



Campus Life

Campus life is an essential part of the University College philosophy. Students come from very diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and living together provides unique opportunities to learn from each other's experiences. In addition, students are encouraged to take part in a wide array of activity both on and off the campus, organized by student-led special interest committees and teams. At UCU, living accommodation, the dining hall and classrooms are all conveniently situated on campus, which also contains lots of open, green space for outside leisure and studying.

Living Accommodation

UCU has several residential blocks divided into shared living units. Students are assigned to units to create a mix of genders and nationalities. The majority of bedrooms are individual, though students may opt for a limited number of shared bedrooms. UCU is a catered residence so students eat in the communal dining hall, though each unit also has a kitchenette fitted with basic cooking appliances. Units all have a communal social area, and the bathrooms are fitted with showers, toilets and wash basins. Students live on campus from the end of August until the end of

June each year, and must vacate for the summer period. There is an option to move off campus after two academic years, under certain conditions.

Dining Hall

The UCU Dining Hall serves lunch and dinner. Vegetarian options are always on the menu, and most dietary requirements can be catered for by arrangement. Dining Hall acts not just as a restaurant, but also as a meeting place for students.

Student Organizations

UCU is a very vibrant student community in which all individuals are encouraged to actively participate. Cultural events, debates and sports activities are all regular features, and, through its range of committees, the University College Student Association (UCSA) organizes, among other things, introduction weeks for new arrivals, dance workshops, theatrical performances, musicals, open mic nights, cycling excursions, parties, trips and lectures. The Academic Student Council (ASC) is UCU's elected student body who liaise with college authorities on all academic matters.

Recreational Facilities

The UCU campus offers plenty of opportunity for recreation, and students can also use all other facilities provided by Utrecht University. On-campus, students can find lounges, music rehearsal rooms, an art studio, an indoor fitness center, a dance studio, sports facilities (tennis, football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis), the College bar and a meditation room.

Off-campus, Utrecht University's nearby sports center *Olympos* offers fitness, aerobics, tennis, football, squash, climbing and much more. *Parnassos*, the Utrecht University's cultural center, offers courses in music, dance, photography, writing, drama and expressive arts.

Find out More

Visit the UCU or UCSA Facebook pages!



Practical Matters

Admission

Minimum Requirements

Applicants must provide a Dutch high school diploma (VWO level - any profile) or a foreign equivalent, such as the International Baccalaureate diploma (32 points minimum), the British A-levels (with 3 B grades minimum), or an American high school diploma with at least 4 Advanced Placement certificates. Applicants must also provide proof of English proficiency.

Selection Procedure

Each year UCU selects about 240 students from a considerably larger pool of applicants. The same assessment criteria hold for all students and are applied fairly and impartially. An application must contain, among other things, a motivation letter and recommendation forms. After the application is checked for completeness and reviewed, a student may be invited for an interview, focusing not only on academic performance but also on

personal interests, background and motivation. Interviews are held in English and help assess a candidate's proficiency in the language.

Deadlines: Start September: February 1st. Start January: September 15. (For updated deadlines, always visit the UCU website).

Financial Matters

Fees*

2016 – 2017	EEA students	non-EEA students
Tuition fee (paid to UU)	€ 3,770	€ 9,000
Visa		€ 310
Room & board	€ 8,034	€ 8,034
UCSA membership	€ 72.50	€ 72.50
Total	€ 11,856.50	€ 17,676.50
Personal expenses (estimate)	€ 3,100	€ 3,100

* Please refer to www.uu.nl/ucu for the definitive UCU fees

Scholarships and Student Loans

In some cases, various forms of financial aid can be requested via UCU directly. Visit the UCU website to find out more. Utrecht University and other institutes also offer financial help. Inquire via

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If you are interested in visiting University College Utrecht, find out more about the Open Days and Student For a Day visits at the UCU website.



Victoria Elema, UCU Alumna

"My studies at UCU enabled me to study a wide variety of subjects, such as law and international relations, which was a perfect fit for my broad interest. I began my career with the two-year Dutch government traineeship, for which I worked at various ministries and the Netherlands mission to the United Nations in New York. At the UN, I was able to see myself for what I was taught at UCU: the dynamics of international decision-making processes and the conflicts and compromises that characterize it. Last but not least, I am still very close with my UC friends, although some of them live all across the world (which makes for great holiday destinations)!"





