

United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Summer Programme at Utrecht University, the Netherlands

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Language & Cultural – C5

Programme Features:

This 2-week summer course is organised by Utrecht University (Summer School), the Netherlands, for the students of the College. Students may choose to attend any one of the following courses:

- (1) **European Cultures and Identities**
- (2) **European Politics and Economy**

Students are required to attend lectures in the mornings. Seminars, tutorials, presentation sessions and simulation games will be arranged in the afternoons to enable students to have free exchange of ideas. These courses will also include 1-day field excursion.

Duration: 4 – 18 July 2020

Fees: HK\$19,500* per student. This will cover round-trip airfare, academic programme and course materials, compulsory excursions and accommodation at the student dormitory of Utrecht. Fees such as local transport, visa application, meals and students' daily expenses are not included.

Accommodation: All students will be housed in the student hostels of Utrecht University.

Eligibility: United College students of all disciplines and years are eligible to apply.

Quota: 40 students (approx. 20 students for each course)

Scholarships: Upon satisfactory completion of all the programme requirements, students will be eligible for consideration of the United College GOAL Scholarships supported by the College Endowment Fund. The maximum amount of which per student is HK\$6,500. Students with financial difficulty can apply for additional funding support from the College to join this Programme. For details, please refer to the information shown on the on-line application form.

Credit Transfer: Upon satisfactory completion of the course requirements, students may apply for exemption of the College compulsory General Education Course, GEUC 4011 "Senior Seminar".

Objectives & Content:

(1) **European Cultures and Identities**

This course offers students an introduction to Europe, a continent of great diversity. The themes we will study during your stay in Utrecht, will help you to understand the complicated structure of Europe. We will shed some light on the motives for integration as well as the obstacles on the way to European unity. You will engage with topics such as the emergence and construction of national identities, national identity versus European identity, the cultural heritage of Europe, and the processes of globalization and transnational collaboration. Lectures will focus on the history, social and economic structures, culture, and current political and social debates within the wider European community. Excursion to related establishments is included in the programme.

(2) **European Politics and Economy**

This course offers students an introduction to the political landscape of Europe. The European Union (EU) is a political partnership between 28 democratic European countries. With almost 500 million citizens, it has become a major player in global politics. In this course, the European Union is the main object of study. You will be introduced to the Union's history, institutional structures, current aims and future challenges. Lectures will explain the historical background and the various stages of integration. Other themes that you will examine include the role of European leaders, the future political expansion of the EU, transatlantic relations and the development of a shared foreign policy and development aid. Excursion to related establishments is included in the programme.

***This course requires basic knowledge about European politics and history.**

Programme Requirements / Assessment:

All participants are required to:

- attend all the pre-departure lectures, briefings, meetings organised by the College to prepare themselves for the summer Programme;
- attend all the lectures, seminars, presentation and compulsory excursions organised by the Utrecht University, the Netherlands;
- complete all the assignments (oral presentation and written assignments);
- assist the College in the promotion of cultural exchange activities;
- share with other students their experience in Utrecht;
- submit a written report to the College after the Programme. The College reserves the right to edit the report for publication purposes.

Application & Deadline: Please apply on-line at <https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/webform/view.php?id=8819826>. The deadline for application is 14 January 2020 (12:00 noon). Late application will not be considered.

Enquiries: 3943-1696 / 3943-8655 Dean of Students' Office, United College

* Conversion Rate: EUR 1 :HK\$ 9 (for reference only). Exact programme fees and schedule will be confirmed later.

*The confirmed programme fee in 2019 was HKD 17,405.

