

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT 2018-2019



Universiteit Utrecht



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Deadline(s) for electronic applications from students	<p>Semester I (Fall 2018): March 1, 2018</p> <p>Semester II (Spring 2019): October 1, 2018</p> <p>See: https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/admission/application-procedures</p> <p>Note: We do not send application instructions to incoming exchange students. We leave it up to the home university to communicate this to the nominated students.</p>																						
Nomination and admission process	<p>International coordinators should send the names of nominated students to the UCU exchange officer by February 15, 2018 and by September 15, 2018 respectively. Students can apply online after being nominated by their home university.</p> <p>UCU will review all applications on capabilities to study at UCU. Once students are accepted at UCU, they will be informed by the UCU International Office.</p>																						



Online information for incoming students	<p>General website: www.uu.nl/ucu. All useful and necessary information can be found on this website.</p> <p>Specific information for incoming exchange students: https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/admission/application-procedures/application-procedure-incoming-exchange-students. In the menu on the left-hand side you can find topics that have sections relevant to incoming exchange students.</p>
UCU is a bachelor program of studies	<p>All courses are on (honors) bachelors/undergraduate level. UCU only offers an undergraduate program.</p>
Areas of study open for exchange students	<p>In principle all fields of the Departments of Social Science, Science and Humanities are open to exchange students. The link to the study planner can be found here: https://cursusplanner.uu.nl/ (select the "University College: Bachelors" button).</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses differ slightly per semester; the CoursePlanner is regularly updated. Make sure to select the relevant semester in the menu (Period 1, Fall, or Period 3, Spring). • Students should fulfil all their mandatory graduation requirements at home, in case they are not placed in their desired courses. • Some courses are highly competitive: see explanation below.
Areas of study not available to exchange students	<p>Students need to be flexible in taking courses. For that reason they need to indicate 8 preferred courses (4 first-choice and 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, especially 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 of limited availability for exchange students.</p>
Courses taught in English?	<p>Yes, UCU is a completely English-taught program.</p>
Short explanation: how to read your study guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level 1: Introductory courses (open to all students); • level 2: Intermediate courses (level 1 prerequisites); • level 3: Advanced courses (level 1 & 2 prerequisites). <p>See also details in the UCU-transcript supplement.</p>
Credit system	<p>European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).</p> <p>See also details in the UCU-transcript supplement.</p>



Explanation credit system	<p>One course = 7,5 ECTS; one ECTS-credit = 28 study hours. 4 courses per semester = 30 ECTS (full time study load).</p> <p>It is possible to only take 3 courses (22,5 ECTS), with approval from the home university.</p>
Explanation grading system	<p>Grades used: Letter grade system, A – F. Passing grade: D-.</p> <p>See also details in the UCU-transcript supplement.</p>
Student participation in research programmes possible?	<p>Sometimes, on an individual basis. This is to be discussed with the UCU-tutor.</p>
Internships available?	<p>Sometimes, on an individual basis. This is to be discussed with the UCU-tutor.</p> <p>Exchange students are allowed to participate in UCU Summer courses (month of June); and programs such as UCU East Africa (July and August after spring semester, deadline for applicants Mid November → https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/academics/curriculum-enrichment-options/ucu-east-africa).</p>
Language requirements for non-native English speakers	<p>An advanced level of English language proficiency is required, as all courses at UCU are linguistically demanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOEFL: minimum score 100, with at least 26 in 'speaking' and at least 24 in 'writing'. - IELTS: 7.0, with at least 7.0 in each of the four components. - Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): grade A. - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): grade C.
Language test certificate required?	<p>English Language proficiency form, including the complete official test results, has to be uploaded in the online application form. Test results from April 2016 onwards are valid.</p>
Preparatory English language course for incoming students	<p>Not available on the UCU campus. Students can contact the UCU Academic Writing Center while studying at UCU to improve their writing skills.</p>
Relevant academic information for incoming exchange students:	<p>Each incoming exchange student has a tutor at UCU, for all academic advice.</p> <p>Minimum academic performance requirement: a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 1.0-4.0 scale. (see UCU transcript supplement rules)</p>
Visa requirements	<p>If the student needs a visa and/or a residence permit, the UCU Admissions Office will send them information about the application procedure. Costs: € 317,-</p>
Housing assistance	<p>It is mandatory for all incoming exchange students to live on the UCU campus. See: https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/housing</p> <p>A housing questionnaire is included in the acceptance package, sent by the International Office.</p>



Housing options	Students live in a unit with 6 to 12 other UCU- students. Every student gets a single room. There are some double rooms available (with a discount in costs): students can indicate their preference in the housing questionnaire. Students share a bathroom with their housemates. There is a shared living room. All units have a kitchen where students can prepare their meals.
Housing application deadline(s)	Semester I (Fall 2018): March 1, 2018, as part of the application forms. Semester II (Spring 2019): October 1, 2018, as part of the application forms.
Meals and kitchens	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: https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/people-buildings-services/dining-hall
Campus fees and total estimated costs per semester	Campus Fees for one semester: approximately € 3.147. Students will automatically receive an invoice for this amount. Total estimated costs per semester: € 5.685 for EEA students and € 6.000 for non EEA students. See: https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/fees-exchange-students
Other fees to pay	€ 200 acceptance deposit two weeks after being admitted at UCU and receiving the acceptance forms. Student Union (UCSA): €36,25 per semester.
Student jobs available/allowed?	No jobs available. Students are discouraged from seeking jobs elsewhere, as the academic program is heavy.
Health insurance coverage from abroad allowed/not allowed	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: https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/health-insurance for a so called AON Insurance. Specific questions about insurance can be directed to UU Student Services (studentenservice@qdesk.uu.nl).
Health facilities at the university	There are no health facilities on campus, but a list with general practitioners and dentists is available. https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/doctors-medical-practices-and-emergencies On UCU campus, the student Life Officer is available for personal and confidential guidance. https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/student-life-and-career-orientation/student-life