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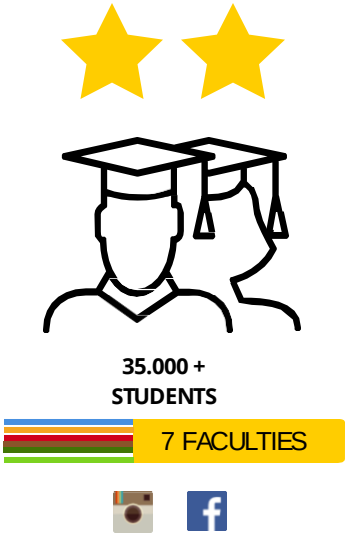

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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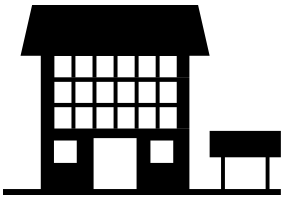
Semester I
1 Sept 2025 - 30 Jan 2026

Semester II
2 Feb 2026 - 26 June 2026



University College Utrecht

Semester I
25 Aug 2025 - 12 Dec 2025

Semester II
26 Jan 2026 - 15 May 2026

University College Roosevelt

Semester I
End of August until the end of January

Semester II
Beginning of February until mid-June

EARLY EXIT
possible option to finish before Christmas

Most faculties offer courses in block 2 that have an "early exit" option (= finish before Christmas). ***This is only possible for students who need to return to their home institution for the second semester in January.***
In most cases less than 7.5 ECTS is awarded.

EXAMINATION PERIOD(S)
Each faculty has its own schedule. Examinations are based on course work, attendance and exams during the semester. Contact the faculty for more information.

ORIENTATION SESSION(S)
Universitywide orientation and social introduction: a week before classes start/ in the first week of the semester.
Most faculties also have an orientation session.

UCU/UCR ORIENTATION
A week before the start of the academic year
Learn more about the Welcome Week

AUG 25

JAN 26

Deadlines Semester 1

Nomination deadline
15th of March

Application deadline
15th of April

Deadlines Semester 2

Nomination deadline
1st of September

Application deadline
15th of September

University College Utrecht EARLY deadline

Application deadline
for sem 1 & FY students

is April 1

STUDY AREAS & COURSE LEVELS

www.uu.nl/exchange/courses

Courses available at the following faculties:

- Humanities
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Geosciences
- Law, Economics & Governance
- Science

Limited availability:

- Biology and Pharmacy (faculty of Science)
- Biomedical Science (faculty of Medicine)

Not available for exchange students:

- Medicine (except Biomedical Science)
- Veterinary Medicine

International Honours Colleges:

University College Utrecht & University College Roosevelt
These colleges are open to exchange students if your GPA is 3.0 or higher

It's not possible to combine courses from UCU, UCR & UU.

Course levels

Level 1 = introductory
Level 2 = intermediate
Level 3 = advanced
Level 4 = Master's

Courses on Bachelor's and/or Master's level available for incoming exchange students?

Both are possible.

Bachelor's: students need to have completed at least an equivalent of 60 ECTS (one year of fulltime study).

Master's: depending on student's academic level, prerequisites (differs per faculty) and departmental approval.

Transcripts

Each faculty has its own administration of credits and grades. Transcripts will be sent digitally to the partner university and the student as soon as the transcript becomes available.

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GRADING & LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

STUDY LOAD	60 ECTS	full time study for one academic year
	30 ECTS	full time study for one semester
GRADING SYSTEM	1 to 10	10 is the highest grade
	PASS	5.5-6.0 or higher (depending on the department)

Language requirements

At Utrecht University excellent knowledge of either English or Dutch is required. Proof of language proficiency is compulsory if Dutch or English is not your native language.

Consult the table below for your required proof of proficiency. You are required to provide one of the documents applicable for your country. Note: exemptions may apply.

EU/Erasmus student	Non-EU student
Language proficiency form (only for Erasmus* students) & students from Switzerland * This includes the EU, Iceland, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey	**IELTS, TOEFL or Cambridge Certificate** Please check the website for the required scores.
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UCU Language Requirements

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.

Preparatory Dutch Language course for incoming students:

Get to know Utrecht while learning Dutch! The online course Getting to know (the) Dutch has been especially designed for international students who will start their studies at Utrecht University.

