Exchange Programmes 2023/2024

Studying in Amsterdam

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A world-class education
Founded on a tradition of highly integrated academics, the University of Amsterdam enjoys a global reputation for cutting-edge research, high-quality teaching and a broad range of degree programmes. Our open, tolerant and international academic tradition dates back to 1632, and continues strongly today thanks to our thriving community of independent thinkers. Now, with more than 42,000 students, we are considered one of the best research universities in the world. We strive for excellence in teaching and research, and are proud to offer you one of the largest selections of English-taught programmes in continental Europe.

Coming on exchange
We participate in an extensive network of European and global partner universities to facilitate student exchanges and help you broaden your horizon. If you are an ambitious student at one of our partner universities, we encourage you to participate in a challenging and inspiring academic exchange programme at the UvA. During your time with us you will learn new analytical and problem solving skills, embark on interesting subjects that may not be offered at your home university, enhance your interest in global issues and extend your knowledge of the world.

Studying in Amsterdam
Amsterdam provides an ideal environment for academic study. As the capital city with a population over 905,000 inhabitants, Amsterdam is the financial, creative and cultural heart of the Netherlands. It is also home to numerous (international) companies, institutions and museums. The city boasts beautiful architecture and more than 165 canals, lending Amsterdam its unique and charming historical ambience. The people of Amsterdam are easy-going and welcoming to foreigners since English is the city’s second language. Getting around is easy, using the extensive public transport system, or you can explore the city by bike, discovering places where no cars, buses or trams can take you.

Academic calendar

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The UvA in numbers

1 UvA
4 Campuses
7 Faculties
29 Summer Programmes
220+ English-taught programmes
2,600+ English-taught courses
12,600+ International students
42,000+ Students

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UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
UvA's global network

If you are interested in an exchange at the University of Amsterdam, there is one essential question you must answer before you begin: Does my home university have an exchange agreement with the University of Amsterdam? There is a good chance that your university is already part of our network of over 330 partner universities worldwide. You can only participate in our exchange programme if your home university has an official exchange agreement with the UvA and if you have been nominated for the exchange by your home university. You can check what options are available to you at www.uva.nl/worldmap, or by contacting your home university.

We’re here to help

Incoming exchange students are hosted by one of the faculties and will receive academic and personal guidance from the departmental international office. You may be allowed to take one course at another faculty, but you are expected to enrol for a fulltime course load in one department. The central international office (part of Student Services) informs you about and assists you with all kinds of practical matters. More details on the exchange programmes, faculties and practical information is available at www.uva.nl/exchange.

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Every year the University of Amsterdam welcomes hundreds of exchange students from around the globe who enrol in one of its large variety of English-taught programmes, some of which are rated as among the world’s best. These span a wide range of disciplines: Humanities, Economics and Business, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Law, Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences, ‘Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics’ (PPLE), Medicine and Dentistry. Each of these excellent opportunities offer in-depth academic opportunities for ambitious international students.

For more information, see [www.uva.nl/exchange](http://www.uva.nl/exchange).

### Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities is the largest of its kind in the Netherlands. It offers a large variety of research intensive, mono-, multi- and interdisciplinary Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes. Most of the faculty’s Master’s programmes are taught in English and an increasing number of Bachelor’s programmes are also taught completely in English. The Faculty of Humanities offers courses in the following fields:

- Archaeology and Ancient studies
- Arts and Cultural studies
- Dutch Studies
- English Language and Culture
- European Studies
- History and American Studies
- Language and Literature & Culture Studies
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Incoming students can choose courses from the entire range offered by the Faculty of Humanities. Besides English-taught courses, many courses are taught in Dutch or in one of the target languages (modern European languages). To make course selection easier for incoming (exchange) students, all courses open to exchange students are brought together in the Exchange Programme College of Humanities (Bachelor’s level courses) and the Exchange Programme Graduate School of Humanities (Master’s level courses). Exchange students wishing to attend Master’s level courses need special permission to do so.

### Economics and Business

UvA Economics and Business maintains a strong sense of identity and purpose which benefits students on their path towards academic achievement. Doing an exchange course in economics or business at the UvA means you are sharpening your mind to make a difference in society and industry. Accredited by AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA, UvA Economics and Business is proud of its ‘triple crown’ status. Less than 1% of all schools offering Business programmes worldwide have achieved this prestigious status. Take an exchange course here and you can expect a challenging high-level curriculum with a solid academic foundation and international focus.

The exchange courses are hosted by the Amsterdam Business School and Amsterdam School of Economics. As an exchange student, you can choose from a variety of undergraduate and graduate level courses taught in English in the fields of:

- Accountancy and Control
- Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Econometrics
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship and Finance
Connect with your fellow local and international students and play an important role representing the universities in our award-winning UvA Ambassadors Programme.

uva.nl/ambassadors
Top 10 Countries of UvA’s international students

1. UK
2. Germany
3. China
4. USA
5. Italy
6. France
7. Spain
8. Australia
9. Hungary
10. Canada

Law

The Amsterdam Law School (ALS) at the University of Amsterdam offers exchange students a variety of English-taught Bachelor’s and Master’s courses, specialized in European and International Law. The Master’s courses have been approved by the American Bar Association. The issues discussed cover current topics and there is also plenty of room for debate. Students will acquire a critical approach as well as practical legal skills. The Law Faculty is situated in a brand new campus building in the heart of Amsterdam. Since most of the law firms and important (international) legal institutions are situated in or in the vicinity of Amsterdam, it is the perfect city to explore legal practice. The classrooms consist of a mix of international and Dutch students and teachers. A large part of the teaching staff is also involved in research or legal practice. Exchange students may choose courses from the following LLM tracks and LLB minors:

