

Study abroad at 2020/2021 University College Maastricht

Choose University College Maastricht as your first choice in education

- An honors liberal arts college offering a wide range of courses entirely taught in English;
- The first College in The Netherlands to receive a quality label from the NVAO for the achievement level of its graduate students. In addition, the NVAO awarded UCM with the prestigious distinctive quality feature 'Small-scale and Intensive Education';
- University College Maastricht has received the Top Quality Seal and is ranked 1st in the Elsevier Dutch University Colleges Ranking;
- Study using the Problem Based Learning method, an innovative teaching system where students learn in small classes in a dynamic learning environment;
- Attend courses for credits while improving your qualifications;
- An international college where more than 50 different nationalities are represented;
- Good student support networks, student clubs and societies, you will be able to make friends quickly and easily;
- A world class university in the heart of Europe located only a short train ride away to London or Paris;
- Located on the Maas river, Maastricht is one of the most beautiful and oldest towns in the Netherlands. It is full of history, tradition and culture. There are many sights to see and many shops, cafes and museums to explore;
- A university town, students give it a buzzing vibe day and night;
- Friendly staff who will ensure you have a great experience on your exchange.

University College Maastricht has provided countless students with memories to last a lifetime. One of our exchange students said:

'Exchange opens your life to opportunities and experiences you never thought you'd have. It's a time of my life which will always evoke a sense of achievement, adventure and growth'

University College Maastricht

University College Maastricht (UCM) offers qualified students the opportunity to study in English at a Liberal Arts and Sciences college in the Netherlands. Students are highly motivated and study hard. Classes are small, with emphasis placed on independent learning via a group process (the Problem-Based Learning method). This approach is interdisciplinary and students build their own curriculum from courses offered in the Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences concentrations, including academic skills trainings and academic core courses.

UCM caters for students with broad academic interests who do not want to limit themselves to a program focused on one single academic discipline. Exchange students are encouraged to choose courses that meet their study requirements at home.

The Academic Year

The academic year at UCM is divided into two semesters of 20 weeks. Fall semester starts in September, will have a two-week Christmas break, and ends late January/early February. The Spring semester starts in February and ends late June/early July. A semester is divided into three periods: two course periods of 7 weeks and one project period of 4 weeks. Each period ends with an exam week followed by 1 week off – this is your Reflection Week. Exchange students coming in Fall may decide (provided their home university approves) not to take the project period in January and leave after examweek of period 2 so that they can be home for the Christmas holidays.

Academic calendar	Fall 2020	Spring 2021
Application Deadline	1 May 2020	1 November 2020
3-Day introduction (obligatory)	24 - 26 August 2020	25 - 27 January 2021
First day of classes	31 August 2020	1 February 2021
Last day of classes	29 January 2021	2 July 2021