For more information:
Getting to know (the) Dutch info page

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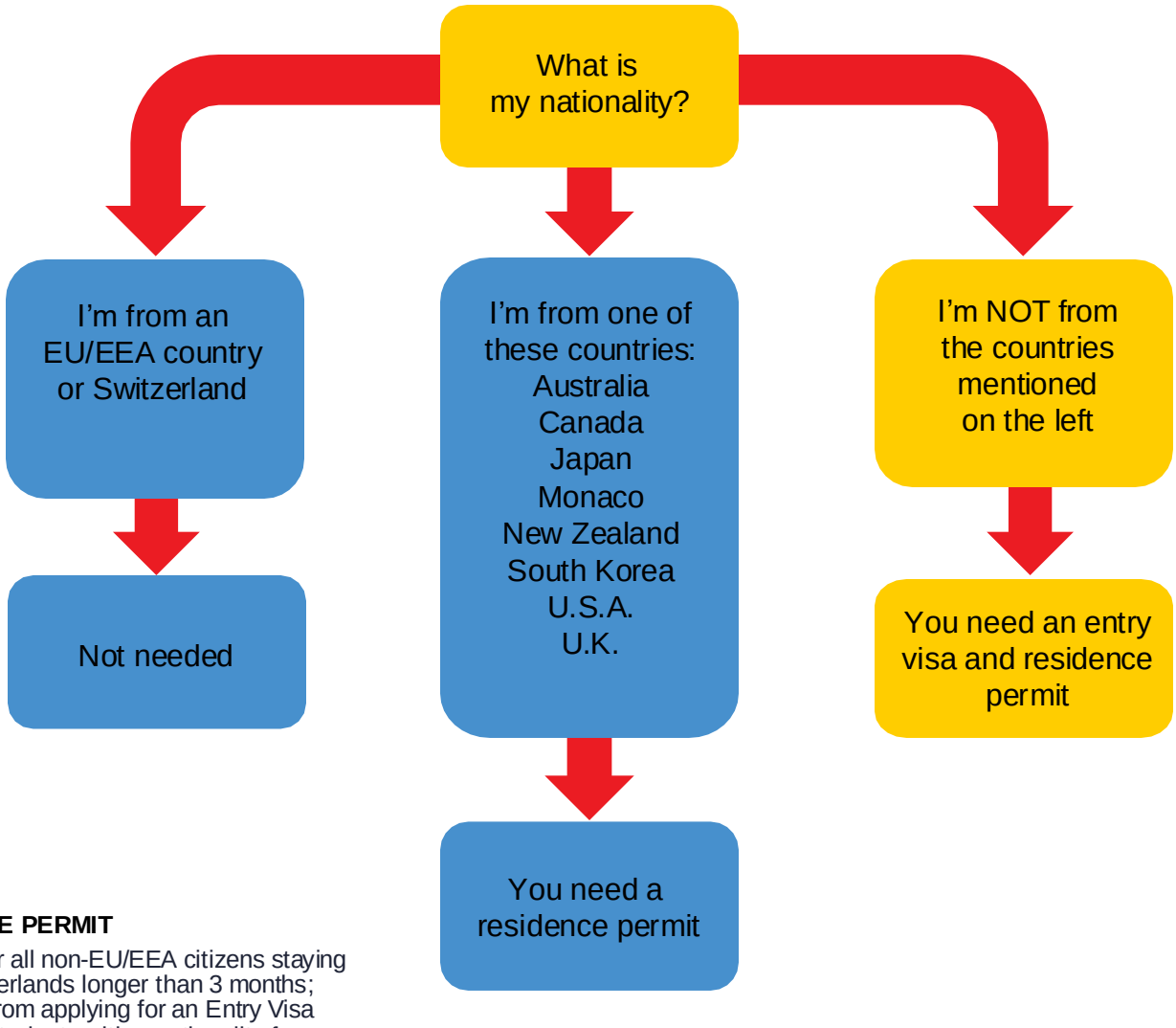
VISA REQUIREMENTS



RESIDENCE PERMIT

Required for all non-EU/EEA citizens staying in The Netherlands longer than 3 months; Exempted from applying for an Entry Visa (MVV) are students with a nationality from:

- Australia
- Canada
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Monaco
- South Korea
- Vatican City State
- United Kingdom
- U.S.A.

A residence permit is required for all non-EU/EEA citizens staying in The Netherlands longer than 3 months. After official acceptance, students will be informed about necessary documents.

ENTRY VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

For students from other countries mentioned on the left, we will apply for an entry visa. The entry visa and residence permit will combined in the procedure. After official acceptance students will be informed about necessary documents.

FOR MORE VISA INFORMATION

visa@uu.nl

Deadline for SM1: **15th of June 2025**
Deadline for SM2: **15th of November 2025**

Application fee: €275

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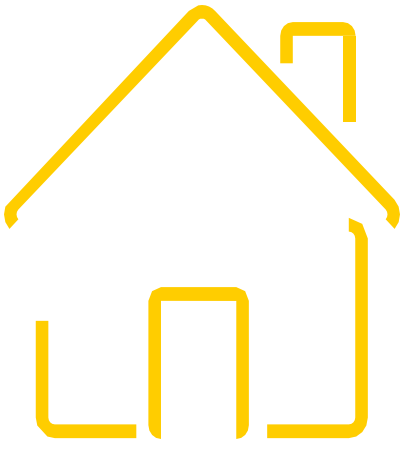
HOUSING & FINANCES



Dutch universities do not own student housing. Instead, students are responsible for finding their own accommodation. One of the ways to find housing is via the UU Reserved Accommodation Programme for Exchange and Erasmus+ students. This programme has reserved housing for new, international students with student housing providers such as SSH Short Stay. The housing offered through this programme is furnished and available for fixed rental periods only (5 or 10 months).
Be aware that as offers are limited, finding housing through this programme is not guaranteed. For more information, visit www.uu.nl/housing.

When to start searching for housing?
It is a good idea to anticipate the time and effort it may take you to find a room and start your search for housing several months in advance. For students who are eligible for the Reserved Accommodation Programme, the registration and booking dates are posted on the website. If you are eligible, it is possible to apply for this housing prior to your formal admission.

FINANCES & OTHER INFORMATION

COST OF LIVING
(including housing, food and transportation)
€1000-€1500 per month

HEALTH INSURANCE
Health insurance comparable to "ICS-Complete" from AON is allowed.

STUDENT JOBS
Jobs for students are available and allowed. Non-EU/EEA students require a work permit and are restricted to a maximum amount of 10 hours working/a week OR full-time in the summer (June - August).

HEALTH FACILITIES AT THE UU
Academic hospitals
Student psychology services
Upon arrival, students receive information about doctors, dentists and pharmacies.

STUDYING WITH A DISABILITY

At UU we welcome students with a disability. Students may apply for facilities or adjustments accordingly. More information can be found on the website.

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