



## Exchange Programme Factsheet Faculty of Science University of Amsterdam

### A. Information about the higher education institution

Name of the institution	Erasmus code	Contact details	Website
University of Amsterdam Faculty of Science	NLAMSTERD01	<p><b>Selma Kujundzic</b>  <i>Coordinator Exchange</i>            T: +31 20 525 7802            E: <a href="mailto:studex-science@uva.nl">studex-science@uva.nl</a></p> <p>University of Amsterdam            Faculty of Science            ESC, Student Exchange Office            Science Park 904            1098 XH Amsterdam</p>	<p>Application (Erasmus):  <a href="http://www.uva.nl/exchange-science">www.uva.nl/exchange-science</a></p> <p>Courses:  <a href="http://www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl">www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl</a></p> <p>➤ Select Programme: 'Exchange Programme Faculty of Science'</p>

### B. Required or recommended language skills

- Students holding an EU nationality applying for bachelor courses (except courses in Future Planet Studies) can hand in their Online Linguistic Support results (OLS). The minimum level is B2.
- Students holding a non-EU nationality who are applying for bachelor courses need to show proof of English proficiency by one of the official tests indicated below. OLS is not accepted.
- Students applying for master courses always need to show proof of English proficiency by one of the official tests indicated below. OLS is not accepted.
- Students applying for courses of the bachelor programme Future Planet Studies must show proof of English proficiency as indicated below. OLS is not accepted.
- Students who are enrolled in a fully English taught bachelor or master programme at their home university, are not required to hand in a proof of English proficiency. They can upload a statement from a university administrator stating the programme is fully taught in English.
- Native speakers are not required to hand in a proof of English proficiency. They can upload their transcript of records instead of the proof of English proficiency.

For further information see table below or [www.uva.nl/exchange-science](http://www.uva.nl/exchange-science).

English language requirements	Bachelor level (1 <sup>st</sup> cycle)	Master level (2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle)
<b>IELTS (academic)</b>	Minimum 6,5 overall score Minimum score 6 per component	Minimum 6,5-7 overall score Minimum score 6 per component
<b>TOEFL (ibt)</b>	Minimum 90 overall score Minimum score 20 per component	Minimum 90 overall score Minimum score 20 per component



<b>Cambridge Advanced or Proficiency English (CAE/CPE)</b>	Minimum grade C	Minimum grade C
<b>Online Linguistic Support (OLS)</b>	Level B2	

### C. Remarks/restrictions

Study programme for exchange students

- It is not possible for students to hand-in their final BSc-/MSc-/PhD-thesis at the host institution. Final theses need to be graded and supervised by the home institution.
- Exchange students are expected to stay and study for the complete duration of the semester. It is not possible to arrive later than the start date of the semester, nor to end the exchange before the end of the semester (except in special circumstances).
- It is not possible to attend courses as an auditor. Students have to attend all sessions and participate actively in class discussions and presentations and are also required to take the exam(s).
- Exchange students nominated to the Faculty of Science are expected to take their courses at the Faculty of Science. Exchange students are initially limited to courses from the study area of the exchange agreement. In some cases it is possible to choose courses from a wider range of study areas within the faculty. This option can in due time be discussed with the Exchange Coordinator of the Faculty of Science. It is sometimes possible for students to take one or two courses at another faculty, though this cannot be guaranteed.

Master programmes

- Students who wish to apply for master courses must have obtained a bachelor degree (or equivalent of 180 EC) in the relevant study area. Acceptance into courses on master level is dependent on the approval of the master programme coordinator. An official English language certificate is obligatory to participate in English taught master courses.
- Courses of certain selective master's programmes and Academic English courses are not open to exchange students. These are:
  - Courses of the master programme Artificial Intelligence are (partially) restricted. Placement cannot be guaranteed.
  - Courses of the master programme Biomedical Sciences, Neurobiology cluster
  - Courses of the master programme Forensic Science
  - Courses of the master programme Security and Network Engineering
  - Academic skills courses (Academic English, Teaching skills, etc.)

**D. Calendar**

University of Amsterdam	Autumn term (semester 1)	Spring term (semester 2)
Faculty of Science	<p><b>Erasmus:</b>  <b>Nomination deadline: 1 April</b>  <b>Application deadline: 1 May</b></p> <p>Students receive acceptance emails by 15 June.</p> <p>Students will receive information by e-mail prior to their arrival.</p>	<p><b>Erasmus:</b>  <b>Nomination deadline: 1 October</b>  <b>Application deadline: 15 October</b></p> <p>Students receive acceptance emails by 1 December.</p> <p>Students will receive information by e-mail prior to their arrival.</p>
	<p>Course registration deadline: 1 June            Students will be informed in due time about course registration.</p> <p>Students receive their final course list at the end of August.</p>	<p>Course registration deadline: 1 December            Students will be informed in due time about course registration.</p> <p>Students receive their final course list at the end of January.</p>
	<p>Term dates (general):            1 September - 31 January            See <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a> for specific dates per academic year.</p>	<p>Term dates (general):            1 September - 31 January            See <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a> for specific dates per academic year.</p>
	<p>Students receive a transcript of records in March</p>	<p>Students receive a transcript of records in August</p>

