



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Exchange Programmes 2025/2026

Studying in Amsterdam



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University of Amsterdam

The UvA in numbers

- 1 UvA
- 4 Campuses
- 7 Faculties
- 29 Summer Programmes
- 220+ English-taught programmes
- 2,600+ English-taught courses
- 13,400+ International students
- 43,000+ Students



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 43,000 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. Studying at the UvA offers an opportunity to grow. You will learn intercultural competence, 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 905,000 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 165 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.

Academic calendar

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



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



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.

We're here to help

Incoming exchange students are hosted by one of the faculties and will receive academic and personal guidance from the Faculty 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 uva.nl/exchange.

UvA's global network

If you are interested in an exchange at the University of Amsterdam, there is one essential question you must answer before you begin: Does my home university have an exchange agreement with the University of Amsterdam? There is a good chance that your university is already part of our network of over 330 partner universities worldwide. You can only participate in our exchange programme if your home university has an official exchange agreement with the UvA and if you have been nominated for the exchange by your home university. You can check what options are available to you at uva.nl/exchange, or by contacting your home university.



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Faculties

Every year the University of Amsterdam welcomes hundreds of exchange students from around the globe who enrol in one of its large variety of English-taught programmes, some of which are rated as among the world's best. These span a wide range of disciplines: Dentistry, Economics and Business, Humanities, Law, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Medicine, 'Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics' (PPLE), Science and Social and Behavioural Sciences. Each of these excellent opportunities offer in-depth academic opportunities for ambitious international students. For more information, see uva.nl/exchange.



Dentistry

The Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam only accepts exchange students from institutes with which 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.

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 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 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

- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Data Science and Business Analytics

Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities is the largest of its kind in the Netherlands. It offers a large variety of research intensive, mono-, multi- and interdisciplinary Bachelor's and Master's programmes. The Faculty of Humanities offers courses in the following fields:

- Archaeology and Ancient studies
- Arts and Cultural studies
- Dutch Studies
- English Language and Culture
- European Studies
- History and American Studies
- Language and Literature & Culture Studies
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Incoming students can choose courses from the range offered by the Faculty of Humanities. Besides English-taught courses, many courses are taught in Dutch or in one of the target languages (modern European languages). Courses for the Humanities exchange programme are brought together in the Exchange Programme College of Humanities (Bachelor's level courses) and the Exchange Programme Graduate School of Humanities (Master's level courses). Exchange students wishing to attend Master's level courses need special permission to do so.

Law

The Amsterdam Law School of the University of Amsterdam offers exchange students a variety of English taught Bachelor's and Master's courses, specialized in European and International Law. The Master's courses have been approved by the American Bar Association. The issues discussed cover current topics and there is also plenty of room for debate. Students will acquire a critical approach as well as practical legal skills. The Amsterdam Law School is situated in a new campus building in the heart of Amsterdam. Since most of the law firms and important (international) legal institutions are situated in or in the vicinity of Amsterdam, it is the perfect city to explore legal practice. The classrooms consist of a mix of international and Dutch students and teachers. A large part of the teaching staff is also involved in research or legal practice. Exchange students may choose courses from the following LLM tracks and LLB minors:

- Public International Law
- International Trade & Investment Law
- European Union Law
- European Competition Law and Regulation
- European Private Law
- Minor: Law and Justice in the European Union
- Minor: Law and Economics

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: Information, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Earth & Environment, Biology, Biomedical, Health
- Social Sciences: Health, Anthropology, Environmental Economics & Policy, Economics, Law, Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Cognition
- Humanities: Literature, Film, Philosophy, History, Culture, Media, Art History
- Academic Core: Foreign Languages (including Dutch), Interdisciplinary competencies, LAS competencies

Courses are offered across many disciplines, with a particular emphasis on interdisciplinarity. All courses are taught entirely in English in an intimate classroom setting (with a maximum of 25 students). AUC is located at Amsterdam

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

uva.nl/ambassadors

Monthly expenses



Visa / Residence permit for non-EU	€ 228 one-time
Accommodation	€ 650 - 1200 per month
general living expenses	€ 400 - 500 per month
insurance	€ 35 - 100 per month
books	€ 50 - 100 per month
public transport	€ 40 - 100 per month
second hand bike	€ 100 - 200 one-time



Top 10 Countries of UvA's international students

1 UK	6 France
2 Germany	7 Spain
3 China	8 Australia
4 USA	9 Hungary
5 Italy	10 Canada



Science Park in the eastern part of the city, where the academic building and the AUC student residences make up the AUC campus.