University College Utrecht Bachelor Program

Liberal Arts and Sciences at UCU

- :: 100% English-taught
- :: A Utrecht University honors program
- :: Graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science
- :: International student body and faculty
- :: Living and learning on campus

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Liberal Arts and Sciences

Are you an ambitious student interested in a wide variety of subjects? For example, would you like to discover more about the Higgs boson, whilst also studying the Chinese language and exploring human psychology?

University College Utrecht allows ambitious students to compose their own curriculum, drawing from three majors: Science, Social Science and Humanities. The UCU system is based on the **American tradition of Liberal Arts and Sciences Colleges**, which allows students to live and follow classes on campus. At the end of the three-year program, you will have specialized in a particular field of study whilst having learnt about other disciplines as well. You will also have had the chance to meet with **people from all over the world** and to develop several skills, which can transfer into further education and professional life beyond. During your three years at University College Utrecht, your academic progress will be monitored by your **personal tutor**, who can guide you in making important curriculum choices.

Approximately 50% of UCU students go on **exchange** abroad or follow summer courses in a variety of countries, such as the USA, China, Japan, Turkey, England, South Africa and Kenya. Due to its very international community, University College Utrecht classes and all communication with peers and professors is in **English**.

UCU alumni have built **careers** in many different fields across law, medicine, research, enterprise, commerce, politics, mathematics, the arts, and more.



Niaz Ali Khan, UCU Student

"I did not want to limit myself by taking the 'traditional path' of being a doctor, so I chose to invest in other interests while I pursue my main goal by majoring in the Pre-Med track. Excellent examples of subjects which helped me achieve this are Psychology and Anthropology, which allowed me to broaden my horizons and become a more informed observer of life. As of now, I plan on doing a minor in the Dutch language."



The UCU Curriculum

The UCU curriculum is interdisciplinary as well as multidisciplinary, covering a broad range of academic disciplines and developing many important skills. Three majors are offered: Humanities, Science and Social Science. At UCU, students design their own curriculum. This means that, without the limitations of a more fixed structure, they combine different courses to assemble a personal study program.

The full three-year program consists of six semesters; students take four courses each semester, which results in at least 24 courses (180 ECTS) in total. The UCU program leads to a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree.

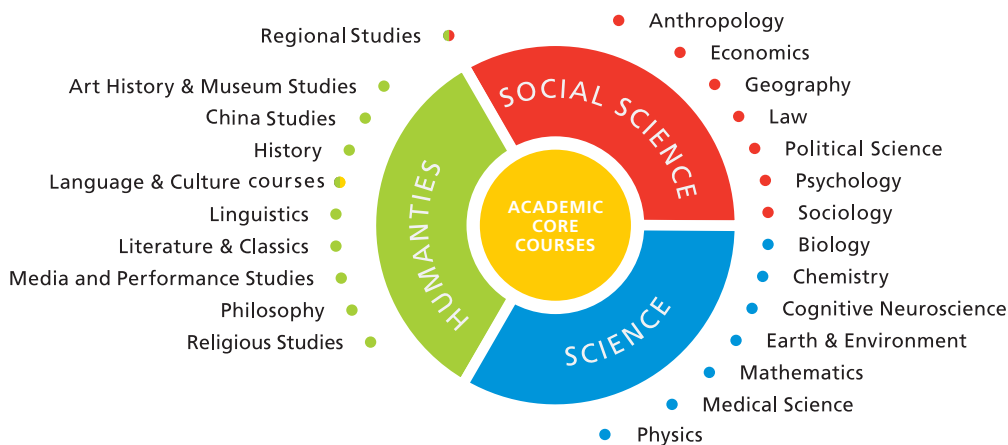
During the first year students explore the academic world and its various disciplines. They take general academic skills course(s) that help develop writing, presentation and methodological skills, and can also make a start with learning a foreign language. Students take courses at the introductory 100 level in all of the three departments: Science, Social Science and Humanities.

The second year is aimed at expanding knowledge and skills. Before the start of this year students should declare a major in one of the three departments, or possibly an interdepartmental major. They take courses at the introductory 100, intermediate 200 and advanced 300 level.

