

**Programme Features:**

This 2-week online summer programme is organised by Utrecht University (Summer School), the Netherlands, for the students of the College in the summer of 2021. Students may choose to attend any one of the following courses:

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

**Duration:** 5 – 16 July 2021

**Fees:** €585 (special rate for UC students)

**Scholarships:** 50% of the total Programme fees

**Quota:** 40 students

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



**Objectives & Content:**

**(1) European Cultures and Identities**

This online course 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. All in all, this is a thought-provoking and inspiring course with an intensive two-week programme with lectures and seminar groups. Together with other students you are expected to work on group presentations and assignments.

**(2) European Politics and Economy**

This online course offers an introduction to the political landscape of Europe. Central to the course is the European Union (EU), a political partnership which has become a major player in global politics. First of all the historical background of the European Union will be discussed. It originated from a long process of political and economic integration that started after the Second World War and culminated in the formation of the EU by the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992. Several lectures will give insight into the various stages of integration, the role of European leaders and the present Euroscepticism and resistance to the European project. An example of which is the UK's decision to step out of the EU. Other issues include the future political expansion of the EU, transatlantic relations, and the development of a shared foreign policy and development aid.

One of the themes of the course is also the system of governance within the European Union. Consisting of the European Parliament (representing the people of Europe); the Council of the European Union (representing national governments); and the European Commission (representing the common EU interest). The role and function of the various other European institutions such as the European Court of Justice and the European Central Bank will be addressed as well.

The last theme focuses on regional and cultural diversity within Europe, discussing the position of various countries and regions within the larger European family, or the role of Europe in the world. Overall students will experience an intensive two-week programme with lectures and seminar groups. Together with other students you are expected to work on group presentations and assignments. (This course requires basic knowledge about European politics and history)

**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". Final year students who want to apply for this Programme in order to apply for GEUC4011 course exemption are advised to contact the College first.

**Selection will be based on:**

1. Applicant's Overall GPA;
2. Applicant's participation in the extra-curricular activities organised by the College;
3. Study Plan;
4. Interview may be required;
5. Priority will be given to those who have no previous overseas exchange experience

**Programme Requirements / Assessment:**

All participants are required to:

- attend all the briefings and meetings organised by the College before and after the course;
- attend all the online / recorded lectures, seminars, presentations and virtual excursions organised by the Utrecht University, the Netherlands;
- complete all the assignments (oral presentation, written assignments) and obtain a passing grade in the final assessment;
- assist the College in the promotion of cultural exchange activities;
- share with other students their experience in the Programme;
- submit a written report about 800 words 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=12500670> . The deadline for application is 26 March, 2021 (by 12:00 noon). Late application will not be considered.

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\* Conversion Rate: EUR 1 :HK\$ 9.26 (for reference only)