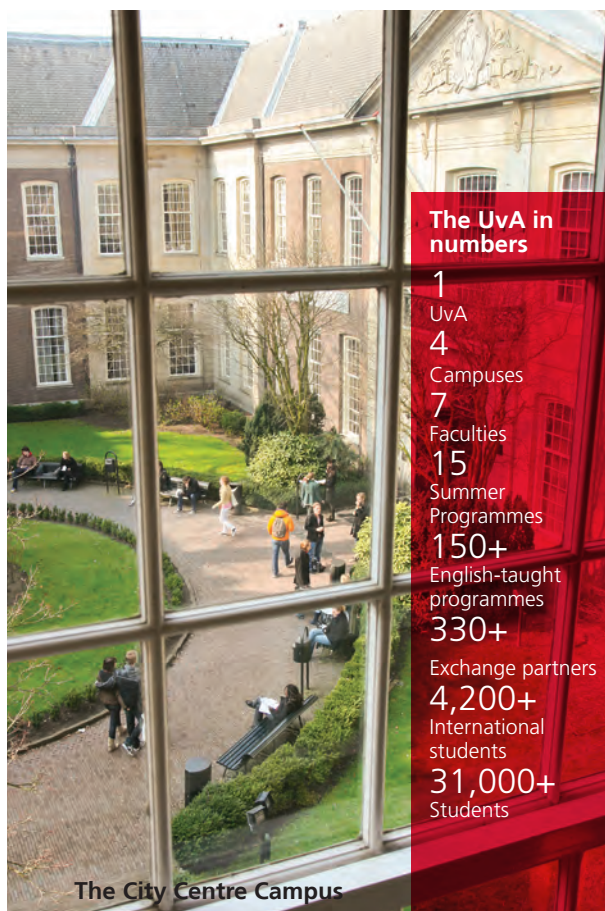
## Studying in Amsterdam

Amsterdam provides an ideal environment for academic study. As the capital city with a population over 810.000 inhabitants Amsterdam is the financial, creative and cultural heart of the Netherlands. It is also home to numerous (international) companies, institutions and museums. The city boasts beautiful architecture and more than 160 canals, lending Amsterdam its unique and charming historical ambience. The people of Amsterdam are easy going and welcoming to foreigners since English is the city's second language. Getting around is easy using the extensive public transport

system, or you can explore the city by bike, discovering places where no cars, buses or trams can take you.

## The city as a campus

The UvA is comprised of four campuses nestled in the city of Amsterdam. Classes are held in quaint old buildings or in new buildings with state-of-the-art study facilities and research labs. On our campuses, traditional boundaries dissolve, students and researchers connect, disciplines converge, and businesses, governments and knowledge institutions collaborate.



## Academic calendar

SEMESTER 1				
Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Block 1 of 8 weeks		Block 2 of 8 weeks		Block 3 of 4 weeks



SEMESTER 2				
Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Block 1 of 8 weeks		Block 2 of 8 weeks		Block 3 of 4 weeks



**At the UvA, teaching and research are organised within seven faculties: Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Law, Science, Medicine, Dentistry and AUC. Each of these faculties offer in-depth academic opportunities for ambitious international students.**

## Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities is the largest of its kind in the Netherlands. It offers a wide range of Bachelor's and Master's programmes in art, culture, languages, history, philosophy and media studies. In keeping with the traditions of a classically broad university, the Faculty offers a large variety of study programmes, whilst also striving for renewal by way of innovative research, intensive collaboration and an interdisciplinary approach. Each semester, the Faculty of Humanities welcomes over a hundred exchange students.

The Faculty of Humanities offers you courses from a broad range of disciplines:

- Art, Religion and Cultural studies
- Dutch Studies
- History, Archaeology and Area Studies
- Language and Literature
- Media Studies
- Philosophy

Courses are taught in either Dutch or English. Courses in the study area of Languages and Literature are sometimes taught in another Modern European language.

As an exchange student, you can choose Bachelor's courses from the Amsterdam Exchange Programme-Humanities and, in some exceptional cases, Master's courses as well.

## Economics and Business

UvA Economics and Business maintains a strong sense of identity and purpose which benefits students on their path towards academic achievement. Doing an exchange course in economics or business at the UvA means you are sharpening your mind to make a difference in society and industry. Accredited by AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA, UvA Economics and Business is proud

**"Experiencing a new city filled with people from all across the world is ephemeral. The knowledge and memories you take with you are irreplaceable."**

**Oscar Rodriguez  
Hunter College CUNY  
United States**



of its 'triple crown' status. Less than 1% of all schools offering Business programmes worldwide have achieved this prestigious status. Take an exchange course here and you can expect a challenging high-level curriculum with a solid academic foundation and international focus.