- Public International Law
- International Trade & Investment Law
- European Union Law
- European Competition Law and Regulation
- European Private Law
- Minor: Law and Justice in the European Union
- Minor: Law and Economics

Science

The Faculty of Science is located at the Science Park, an innovative hub of teaching, research and knowledge-intensive industry. The faculty’s building contains state-of-the-art facilities, such as a solar and stellar observatory, a greenhouse complex, an experimental facility and several advanced computer labs. To fully benefit from local expertise and facilities, and to offer science students a greater choice in elective courses, specialisations and projects, the Faculty of Science collaborates intensively with the science faculties of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Most of the Science Bachelor’s programmes offer English-taught courses for third year undergraduate exchange students who meet the requirements. The following programmes offer courses in English:

- Artificial Intelligence - application possible for 3rd year students of AI (and related sciences), English taught courses in semester 1 only
- Biology - third year, semester 1 only
- Biomedical Sciences - third year, semester 1 only
- Chemistry - third year, whole year
- Future Planet Studies (Earth Sciences) - second and third year, whole year
- Interdisciplinary courses - open to exchange students of all disciplines
- Mathematics - third year, whole year
- Physics and Astronomy - third year, whole year
- Psychobiology - third year Science students of all disciplines, semester 1 only
- Master’s courses – courses of Master’s programmes are open to students with a relevant Bachelor’s/undergraduate degree
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Amsterdam University College (AUC) is a residential college, offering a rigorous, interdisciplinary honours programme in the Liberal Arts & Sciences at Bachelor’s level. As an exchange student at AUC you will be part of an international academic community, living and learning with students and staff representing more than 50 nationalities. You may choose from over 250 courses covering various subjects in the Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and Academic Core, including:

- Sciences: Information, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Earth & Environment, Biology, Biomedical, Health
- Humanities: Literature, Film, Philosophy, History, Culture, Media, Art History
- Academic Core: Foreign Languages (including Dutch), Interdisciplinary competencies, LAS competencies

Courses are offered across many disciplines, with a particular emphasis on interdisciplinarity. All courses are taught entirely in English in an intimate classroom setting (with a maximum of 25 students). AUC is located at Amsterdam Science Park in the eastern part of the city, where the academic building and the AUC student residences make up the AUC campus.

Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE)
Today’s major global issues, such as conflict between identity and migration, the debate between security and privacy, or the global financial crisis, are best addressed by a combined analysis through the lens of politics, psychology, law and economics (PPLE). The Bachelor’s degree of PPLE combines these four disciplines in one coherent programme. PPLE is a small-scale and intensive college with a student body consisting of over 40 different nationalities. All find a home in Amsterdam which, like PPLE, is small in numbers but culturally larger than life. PPLE welcomes exchange students with at least two years of relevant academic experience. Incoming exchange students are eligible to take PPLE major courses offered in years 2 and 3, interdisciplinary electives and interdisciplinary seminars.

Medicine
The Amsterdam Medical Centre of the University of Amsterdam accepts a limited number of students only from international (bio)medical schools in its exchange programme. As an exchange student, you can apply for academic semesters, internships for a maximum of 8 weeks or research electives for at least 4 months. For internships, a good knowledge of the Dutch language is required. Students with a good command of the Dutch language can also follow Bachelor’s courses.

Dentistry
The Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam only accepts exchange students from institutes with which the faculty has an exchange agreement. If you are eligible, you can take courses at the faculty, usually for a short period during the Summer months. Individual programmes can be arranged for you, taking into account your specific academic goals.

Amsterdam in numbers

1 Amsterdam
8 Windmills
40 Parks
75 Museums
165 Canals
180 Nationalities
2,500 Houseboats
905,000 Inhabitants
881,000 Bicycles
10 REASONS TO choose the UvA

1 RANKINGS
The UvA scores highly in international rankings. It is ranked among the top 15 universities in Europe and the top 100 worldwide.

2 RANGE OF ENGLISH COURSES
Both Dutch and international students enrol in, and therefore benefit from, the large selection of English-taught courses.

3 INTERNATIONAL CLASSROOM
The international composition and diversity of the student population (around 100 nationalities) offers a truly international study environment.

4 INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORKS
The UvA is an active member of numerous EU-wide and global research networks, such as the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and of Universitas 21 (U21).

5 HISTORY
The UvA is characterised by a tolerant, open-minded and international academic tradition dating back to 1632.

6 QUALITY OF LIFE
Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands and is one of the world’s best places to live, according to several international surveys.

7 PRACTICAL SUPPORT
Students are actively supported in practical matters such as opening a bank account, applying for visas and finding accommodation in Amsterdam.

8 STUDENT SUPPORT
Staff of the twelve international offices and of Student Services help international students with information, advice and support.

9 PRIME LOCATION
Amsterdam is well connected for travel within Europe and has excellent links to the rest of the world.

10 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
The UvA promotes an interactive teaching style that encourages students to develop self-reliance and independent thinking.