Medicine

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 a maximum of 8 weeks or research electives for at least 4 months. For internships, a good knowledge of the Dutch language is required.

Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE)

Today's major global issues, such as conflict between identity and migration, the debate between security and privacy, or the global financial crisis, are best addressed by a combined analysis through the lens of politics, psychology, law and economics (PPLE). The Bachelor's degree of PPLE combines these four disciplines in one coherent programme. PPLE is a small-scale and intensive college with a student body consisting of over 40 different nationalities. All find a home in Amsterdam which, like PPLE, is small in numbers but culturally larger than life.

PPLE welcomes exchange students with at least two years of relevant academic experience. Incoming exchange students are eligible to take PPLE major courses offered in years 2 and 3, interdisciplinary electives and interdisciplinary seminars.

Science

Researchers and students at the Faculty of Science are fascinated by every aspect of how the world works, be it elementary particles, the birth of the universe or the functioning of the brain. With education and research in mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, biology, logic and computer science, we are fully immersed in the entire spectrum of the sciences.

The Faculty of Science is located at Amsterdam Science Park which has one of the largest concentrations of academic education and research facilities in Europe. It is a major hub for research, innovation and entrepreneurship thanks to its world-class research institutes, universities, and some 170 companies. Most of the Science Bachelor's programmes offer English-taught courses for third year undergraduate exchange students who meet the requirements. The following programmes offer courses in English:

- Artificial Intelligence - third year students of AI (and related), semester 1 only
- Biology - third year, semester 1 only
- Biomedical Sciences - third year students of Biomedical Sciences (and related), semester 1 only
- Chemistry - third year, whole year
- Computer/Information Science - third year, students of Computer/Information Sciences (and related), whole year
- Courses in Scientific Programming - for students with a Science background

- Future Planet Studies (Environmental Studies) - second and third year, whole year
- Interdisciplinary courses - open to exchange students of all disciplines
- Mathematics - third year, whole year
- Physics and Astronomy - third year, most courses in semester 1
- Psychobiology - third year Science students with a biology or psychology background, semester 1 only
- Master's courses - most of the Science master programmes are open to exchange students with a relevant Bachelor's/undergraduate degree

Social and Behavioural Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences enjoys a prominent standing within the social sciences worldwide, with Communication Science ranked 1st in the world and



Amsterdam in numbers

- 1 Amsterdam
- 8 Windmills
- 40 Parks
- 75 Museums
- 165 Canals
- 180 Nationalities
- 2,500 Houseboats
- 918,000 Inhabitants
- 881,000 Bicycles

most of the other programmes ranking in the top 20 of the 2021 QS World University Ranking by Subject. It 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.

The College of Social Sciences, the College of Psychology, the College of Communication and the College of Child Development and Education together offer the multi-disciplinary Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences. This programme offers courses for exchange students in the fields of sociology, cultural anthropology, psychology, 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 offers courses within a variety of thematic clusters:

- Child Development and Education
- Communication
- Psychology
- Conflict and Cultural Diversity
- Development Studies
- Dutch Society and Cultural 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
- Sustainability
- Political Science
- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology
- Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies
- Sociology
- Computation Social Science
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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 Mc Sociology or the Research Master in Urban Studies.

Contact

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10 REASONS TO choose the UvA

1

RANKINGS

The UvA scores highly in international rankings. It is ranked among the top 10 universities in Europe and the top 65 worldwide.



2

RANGE OF ENGLISH COURSES

Both Dutch and international students enrol 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).



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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.



8

STUDENT SUPPORT

Staff of the twelve international offices and of Student Services help international students with information, advice and support.



9

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.