The exchange courses are hosted by the College of Economics and Business, Amsterdam Business School and Amsterdam School of Economics. As an exchange student, you can choose from a variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses taught in English in the fields of:

- Accountancy and Control
- Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Econometrics
- Economics
- Finance

## Law

The Amsterdam Law School (ALS) of the University of Amsterdam offers visiting students a variety of English taught master courses, specialized in European and International law. The courses have been approved by the American Bar Association. The issues concerned are very current and there's room for debate. Students will obtain a critical approach as well as practical legal skills. The law faculty is situated in a brand new campus building in the heart of Amsterdam. As most of the law firms and important (international) legal institutions are situated in or around Amsterdam, it is the perfect city to explore legal practice. The classrooms consist of a mix of international and Dutch students and teachers. A big part of the teaching staff is also involved in research or legal practice.

Exchange students may choose courses from the following tracks:

- Public International Law
- International Trade & Investment Law
- European Union Law
- European Competition Law and Regulation
- European Private Law

**Connect with your fellow local and international students and play an important role representing the universities in our award-winning UvA Ambassador Programme.**

[uva.nl/ambassadors](https://uva.nl/ambassadors)



## Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics

PPLE is an English-taught bachelor's programme offered in joint cooperation by the faculties of Law, Economics & Business and Social & Behavioural Sciences. It is a highly selective, international and interdisciplinary programme: unique in the Netherlands.

## Science

The Faculty of Science is located at the Science Park, an innovative hub of teaching, research and knowledge-intensive industry. The faculty's building (opened in 2010) contains state-of-the-art facilities, such as a solar and stellar observatory, a greenhouse complex, an experimental facility and several advanced computer labs. To fully benefit from local expertise and facilities, and to offer science students a greater choice in elective courses, specialisations and projects, the Faculty of Science collaborates intensively with the science faculties of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Most of the Bachelor's courses at the Faculty of Science are taught in Dutch. However, many of our third year Bachelor's courses are offered in English. English taught courses from various fields of study are now open to undergraduate exchange students:

- Biology (third year, semester 1 only, placement is limited)
- Chemistry (third year, semester 1 only)



- Future Planet Studies and Earth Sciences (second and third year, whole year)
- Interdisciplinary courses (open to exchange students of all disciplines)
- Mathematics (third year, semester 1 only)
- Physics (third year, whole year)
- Psychobiology (third year, minor, semester 1)
- Programming courses (two courses, open to exchange students of all disciplines)

All Master's programmes at the Faculty of Science are taught in English, and most of these courses are open to exchange master students. You can choose Master's level courses from the following disciplines: Artificial Intelligence, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Chemistry, Computational Science, Earth and Life Sciences, Information Studies, Logic, Mathematics, Physics, Software Engineering, Stochastics and Financial Mathematics.

## Social and Behavioural Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences enjoys a prominent standing within the social sciences worldwide, with most of their programmes ranking in the top 20 of the 2017 QS World University Ranking by Subject. It is the largest educational and research institution in the

## MONTHLY EXPENSES

visa / residence permit for non-EU students  
accommodation  
general living expenses  
insurance  
books  
public transport  
second hand bike



Social Sciences in the Netherlands. Exchange students are hosted by one of the faculty's four colleges.

## Child Development and Education

The College of Child Development and Education offers several courses in English for exchange students, as well as the possibility to enrol in courses of the multi-disciplinary Amsterdam Exchange Programme Social Sciences. Students are expected to have completed a basic programme in the field, or to have obtained a relevant Bachelor's degree and to have a good command of the English language.

## Psychology

The College of Psychology offers several English-taught courses for exchange students, most of them at the undergraduate level. You are expected to have completed a basic programme in the field, or to have obtained a relevant Bachelor's degree and to have a good command of the English language.

## Social Sciences and Communication Science

The College of Social Sciences, in co-operation with the College of Communication and the College of Child Development and Education, offers the multi-disciplinary Amsterdam Exchange Programme Social Sciences. This programme offers courses for exchange students in the fields of sociology, cultural anthropology, communication science, political science and human geography and planning, child development and education, as well as interdisciplinary courses on Dutch society designed especially for exchange students. The exchange programme is organised in thematic clusters:

- Child Development and Education
- Communication and Media
- Conflict and Cultural Diversity
- Development Studies
- Dutch Society and Cultural Ethnicity



325 one-time  
 375 – 600 per month  
 400 – 500 per month  
 35 – 100 per month  
 50 – 100 per month  
 40 – 100 per month  
 100 – 200 one-time



- Migration and Nationalism
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Global Health, Care and Society
- International Relations and Globalisation
- Politics, Governance and Democracy
- Society, Culture and Modernity
- Urban Studies

In addition, the Graduate School of Social Sciences organises exchange opportunities for two of its programmes. These programmes consist of established networks where international students are welcomed in the MSc Comparative Labour and Organisation programme or the Research Master's in Urban Studies.

