

Information Sheet for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

# INCOMING EXCHANGE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT



Utrecht University

University College Utrecht



## General Information

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### Website

#### General:

[www.uu.nl/ucu](http://www.uu.nl/ucu)

#### Specific for incoming exchange students:

[www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/how-to-apply/exchange-students](http://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/how-to-apply/exchange-students)

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Ms. Anna Hoksbergen

## Academic Calendar 2024-2025

### Fall 2024 (semester 1)

<b>Move-in</b>	August 15 & 16, 2024
<b>Intro week</b>	August 19-24 2024
<b>Move-out</b>	January 3, 2025

<b>Start Semester 2023</b>	August 26, 2024*
<b>End Semester 2023</b>	December 13, 2024

<b>Fall break</b>	October 21 – 25, 2024
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### Spring 2025 (semester 2)

<b>Move-in</b>	January 20, 2025
<b>Intro week</b>	January 20-24, 2025
<b>Move-out</b>	June 27, 2025

<b>Start Semester 2023</b>	January 27, 2025*
<b>End Semester 2023</b>	May 16, 2025

<b>Spring break</b>	March 24 – March 28, 2025
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**\*Orientation week (“Introweek”) starts one week prior to the start of the semester. Participation is obligatory for exchange students.**



# Admissions Process

## Nomination (Partner)

**Deadlines**      **Fall 2024:**      March 15, 2024  
**Spring 2025:**      September 10, 2024

**Instructions**      Partners should send the names of nominated students per email to the UCU International Office before the deadline.

UCU will review all applications. Once nominations are accepted at UCU, students will be informed by the UCU International Office.

## Application (Student)

**Deadlines**      **Fall 2024:**      April 1, 2024  
**Spring 2025:**      September 20, 2024

**Instructions**      Application instructions are sent to incoming exchange students after the home university has nominated them. This includes the link to the OSIRIS application system in which students complete their online application.

The final decision about the student's acceptance is made after receiving the application and the corresponding documents.

# Academics

## Disciplines

University College Utrecht offers over 220 courses per academic year. UCU is a Liberal Arts and Sciences college, offering courses across the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science domains. These domains are further separated into 'tracks'. Please see below for information on these tracks, and click on them for further information on the specific courses on offer.

### Humanities

- [Art History and Museum Studies \(HAR\)](#)
- [China Studies \(CHI\)](#)
- [History \(HIS\)](#)
- [Linguistics \(LIN\)](#)
- [Literature and Classics \(LIT\)](#)
- [Media Studies \(MES\)](#)
- [Performance Studies \(PES\)](#)
- [Philosophy \(PHI\)](#)
- [Religious Studies \(REL\)](#)

### Social Science

- [Anthropology \(ANT\)](#)
- [Economics \(ECO\)](#)
- [Geography \(GEO\)](#)
- [Law \(LAW\)](#)
- [Political Science \(POL\)](#)
- [Psychology \(PSY\)](#)
- [Sociology \(SOC\)](#)

**Science**

- [Biology \(BIO\)](#)
- [Chemistry \(CHE\)](#)
- [Cognitive Neuroscience \(COG\)](#)
- [Earth & Environment \(EAR\)](#)
- [Mathematics \(MAT\)](#)
- [Medical Science \(MED\)](#)
- [Physics \(PHY\)](#)

**Courses**

<b>Level</b>	All courses are at (honours) bachelors/undergraduate level since UCU only offers an undergraduate programme.	
<b>Course Catalogue</b>	All course offerings can be found <a href="#">online</a> . Courses differ slightly per semester; the course catalogue is regularly updated. Make sure to select the relevant semester in the menu (SEM1 Fall, or SEM2- Spring).	
<b>Course Codes</b>	<p><b>e.g. [UC][SSC][ANT][28]</b></p> <p><b>UC:</b> University College Utrecht Courses</p> <p><b>SSC:</b> Social Science</p> <p><b>ANT:</b> Anthropology</p> <p><b>2:</b> Level 2</p>	<p><b>Other options:</b> SCI = Sciences, HUM = Humanities, INT = Inter-domain</p> <p><b>Other options:</b> BIO = Biology, POL = Political Science, CHE = Chemistry, MES = Media Studies, etc.</p> <p><b>Other options:</b> Level 1, introductory (open to all) Level 2, intermediate (level 1 prerequisites) Level 3, advanced (level 1 &amp; 2 prerequisites)</p>
<b>Open to exchange students</b>	<p>All UCU courses are open to exchange students. However, some courses are highly competitive. Therefore, students need to be flexible in choosing courses. Students need to indicate 8-10 preferred courses (4 first choice and 4-6 alternative choices) per semester in the UCU's online platform (OSIRIS). Students are allowed a maximum of 2 courses in the same track. A standard course load is 4 courses (7,5 ECTS per course) per semester.</p> <p>Students should fulfill their mandatory graduation requirements at their home university in case they are not placed in their first choice courses. Exchange students can only take courses offered by UCU (and not by other Utrecht University faculties).</p>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	UCU is a completely English-taught college.	
<b>Research Programmes</b>	UCU only offers undergraduate education. Student participation in research programmes is not offered as part of the exchange programme.	
<b>Tutor</b>	Each incoming exchange student has an academic tutor at UCU, for all academic and student guidance. Students will meet their new tutor on the Tuesday during Introweek.	



