

GLOBAL EXCHANGE

Incoming Quick Facts
2019-2020





Study programmes and courses

Exchange students in the Global Exchange Programme are registered on a non-degree basis for undergraduate courses. Access to graduate courses is unfortunately very limited and therefore restricted. Whether exchange students can be admitted at the graduate level is decided on a case-by-case basis. The main condition for a graduate application to be reviewed, is that the potential candidate has to hold a completed Bachelor's/undergraduate degree in the desired field of study. Please note that taking graduate courses in Social Sciences is not possible for general exchange students (an exception to this applies for Research Master Urban Studies agreements with selected partners).

English-taught courses can be found in Humanities, Social Sciences, Psychology, Business, Economics, Law, Natural Sciences, Pedagogical & Educational Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Future Planet Studies, and Geography, Planning, and Development Studies, Amsterdam University College.

Exchange students cannot take courses in Medicine, Dentistry, Graduate School of Social Science, MSc. Business Studies.

The academic system

The UvA works with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The academic year consists of two semesters divided in three blocks per semester: 8 weeks, 8 weeks, 4 weeks. Most courses are valued at either 6 or 12 European Credits (EC). The full-time study workload is 30 EC per semester. Each EC represent a certain hours of workload. This does not only involve lectures and seminars, but also self-study. The Dutch grading system is on a scale that ranges from 1 to 10. A "5.5" is a "pass", an "8" is "very good". Generally, students hardly ever receive a 10.

Each study programme at the UvA is part of a larger 'Faculty'. These 'Faculties' are the overarching bodies, which generally represent an academic field. The study programme Sociology, for example, is part of the larger Faculty 'Social Sciences'. Each study programme has its own academic standards and procedures (abbreviated as OER in Dutch), which explains all the specific regulations of that study programme. Your host Faculty at the UvA will explain you more about the rules and regulations of that Faculty during your introduction.

Airport Pick Up

Each semester, there are one or two designated arrival days. On those days the UvA offers a free airport pick up service from Schiphol Airport to the housing offices in Amsterdam where you will be able to sign your contract and pick up your keys. You will receive an invitation to sign up for the pick service in the final month before the start of your semester or you may visit the website directly. You can sign up until the last week before the arrival day(s).

Also see > www.uva.nl/pickup

Dutch Language Courses

Next to the academic courses of your host Faculty, the Institute for Dutch Language Education (INTT) of the UvA offers Dutch language courses for all international students at various levels: absolute beginners, beginners, intermediate and advanced level. Global Exchange students are welcome to apply for these Dutch language courses.

Since the Global Exchange Programme encourages language learning, we offer a full reimbursement of the tuition fee of the semi-intensive language programme upon successful completion of the course. The costs for the courses must however be paid in advance.

Applications for the language programme have to be signed by International Student Affairs. On the INTT website interested students can find an application form, which they can send to their adviser at the UvA for approval. More information can be found on the INTT website.

Also see > www.hum.uva.nl/intt

Academic Calendar

First semester: **Monday, 2 September 2019** - **Friday, 26 January 2019**
Second semester: **Monday, 3 February 2020** - **Friday, 29 June 2020**

Depending on the course selection, it is possible for students to attain a full academic workload of a semester (30 ECTS) during block one and block two (the first 16 weeks of the semester). Despite this fact, our semester officially runs until the beginning of February and end of June. All students will be asked to pay for their accommodation for the entire semester.