## Liberal Arts & Sciences

Amsterdam University College (AUC) is a residential college, offering a rigorous, interdisciplinary honours programme in the Liberal Arts & Sciences at Bachelor's level. As an exchange student at AUC you will be part of an international academic community, living and learning with students and staff representing more than 50 nationalities. You may choose from over 250 courses covering various subjects in the Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and Academic Core, including:

- Sciences: Physics, Earth & Environment, Biomedical, Chemistry, Health
- Social Sciences: Economics, Law, Political Science, Sociology, International Relations
- Humanities: Philosophy, History, Literature, Film, Art
- Academic Core: Foreign Languages (including Dutch), Big Questions, Culture

Courses are offered across many disciplines, with a particular emphasis on the Sciences. All courses

are taught entirely in English in an intimate classroom setting (with a maximum of 25 students). AUC is located at Amsterdam Science Park in the eastern part of the city, where students live and study together. For more information and for a complete listing of available courses, see [www.auc.nl](http://www.auc.nl)

## Medicine and Dentistry

The Amsterdam Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam accepts a limited number of students only from international (bio)medical schools in its exchange programme. As an exchange student, you can apply for academic semesters, internships for max 8 weeks or research electives for at least 4 months. For internships a good knowledge of the Dutch language is required. Students with a good command of the Dutch language can also follow bachelor courses.

The Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam only accepts exchange students from institutes where the faculty has an exchange agreement. If you are eligible, you can take courses at the faculty, usually for a short period during the Summer months. Individual programmes can be arranged for you, taking into account your specific academic goals.



### Amsterdam in numbers

1 Amsterdam  
 8 Windmills  
 40 Parks  
 75 Museums  
 165 Canals  
 180 Nationalities  
 2,500 Houseboats  
 810,000 Inhabitants  
 881,000 Bicycles

The Roeterseiland Campus



## STUDENT SERVICES

Accommodation	<a href="http://uva.nl/housing">uva.nl/housing</a>
Immigration	<a href="http://uva.nl/visa">uva.nl/visa</a>
Finances	<a href="http://uva.nl/expenses">uva.nl/expenses</a>
Airport pick-up	<a href="http://uva.nl/pickup">uva.nl/pickup</a>
Insurance	<a href="http://uva.nl/insurance">uva.nl/insurance</a>
Ambassadors	<a href="http://uva.nl/ambassadors">uva.nl/ambassadors</a>
Partner overview	<a href="http://uva.nl/worldmap">uva.nl/worldmap</a>

## UvA's global network

If you are interested in coming on exchange to study at the University of Amsterdam, there is one essential question you must answer before you begin: is there an exchange agreement with my university? There is a good chance that your university is already part of our network of over 330 partner universities worldwide. But the only way that you can participate in our exchange programme is if we have an official agreement with your home university and if you have been nominated for an exchange programme by your home university. Your first step in becoming an exchange student is to check our digital world map at

[www.uva.nl/worldmap](http://www.uva.nl/worldmap) or contact your home international office to confirm whether your university has an agreement with the UvA, and what the deadlines and application procedures are.

## We're here to help

Incoming exchange students are hosted by one of the faculties and will receive academic and personal guidance from the departmental international office. You may be allowed to take one course at another faculty, but you are expected to enrol for a fulltime course load in one department. The central international office (part of Student Services) informs you about and assists you with all kinds of practical matters. More details on the exchange programmes, faculties and practical information is available at [www.uva.nl/exchange](http://www.uva.nl/exchange). To learn more about the academic focus points of UvA faculties, please visit [www.uva.nl/en/disciplines](http://www.uva.nl/en/disciplines).

## STUDENT LIFE

Dutch language courses	<a href="http://intt.uva.nl">intt.uva.nl</a>
International Student Network	<a href="http://isn-amsterdam.nl">isn-amsterdam.nl</a>
Sports	<a href="http://usc.uva.nl">usc.uva.nl</a>
Culture	<a href="http://crea.uva.nl">crea.uva.nl</a>
Amsterdam	<a href="http://iamsterdam.nl">iamsterdam.nl</a>

# 10 REASONS TO choose the UvA

## 1

### RANKINGS

The UvA scores highly in international rankings. It is ranked among the top 30 universities in Europe and the top 100 worldwide.



## 2

### RANGE OF ENGLISH COURSES

Both Dutch and international students enroll in, and therefore benefit from, the large selection of English-taught courses.



## 3

### INTERNATIONAL CLASSROOM

The international composition and diversity of the student population (around 100 nationalities) offers a truly international study environment.



## 4

### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORKS

The UvA is an active member of numerous EU-wide and global research networks, such as the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and of Universitas 21 (U21).



## 5

### HISTORY

The UvA is characterised by a tolerant, open-minded and international academic tradition dating back to 1632.



## 6

### QUALITY OF LIFE

Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands and is one of the world's best places to live, according to several international surveys.



## 7

### PRACTICAL SUPPORT

Students are actively supported in practical matters such as opening a bank account, applying for visas and finding accommodation in Amsterdam.



### STUDENT SUPPORT

Staff of the twelve international offices and of student services help international students with information, advice and support.

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### PRIME LOCATION

Amsterdam is well connected for travel within Europe and has excellent links to the rest of the world.



## 10

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The UvA promotes an interactive teaching style that encourages students to develop self-reliance and independent thinking.



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