**E. General information****1. Academic information**

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<b>Number of study weeks/academic year</b>	<p>42 weeks (40 weeks courses, 2 weeks holidays). A semester consists of 3 periods (8-8-4 weeks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Semester 1</i></li> <li>Period 1: September-October</li> <li>Period 2: November-December</li> <li>Period 3: January</li> <li>- <i>Semester 2</i></li> <li>Period 4: February-March</li> <li>Period 5: April-May</li> <li>Period 6: June</li> </ul> <p>Courses last for one, two or three periods. The length of a course is indicated in the course catalogue. Courses do not run for the complete academic year. When selecting courses please note that you should divide your study load equally. For example if you are selecting a standard study load of 30 EC per semester, you should select 12 EC in period 1, 12 EC in period 2 and 6 EC in period 3, as period 3 is the shortest period.</p>



<b>Credit system</b>	The University of Amsterdam uses the European Credit System (ECTS, EC's). The standard workload for full-time students is 60 EC per academic year (1680 hours of study) or 30 EC per semester (840 hours of study).
<b>Workload</b>	<p>The credit system is based on student workload. Student workload does not only consist of lectures and seminars, but also of individual study. The workload is expressed in credit points based on the ECTS.</p> <p>1 EC represents 28 hours of full-time study, including lecture attendance, hours spent on individual study and preparation of assignments.</p>
<b>Language</b>	<p>Some bachelor courses are taught in English. For more information go to: <a href="http://www.uva.nl/exchange-science">www.uva.nl/exchange-science</a></p> <p>All master courses are taught in English.</p>
<b>Duration of programmes</b>	<p>A bachelor's programme (Bachelor of Science) has a duration of three years (180 EC). A master's programme (Master of Science) has a duration of either one year (60 EC, regular master) or two years in case of a (120 EC, research master).</p>
<b>Type of education</b>	There are different types of education. Lectures are frequently used as well as seminars and self-study. In seminars an active participation is expected. Students are expected to attend all classes. First course of the semester is obligatory. Canvas, our digital learning environment, is used to prepare for classes, for discussions and exams.
<b>Assessment</b>	Various types of exams are practiced: written exams, essays, class room presentation and assignments.
<b>Academic climate</b>	<p>The UvA places a strong emphasis on independent and critical thinking. Students are expected to study independently. There is a lot of self-study required. Students find the academic climate challenging but rewarding.</p> <p>Exams and assessment are not only scheduled at the end of a course but students can also find themselves doing weekly assignments such as small essays or reports and most courses have mid-term as well as final exams.</p> <p>It is not common for teachers to be more lenient or easy on the exchange students. Exchange students are expected to fully participate in courses, there are no auditor-only options.</p>
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Courses can be found in the course catalogue: <a href="http://www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl">www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl</a></p> <p>There is a limited amount of courses in English with a limited amount of places available for exchange students. Therefore it is very important for students to keep back-up courses in mind and be flexible about the course choices.</p>
<b>Application procedure</b>	<p>Prospective Erasmus exchange students fill out the online web form before the set deadline. For more information go to <a href="http://www.uva.nl/exchange-science">www.uva.nl/exchange-science</a>.</p> <p>Prospective Global Exchange Programme students need to apply through the Global Exchange Programme procedure. For more information go to <a href="http://www.uva.nl/exchange">www.uva.nl/exchange</a>.</p>
<b>Date of arrival</b>	Recommended: 7 to 14 days prior to start of the semester



<b>Introduction</b>	<p>The introduction programme is organized by International Student Network (ISN), usually one or two weeks before the start of the semester. More information can be found on <a href="http://www.isn-amsterdam.nl">www.isn-amsterdam.nl</a>.</p> <p>The Faculty of Science Student Exchange Office will organize a welcome meeting. Date and time will be announced in due time.</p>
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## 2. Grading system

In the Netherlands grades are awarded on a grading scale from 1-10, 10 being the highest. A passing grade is a 6 or higher. Very good/excellent grades are an 8 or higher. A 'pass' is given for courses/seminars which are not graded, but for which the student has met the requirements

University of Amsterdam 10 point grading scale	ECTS Quality Assessment	Distribution percentages	Recommended U.S. grades	Recommended ECTS grades
8 ≤ grade ≤ 10	Excellent	10%	A	A
7.5 ≤ grade < 8	Very good	25%	B	B
7 ≤ grade < 7,5	Good	30%	B	C
6 < grade < 7	Satisfactory	25%	C	D
5,5 ≤ grade ≤ 6	Sufficient	10%	D	E
< 5.5	Fail	-	F	F

## 3. Visa

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
<b>Student Service Desk</b>	<i>See website.</i>	<a href="http://www.uva.nl/visa">www.uva.nl/visa</a>

## 4. Insurance

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
<b>Faculty of Science</b>	Faculty of Science International Team, Student Exchange Office	<a href="http://www.uva.nl/insurance">www.uva.nl/insurance</a>



## 5. Housing

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
<b>Faculty of Science</b>	Faculty of Science International Team, Housing Office	<a href="http://www.uva.nl/housing">www.uva.nl/housing</a>  The University of Amsterdam does not have a campus, and housing for international students is accommodated by housing corporations on the basis of an agreement with the University. Please note that accommodation cannot be guaranteed. As soon as a student is accepted to the exchange programme of the Faculty of Science, the student will receive instructions on how to apply for housing.

## 6. Assistance student with disabilities or special needs

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
<b>Faculty of Science</b>	Faculty of Science, International Team, Student Exchange Office, or Disability counsellor Mrs Claudia Flüggen	<a href="http://www.uva.nl/disability">www.uva.nl/disability</a>