

Information Sheet for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

INCOMING EXCHANGE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Utrecht



Utrecht University

University College Utrecht



General Information

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Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Fall 2026 (semester 1)

Move-in August 20 & 21, 2026**Intro week** August 24-30, 2026**Move-out** January 3, 2027**Start Semester** August 31, 2026**End Semester** December 18, 2026**Fall break** October 19 – 23, 2026

Spring 2027 (semester 2)

Move-in January 18, 2027**Intro week** January 19-24, 2027**Move-out** June 25, 2027**Start Semester** January 25, 2027***End Semester** May 23, 2027**Spring break** March 15 – 19, 2027

***Orientation week ("Introweek") starts one week prior to the start of the semester. Participation is obligatory for exchange students.**



Admissions Process

Nomination (Partner)

Deadlines	Fall 2026: April 15, 2026 Spring 2027: September 15, 2026
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Instructions	Partners should nominate all their students via this nomination form UCU will review all applications. Once nominations are accepted at UCU, students will be informed by the UCU International Office.
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Application (Student)

Deadlines	Fall 2026: May 1, 2026 Spring 2027: October 1, 2026
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Instructions	Application instructions are sent to incoming exchange students after the home university has nominated them. This includes the link to the OSIRIS application system in which students complete their online application.
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The final decision about the student's acceptance is made after receiving the application and the corresponding documents.

Academics

Disciplines

University College Utrecht offers over 220 courses per academic year. UCU is a Liberal Arts and Sciences college, offering courses across the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science domains. These domains are further separated into 'tracks'. Please see below for information on these tracks, and click on them for further information on the specific courses on offer.

Humanities

- [Art History and Museum Studies \(HAR\)](#)
- [China Studies \(CHI\)](#)
- [History \(HIS\)](#)
- [Linguistics \(LIN\)](#)
- [Literature and Classics \(LIT\)](#)
- [Media Studies \(MES\)](#)
- [Performance Studies \(PES\)](#)
- [Philosophy \(PHI\)](#)
- [Religious Studies \(REL\)](#)

Social Science

- [Anthropology \(ANT\)](#)
- [Economics \(ECO\)](#)
- [Geography \(GEO\)](#)
- [Law \(LAW\)](#)
- [Political Science \(POL\)](#)
- [Psychology \(PSY\)](#)
- [Sociology \(SOC\)](#)

Science

- [Biology \(BIO\)](#)
- [Chemistry \(CHE\)](#)
- [Cognitive Neuroscience \(COG\)](#)
- [Earth & Environment and Sustainability Science \(EES\)](#)
- [Mathematics \(MAT\)](#)
- [Medical Science \(MED\)](#)
- [Physics \(PHY\)](#)

Courses

Level	All courses are at (honours) bachelors/undergraduate level since UCU only offers an undergraduate programme.
Course Catalogue	All course offerings can be found online . Courses differ slightly per semester; the course catalogue is regularly updated. Make sure to select the relevant semester in the menu (SEM1 Fall, or SEM2- Spring).
Course Codes	e.g. [UC][SSC][ANT][28] UC: University College Utrecht Courses SSC: Social Science ANT: Anthropology 2: Level 2
	Other options: SCI = Sciences, HUM = Humanities, INT = Inter-domain Other options: BIO = Biology, POL = Political Science, CHE = Chemistry, MES = Media Studies, etc. Other options: Level 1 (reserved for 1 st year degree students, exchange students lowest priority) Level 2 (1 st year prerequisites, open for all exchange) Level 3 (1 st and 2 nd year prerequisites, open for all exchange)
Open to exchange students	All courses, except lab courses, and research in practice (UCACCMET12), are open to ex-change students. Moreover, please note that some courses are highly competitive. There-fore, students need to be flexible in choosing courses. Students need to indicate 8-10 pre-ferred courses (4 first choice and 4-6 alternative choices) per semester in the UCU's online platform (OSIRIS). Students are allowed a maximum of 2 courses in the same track. A stan-dard course load is 4 courses (7,5 ECTS per course) per semester. Students should fulfill their mandatory graduation requirements at their home university in case they are not placed in their first choice courses. Exchange students can only take courses from UCU, and not any other UU faculty.
Language of Instruction	UCU is a completely English-taught college.
Research Programmes	UCU only offers undergraduate education. Student participation in research programmes is not offered as part of the exchange programme.
Mentorship	The international office will mentor students at UCU by offering student guidance and help with academic matters. During Introweek there will be extra support to help incoming exchange students get started.



Grading System

Letter Grade System A – F. Lowest passing grade: D-.

GPA-Scale
A – 4,0
B – 3,0
C – 2,0
D – 1,0

Credit System

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) One course = 7,5 ECTS (one ECTS-credit = 28 study hours).

3-4 courses per semester = 22.5-30 ECTS (full time study load).

Academic Requirements

Language Requirement 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**): 185 (with no partial score below 176).
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (**CPE**): 185 (with no partial score below

GPA Minimum academic performance requirement: **a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 1.0 - 4.0 scale.** The home university needs to supply their student with an explanation of their grading scale, so we can assess this.



Visa

If the student needs a visa and/or a residence permit, the UU Visa Office will send them information about the application procedure.

Housing

On-campus housing

It is guaranteed and mandatory for all incoming exchange students to live on the UCU campus. [Click for more detailed information.](#) A housing questionnaire is included in the acceptance package, sent by the International Office.

Units

Students will take residence in an on-campus unit together with 6 to 12 other UCU students with whom they share a living room, bathroom(s), and a kitchen.

Personal Rooms

All rooms are furnished with a bed, desk, chair, and a closet. Students can express a preference for a single or a double room. Accommodation of this preference is subject to demand and can vary from year to year.

Meals

Kitchen

All units are equipped with kitchens, including a stove, fridge, oven, and freezer. We do not offer a meal plan.

Dining Hall

There is also a Dining Hall on campus, where students can purchase lunch if they want to.

[Click for a more detailed description.](#)



Finance

Breakdown UCU Expenses

Campus Fees	€4.116/ semester	The updated campus fees will be announced in March. Students will automatically receive an invoice for this amount.
	This covers housing on campus, including all utilities.	
Housing Deposit	€200	To be paid within two weeks after being admitted to UCU and receiving the acceptance forms. The deposit will be used as a housing deposit. If there is no damage after departure, the deposit can be reimbursed within one academic year after leaving UCU.
	Deposit.	Cancelled applications are not eligible for a refund of the deposit.
Student Association (UCSA)	€50 per semester	

Total Estimated Living Costs per Semester

EEA students	Approximately €6.187
	Including campus fees and personal expenses.
Non-EEA students	Approximately €6.444
	Due to visa- and residence permits.



Health

Health Insurance

It is mandatory for students to have a health insurance that covers all health costs in the Netherlands. If the insurance of the home country doesn't provide coverage of all costs, then students must apply through the website for an AON Insurance.

Specific Insurance Questions

UU Student Services
studentservices@uu.nl

Health Facilities

There are no health facilities on the UCU campus itself. Health facilities are available in the surrounding area:

General Practitioners and Dentists

Many medical practices are within a 5-10 bike ride from the University College Utrecht campus, and others are spread throughout the city.

[Click for a list with general practitioners.](#)

Student Life Officer

On-campus staff member who is available for personal and confidential guidance

[Click for more detailed information.](#)