## Grading System

**Letter Grade System** A – F. Lowest passing grade: D-.

**GPA-Scale**  
A – 4,0  
B – 3,0  
C – 2,0  
D – 1,0

## Credit System

**European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)** One course = 7,5 ECTS (one ECTS-credit = 28 study hours).

3-4 courses per semester = 22.5-30 ECTS (full time study load).

## Academic Requirements

**Language Requirement** An advanced level of English language proficiency is required, as all courses at UCU are linguistically demanding.

**Proof of English Proficiency** Must be recent and is only required for non-native English speakers.

**One of the following** must be uploaded in the Online Application System (OSIRIS):

- An English Language proficiency statement from the home university.
- An official English proficiency test certificate.

**Minimum test scores:**

- **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.

**GPA** Minimum academic performance requirement: **a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 1.0 - 4.0 scale.** The home university needs to supply their student with an explanation of their grading scale, so we can assess this.



## Visa

If the student needs a visa and/or a residence permit, the UU Visa Office will send them information about the application procedure.

## Housing

### **Mandatory On-Campus Housing**

It is guaranteed and mandatory for all incoming exchange students to live on the UCU campus. [Click for more detailed information.](#) A housing questionnaire is included in the acceptance package, sent by the International Office. This form includes the ~~deadline for~~ housing application.

### **Units**

Students will take residence in an on-campus unit together with 6 to 12 other UCU students with whom they share a living room, bathroom(s), and a kitchen.

### **Personal Rooms**

All rooms are furnished with a bed, desk, chair, and a closet. Students can express a preference for a single or a double room. We are usually able to accommodate this preference.

## Meals

### **Kitchen**

All units are equipped with kitchens, including a stove, fridge, oven, and freezer.

### **Dining Hall**

There is also a Dining Hall on campus, where students can purchase lunch if they want to. [Click for a more detailed description.](#)



# Finance

## Breakdown UCU Expenses

<b>Campus Fees</b>	€3.687/ semester ('23-'24 rate)  This <b>covers housing on campus, including all utilities.</b>	The updated campus fees will be announced in March. Students will automatically receive an invoice for this amount.
<b>Housing Deposit</b>	€200  Deposit.	To be paid within two weeks after being admitted to UCU and receiving the acceptance forms. The deposit will be used as a housing deposit. If there is no damage after departure, the deposit can be reimbursed within one academic year after leaving UCU.  Cancelled applications are not eligible for a refund of the deposit.
<b>Student Association (UCSA)</b>	€36 per semester	

## Total Estimated Living Costs per Semester

<b>EEA students</b>	Approximately €6.187  Including campus fees and personal expenses.
<b>Non-EEA students</b>	Approximately €6.444  Due to visa- and residence permits.



# Health

## Health Insurance

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 provide coverage of all costs, then students must apply through the website for an AON Insurance.

### Specific Insurance Questions

UU Student Services  
[studentservices@uu.nl](mailto:studentservices@uu.nl)

## Health Facilities

There are no health facilities on the UCU campus itself. Health facilities are available in the surrounding area:

### General Practitioners and Dentists

Many medical practices are within a 5-10 bike ride from the University College Utrecht campus, and others are spread throughout the city.

[Click for a list with general practitioners.](#)

### Student Life Officer

On-campus staff member who is available for personal and confidential guidance

[Click for more detailed information.](#)