

BSc Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE)

Fact Sheet¹

Academic Year 2022-2023

General Information	
Name of institution	UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM (UvA) NL AMSTERD01
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Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information PPLE programme • General information for exchange students at UvA • Current students PPLE • Course Catalogue

Facts & Figures	<p>The University of Amsterdam (UvA) was established in 1632. It is a comprehensive research university consisting of 7 different faculties located on several city campuses in Amsterdam, accommodating over 30,000 students. UvA has an excellent international reputation, it is ranked in the Top 100 of universities worldwide and is one of the most international university in the Netherlands (QS 2019). The majority of its Master's programmes are English-taught, as well as a number of Bachelor's programmes, e.g. PPLE.</p> <p>PPLE is an interdisciplinary undergraduate programme that is unique in the Netherlands. It is small-scale and selective, with a limited annual intake of students. Its student body is diverse, approximately 65% of students are international.</p> <p>After the first year of academic core and interdisciplinary courses, PPLE students choose their major from 4 different specialisations: Politics, Psychology, Law or Economics and Business.</p>
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Academic information

Courses open to exchange students	<p>Second and third-year major courses are open to exchange students in the PPLE programme on the condition that students have completed an introductory course in the specific discipline before.</p> <p>➔ In all cases, priority will be given to PPLE students who need to complete degree requirements.</p> <p>The regular (full-time) study load is 30 EC per semester. Students can choose to enroll in the first or second semester (or, in some cases, for a full-year exchange). One semester is composed of three blocks.</p> <p>Students must take at least 3 PPLE courses during their semester exchange and 6 PPLE courses during a full-year exchange.</p>
Restrictions	Exchange students are <u>not</u> allowed to take Research Lab the Bachelor's thesis and PPLE core courses.
Entrance requirements PPLE programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To study in the PPLE programme, students should have completed at least 2 full academic years of courses and have obtained at least an introductory course in one or more of the 4 PPLE disciplines. • Exchange student must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent. • Exchange students must meet the same language requirements as regular PPLE students, see: https://pple.uva.nl/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/english-proficiency-requirements/english-language-requirements.html
Course registration	Exchange students will be contacted by the PPLE exchange office in order to register for courses
Course placement	If a course attracts more students than there are places, PPLE degree students will have priority
Electives outside of PPLE course offering	In principle, exchange students can only take courses from the PPLE curriculum. We will only facilitate registering for a course at a different faculty in exceptional circumstances (dependent on capacity as well).

Academic calendar	<p>First semester: Monday 5 September 2022 – Friday 3 February 2023 Second semester: Monday 6 February 2023 – Friday 30 June 2023</p> <p>Each semester contains 3 academic blocks.</p> <p>For more information on the academic calendar, please see our website.</p>
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Academic Introduction	<p>Introductory meetings will be planned to take place in the week before the start of the semester. Students will be informed of the exact date and time after they have been accepted as a incoming PPLe exchange student.</p>
Intro programme for exchange students	<p>Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam (ESN) https://isnamsterdam.nl/</p> <p>See website for introduction programme dates.</p>
Student accommodation incl. deadline	<p>https://www.uva.nl/en/education/practical-information/housing/housing.html Student accommodation can only be booked for a full semester, even if departing earlier</p>
Nomination deadline for Erasmus+ partner universities	<p>Partner universities will be sent an email with a link to the online nomination form when the nomination period opens. Nomination deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Semester: 1 April 2022 (starting September 2022) • Second Semester: 15 September 2022 (starting February 2023) <p>Exchange students from partner universities have to be nominated by their home university.</p>
Application deadline for Erasmus+ students	<p>First semester: 1 May 2022 (starting September 2022) Second semester: 15 October 2022(starting February 2023)</p>

Approximate costs of living	<p>During their stay in Amsterdam, students can expect to spend between €900 and €1,500 per month on living expenses.</p> <p>Costs are roughly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visa/residence permit (if not EU national): €210, one-time fee • accommodation: €400 - €800 per month • general living expenses: €400 - €500 per month • insurance: €35 - €100 per month • books: €50 - €100 per month • public transport (optional): €40 - €100 <p>To compare living costs between the home university and Amsterdam, you can make use of this website for a comprehensive overview: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp</p>
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Grading & Transcripts	
Grades	<p>The Dutch grading system applies a scale of 1-10; 6 being sufficient and 10 being highest. A grade of 10 is exceptional and rarely awarded. Refer to: https://www.uva.nl/en/education/studying-at-the-uva/educational-style-grading-and-credits/education-style-grading-and-credits.html</p> <p>After students have completed their courses, their grades will be published in SIS, the student administration system.</p> <p>Students can view their grades in SIS, provided they have an UvANetID and password: https://www.sis.uva.nl/</p>
Transcripts	<p>The PPLE Exchange Office will send the transcripts by mail to the exchange coordinators /partner universities.</p>