



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

EXCHANGE ²⁰¹⁴/₂₀₁₅ PROGRAMMES

Studying in Amsterdam



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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 strong today thanks to our thriving community of independent thinkers. Now, with more than 30,000 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 790.000 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 150 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 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 business, governments and knowledge institutions collaborate.



The UvA in numbers

1 UvA
4 Campuses
7 Faculties
130 English-taught programmes
3,000 International students
30,000 Students



STUDENT SERVICES

Accommodation	uva.nl/housing
Immigration	uva.nl/visa
Finances	uva.nl/expenses
Airport pick-up	uva.nl/pickup
Insurance	uva.nl/insurance

UvA's global network benefits you

If you are interested in coming to study on exchange 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 375 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 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 and assists students with all kinds of practical matters. More details on the exchange programmes, faculties and practical information is available at www.uva.nl/exchange. To learn more on the academic focus points of UvA faculties, please visit www.uva.nl/en/disciplines.

STUDENT LIFE

Dutch language courses	intt.uva.nl
International Student Network	isn-amsterdam.nl
Sports	usc.uva.nl
Culture	crea.uva.nl
Amsterdam	iamsterdam.nl

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

At the UvA, teaching and research are organised within seven faculties: Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Law, Science, Medicine and Dentistry. 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 and has substantial expertise in the various humanities disciplines and a strong research environment. The faculty not only houses an assortment of established and respected academic disciplines, but also includes pioneering research areas such as Creative Industries, New Media and Digital Humanities. Each semester, the Faculty of Humanities welcomes over a hundred exchange students to participate in a wide variety of Bachelor's courses in the Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Humanities.

The Faculty of Humanities, consisting of a College for Bachelor's programmes and a Graduate School for Master's programmes, offers you courses from a broad range of disciplines:

- Art and Cultural Sciences
- Religious Studies
- Dutch Studies
- History and Area Studies
- Archaeology, Classics and Ancient Studies
- Linguistics and Literature
- Media Studies
- Philosophy

As an exchange student, you can choose Bachelor's courses from the Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Humanities, and, in some cases, a limited number of Master's courses as well.

Economics and Business

The Faculty of Economics and Business stimulates independent and critical minds to excel in society,



economics and business. The faculty maintains a strong sense of identity and purpose which benefits students on their path towards academic achievement. Studying economics and business at the UvA means you are sharpening your mind to make a difference in society and industry. Located in the financial and business heart of the Netherlands, the faculty provides a high-level economics and business curriculum with a solid academic foundation and international focus. As an exchange student, you can choose from a variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses taught in English.

Law

The Amsterdam Law School (ALS) of the University of Amsterdam offers visiting students a wide variety of specialised courses, focusing both on Europe and the world. A long-standing tradition of offering programmes in English draws students from across the globe to the faculty’s 400-year-old home in the centre of Amsterdam, the Oudemanhuispoort.

The Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Law (AEXp) provides Master of Law (LLM) courses in European public and private law, as well as public international law, which have been approved by the American Bar Association. All courses require a basic knowledge of European and/or Public International Law. If you lack this foundation, the ALS offers introductory courses in both European and International Law and European Union Law. AEXp students may choose courses such as:

- Public International Law
- International Trade Law
- European Union Law
- European Competition Law and Regulation
- European Private Law
- International and European Labour Law

Academic calendar

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



Science

The Faculty of Science is located at the Science Park, an innovative hub of teaching, research and knowledge-intensive industry. The faculty’s new building (opened in 2010) contains state-of-the-art facilities, among which are a solar and stellar observatory, a greenhouse complex, an experimental facility and several advanced computer labs.

Most of the Bachelor’s courses in science are taught in Dutch. However, Bachelor’s programmes such as Future Planet Studies and Earth Sciences offer courses in English. In addition, our Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies offers a few courses which are 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 students. You can choose Master’s level courses from the following disciplines: Artificial Intelligence, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Biological and Biomedical



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



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 in Europe and is the largest educational and research institution in the 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 Research Master Child Development and Education. 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

MONTHLY EXPENSES

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



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 offers, in co-operation with the College of Communication Science, 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, as well as interdisciplinary courses on Dutch society designed especially for exchange students. The exchange programme is organised in thematic clusters:

- Communication and Media
- Conflict and Cultural Diversity
- Development Studies
- Dutch Society and Culture Ethnicity
- 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.

- € 320 one-time
- € 375 – 600 per month
- € 400 – 500 per month
- € 45 – 100 per month
- € 50 – 100 per month
- € 70 – 100 per month
- € 100 – 200 one-time



Liberal Arts & Sciences

Amsterdam University College (AUC) offers a selective Bachelor's programme in the Liberal Arts and Sciences. A key aspect of the programme is tackling the real-life problems and challenges facing today's world. Emphasis is placed on the sciences and on interdisciplinary themes such as health and well-being; energy, climate and sustainability; and life, evolution and the universe. You are expected to have a broad academic background and may choose from courses in the Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities (see www.auc.nl/downloads for Course Catalogue). As exchange students, you will live and study together on AUC's campus at the Amsterdam Science Park.

Medicine and Dentistry

The Amsterdam Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam accepts a limited number of students from international medical schools in its exchange programme. As an exchange student, you can apply for academic semesters, research electives or summer school programmes. However, you must first have completed at least three years of your medical education before coming to the UvA. The Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam only accepts exchange students from institutes where the faculty has an exchange agreement. If you are eligible, then 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
40
Parks
165
Canals
178
Nationalities
790,000
Inhabitants
881,000
Bicycles

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) offer a truly international study environment.



4

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORKS

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



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HISTORY

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



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QUALITY OF LIFE

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



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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.



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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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



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