During the third year students focus on finalizing the program, and gaining sufficient disciplinary knowledge and transferable skills to prepare for a Master's programme or professional employment. Students finish with a research thesis, a sizeable academic paper on a topic of their own choice. They take courses at the intermediate 200 and advanced 300 level.

An example of a course schedule for a three-year study program is shown below. In this case, the student graduates with a BSc and a minor in Social Science. An updated overview of all UCU courses offers can be found via www.uu.nl/ucu.

UCU MAJORS: SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES



Example of a Science Curriculum

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
FALL SEMESTER	Research in Context	Molecular Cell Biology II	Advanced Physiology
	Introduction to Psychology	Human and Animal Biology	Advanced Molecular Cell Biology
	Introduction to Quantum Physics	Foundations of Mathematics	Mathematical Methods
	Molecular Cell Biology I	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	Human Stress Research
SPRING SEMESTER	Social Psychology	Introduction to Hispanic Studies	Health Psychology
	Cognitive Neuroscience I	Beginner Mathematics: Calculus	Advanced Mathematics
	Introduction to Philosophy	Embryonic Development	Language and Culture I
	Science Laboratory	Classical Electrodynamics	Research Thesis in Bio-Informatics



Facts & Figures

Evaluation and Ranking

The 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities conducted by Shanghai University ranks Utrecht University as number 1 in the Netherlands, number 16 in Europe and number 57 worldwide. The research-focused Shanghai ranking is an influential index of universities worldwide.

The 2014 Times Higher Education ranking scored Utrecht University as 79th best in the world. The Keuzegids (study choice guide) 2015 has awarded University College Utrecht a 'Top Rated Programme' quality seal. The Keuzegids assessed over 400 bachelor programs on quality of education, quality of teaching, facilities and more.

Low Drop-out Rates

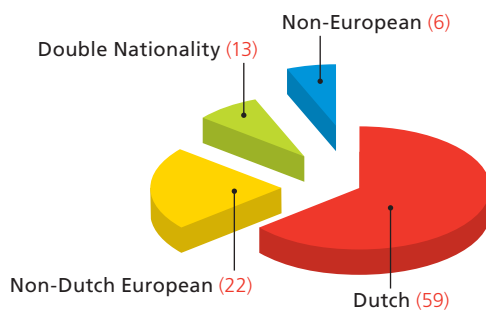
Approximately 90% of new UCU students continue into the second year and about the same percentage completes the program within three years.



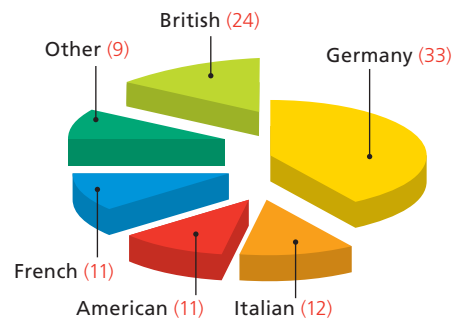
After UCU: Master Programs

98% of UCU graduates continue their studies after UCU and about 20% ultimately pursue a PhD program. 45% of UCU graduates continue their studies abroad. The most popular universities abroad are the London School of Economics, University of Oxford and University College London. 38% of UCU graduates continue their studies at Utrecht University.

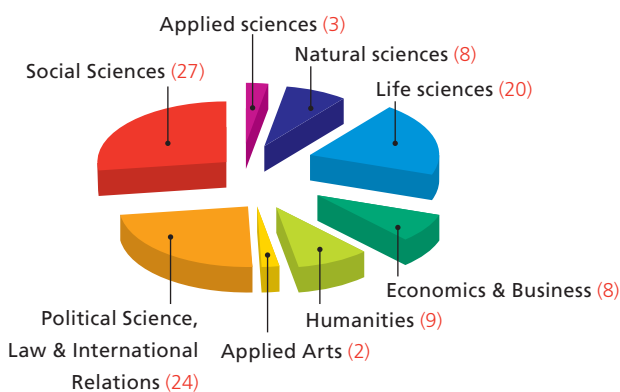
2013 STUDENT BODY COMPOSITION (%)



2013 NON-DUTCH NATIONALITIES (%)



2013 UCU GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION (%)



2013 UCU GRADUATES WORK IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS (%)

