Information Sheet for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

INCOMING EXCHANGE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT



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Specific for incoming exchange students:
www.uu.nl/en/organisation/university-college-utrecht/how-to-apply/exchange-students

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Fall 2025 (semester 1)

Move-in	August 14 & 15, 2025
Intro week	August 18-23, 2025
Move-out	January 4, 2026
Start Semester	August 25, 2025*
End Semester	December 12, 2025
Fall break	October 20 – 24, 2025

Spring 2026 (semester 2)

Move-in	January 19, 2026
Intro week	January 20-23, 2026
Move-out	June 28, 2026
Start Semester	January 26, 2026*
End Semester	May 15, 2026
Spring break	March 23 – 27, 2026

***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 2025: March 15, 2025
Spring 2026: September 1, 2025

Instructions
Partners should nominate all their students via **this nomination form**

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

Application (Student)

Deadlines
Fall 2025: April 1, 2025
Spring 2026: September 10, 2025

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

Level

All courses are at (honours) bachelors/undergraduate level since UCU only offers an undergraduate programme.

Course Catalogue

All course offerings can be found online. 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).

Course Codes

e.g. [UC][SSC][ANT][28]

UC: University College Utrecht Courses		
SSC: Social Science	**Other options:**	SCI = Sciences, HUM = Humanities, INT = Inter-domain
ANT: Anthropology	**Other options:**	BIO = Biology, POL = Political Science, CHE = Chemistry, MES = Media Studies, etc.
2: Level 2	**Other options:**	Level 1 (reserved for 1st year degree students, exchange students lowest priority) Level 2 (1st year prerequisites, open for all exchange) Level 3 (1st and 2nd year prerequisites, open for all exchange)

Open to exchange students

All courses, except lab courses, and research in practice (UCACCMET12), are open to exchange students. Moreover, please note that 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.

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 from UCU, and not any other UU faculty.

Language of Instruction

UCU is a completely English-taught college.

Research Programmes

UCU only offers undergraduate education. Student participation in research programmes is not offered as part of the exchange programme.

Mentorship

The international office will mentor students at UCU by offering student guidance and help with academic matters. During Introweek there will be extra support to help incoming exchange students get started.

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

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.

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. We do not offer a meal-plan.

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

Campus Fees	€4.116/ semester This **covers housing on campus, including all utilities**.	The updated campus fees will be announced in March. Students will automatically receive an invoice for this amount.
Housing Deposit	€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.
Student Association (UCSA)	€50 per semester	

Total Estimated Living Costs per Semester

EEA students	Approximately €6.187 Including campus fees and personal expenses.
Non-EEA students	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

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.