





GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT 2021-2022

<p><b>Online information for incoming students</b></p>	<p>General website: <a href="http://www.uu.nl/ucu">www.uu.nl/ucu</a>. All useful and necessary information can be found on this website.</p> <p>Specific information for incoming exchange students: <a href="https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/how-to-apply/exchange-students">https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/how-to-apply/exchange-students</a>.</p>
<p><b>UCU is a bachelor program of studies</b></p>	<p>All courses are on (honors) bachelors/undergraduate level. UCU only offers an undergraduate program.</p>
<p><b>Areas of study open for exchange students</b></p>	<p>In principle all fields of the UCU Departments of Social Science, Science and Humanities are open to exchange students. The link to the study planner can be found <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses differ slightly per semester; the Course Planner is regularly updated. Make sure to select the relevant semester in the menu (Period 1, Fall, or Period 3, Spring).</li> <li>• Students should fulfil all their mandatory graduation requirements at home university, in case they are not placed in their desired courses.</li> <li>• Some courses are highly competitive: see explanation below.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Areas of study not available to exchange students</b></p>	<p>Students need to be flexible in taking courses. For that reason they need to indicate 6-8 preferred courses (3-4 first-choice and 3-4 alternative courses) per semester in the application form. Students are allowed a maximum of 2 courses in the same field.</p> <p>Due to the great demand and limited class size for Social Science courses, like psychology and sociology/anthropology courses, students who want to take courses in these fields need to be especially flexible regarding their curriculum at UCU.</p> <p>Lab courses and Summer courses are not/rarely available for exchange students.</p>
<p><b>Courses taught in English?</b></p>	<p>Yes, UCU is a completely English-taught college.</p>
<p><b>Short explanation: how to read your study guides</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• level 1: Introductory courses (open to all students);</li> <li>• level 2: Intermediate courses (level 1 prerequisites);</li> <li>• level 3: Advanced courses (level 1 &amp; 2 prerequisites).</li> </ul> <p>These details will also be shared in the UCU-transcript supplement.</p>
<p><b>Credit system</b></p>	<p>European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).</p> <p>See also details in the UCU-transcript supplement.</p>



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<b>Explanation credit system</b>	One course = 7,5 ECTS; one ECTS-credit = 28 study hours. 3-4 courses per semester = 22.5-30 ECTS (full time study load).
<b>Explanation grading system</b>	Grades used: Letter grade system, A – F. Lowest passing grade: D-.  See also details in the UCU-transcript supplement.
<b>Student participation in research programmes possible?</b>	This is not possible
<b>Language requirements for non-native English speakers</b>	An advanced level of English language proficiency is required, as all courses at UCU are linguistically demanding. - TOEFL: minimum score 100, - IELTS: 7.0, with at least 6.5 in each of the four components. - Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): grade B. - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C.
<b>Language test certificate required?</b>	An English Language proficiency statement of the school (when native language is English), or the official English proficiency test certificate, has to be uploaded in the online application form. Test results from April 2018 onwards are valid.
<b>Preparatory English language course for incoming students</b>	Not available on the UCU campus. Students can contact the UCU Academic Writing Center while studying at UCU to improve their writing skills.
<b>Relevant academic information for incoming exchange students:</b>	Each incoming exchange student has an academic tutor at UCU, for all academic advice.  <b>Minimum academic performance requirement: a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 1.0-4.0 scale.</b>
<b>Visa requirements</b>	If the student needs a visa and/or a residence permit, the UU Visa Office will send them information about the application procedure.
<b>Housing assistance</b>	It is mandatory for all incoming exchange students to live on the UCU campus. See: <a href="https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/housing">https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/housing</a>  A housing questionnaire is included in the acceptance package, sent by the International Office.



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<b>Housing options</b>	Students live in a unit with 6 to 12 other UCU- students. Students share a bathroom with their housemates. There is a shared living room. All units have a kitchen where students can prepare their meals.
<b>Housing application deadline(s)</b>	Part of the application procedure.
<b>Meals and kitchens</b>	All units are equipped with kitchens, including a stove, fridge, oven and freezer where students can cook all meals. There is also a Dining Hall on campus, where students are able to purchase meals if they want to. For more information see: <a href="https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/people-buildings-services/dining-hall">https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/people-buildings-services/dining-hall</a>
<b>Campus fees and total estimated costs per semester</b>	Campus Fees for one semester: approximately € 3.100. Students will automatically receive an invoice for this amount. Total estimated living costs per semester: approximately € 5.750 for EEA students and € 6.000 for non EEA students.
<b>Other fees to pay</b>	€ 200 acceptance deposit two weeks after being admitted at UCU and receiving the acceptance forms. The deposit will be reimbursed in the form of a discount on the campus fees later on.  Student Union (UCSA): €36 per semester.
<b>Health insurance coverage from abroad allowed/not allowed</b>	It is mandatory for students to have a health insurance that covers all health costs in the Netherlands. If the insurance of the home country doesn't have coverage of all costs, then students have to apply through the website for a so called AON Insurance.  Specific questions about insurance can be directed to UU Student Services ( <a href="mailto:studentenservice@uu.nl">studentenservice@uu.nl</a> ).
<b>Health facilities at the university</b>	There are no health facilities on campus, but a list with general practitioners and dentists is available. <a href="https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/doctors-medical-practices-and-emergencies">https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/doctors-medical-practices-and-emergencies</a>  On UCU campus, the student Life Officer is available for personal and confidential guidance. <a href="https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life-and-career-orientation/student-life">https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life-and-career-orientation/student-life</a>