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## AN INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS

### WHY STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS?

This introduction to studying in the Netherlands will explain why studying in the Netherlands is an excellent choice for international students, and provide important information on admission requirements, procedures and finances, useful websites and contact details for universities across The Netherlands.

Universities in the Netherlands now offer close to 2100 English-taught programs. This is not a recent development: the Netherlands was the first non-Anglophone country to start teaching in English.

Outside the classroom English is widely spoken across the country, and The Netherlands is home to a very international population therefore students will not experience a language barrier when studying in The Netherlands.

Education in the Netherlands tends to be interactive and focused on the students' needs. Students are expected to participate actively in discussions, workshops, presentations, in-class simulations and individual research. In addition, they have the opportunity to do (academic) internships, go on exchange to other universities around the world, take part in honours/excellence programmes, participate in the community and more.

Dutch Universities are well-represented in international higher education rankings, such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, the QS World University Rankings and the Academic Ranking of World Universities. This is important for your future academic career and your world-wide network. With relatively low tuition rates, education in The Netherlands has a great value!

Ideally located in the heart of Europe, The Netherlands offers students the opportunity to experience many cultures at their doorstep. International students have many services on campus to help them feel welcome, such as orientation weeks/days, international advisors/coordinators, counselors, social groups, committees – the list is long! Dutch higher education institutions are well-equipped to give you the best student experience possible.

### VALUE OF A DUTCH DEGREE

Dutch higher education has a binary system, which means that students can choose between two types of degrees:

- research-oriented, offered by research universities;
- professional, offered by universities of applied sciences.

At a Research University students will focus more on academically-oriented work. Logically, the focus is on research, but professional skills and settings are also a part of most programmes. These programmes are 3 year bachelor's programmes leading to 1-2 year master's programme, also at a Research University.

At a University of Applied Science students can choose a more practically oriented program to prepare them for a specific career. These are 4 year bachelor's programmes, leading to a master's programme at a University of Applied Science. As such, Universities of Applied Science usually have lower admission requirements than Research Universities.

Because all universities in the Netherlands are publicly funded, they are obliged by law to be accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). Some universities additionally hold international accreditations.

The degree conferred upon graduating students is that of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) or Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Most students who have obtained a bachelor's degree go directly into master's programs. Many graduates from Dutch university programs pursue a master's and/or Ph.D. at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, MIT and other top-notch international universities.

**ADMISSIONS**

There is no one general admission requirement/procedure package that applies to all Dutch universities. What follows here is an overview of some general principles. Please make sure to check specific admission requirements with the individual institutions.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- *Diploma requirements may differ*, but Dutch universities will always ask international applicants for an IB/EB Diploma, or an American Diploma with 3-4 APs, or 3 A-Levels, or one of many other national university preparation diplomas from countries across the globe.
- *Usually* Dutch universities do not request a specific GPA; this is a consequence of the streaming that takes place in Dutch secondary schools.
- *Usually* there is no selection of students, and applying means an automatic admission. There are exceptions!
- Certain programs may require specific subjects (e.g. mathematics or physics).
- Sometimes there are additional requirements (e.g. a mathematics proficiency, letters of recommendation, standardized exams).
- Specific performance requirements often apply in the first year, and this is called Binding Study Advice.

**ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

- All students who want to study in the Netherlands must register in 'Studielink', which is the Dutch government student registration system.
- In addition, in many cases, students must apply directly to the university and programme of their choice. The specific guidelines for application are always explained on the university website.
- Application deadlines fall between January and June.
- Some universities have rolling admissions.
- All universities have a September intake, and some universities have a February intake.

**FINANCES**

In the Netherlands, tuition fees are set by the state and are thus the same for all universities. For the Academic Year 2020-2021 the fees are as follows:

EU/EEA Students: € 2,143 per year

Non-EU/EEA\* Students: from € 6,000 to € 15,000 per year

Some institutions (such as the University Colleges) are allowed to request a higher tuition fee. These additional fees differ per institution.

A quick calculation shows that, on average, living as a student in the Netherlands costs around € 900-1000 euros a month. Of course, this may vary per location.

EXPENSES	EXPLANATION	COSTS
Accommodation	Furnished, including utilities, individual/ shared, etc.	€ 250 - 800 p/month
Living Expenses	Food, clothes, personal services, public transport, etc.	€ 350 - 450 p/month
Insurance	Health, personal liability, etc.	€ 40 - 100 p/month
Books/Study Materials	Depends on the degree program	€ 65 - 85 p/month
Visa and permits	Depends on your nationality	€ 0 - 300 (once)
Contingencies	Bicycle, higher phone bill, financial setback, etc.	€ 500 (once)

There are several ways for students to get help in financing their studies in the Netherlands.

- For Dutch passport holders, there is a loan provided by the government.
- For Dutch passport holders, a free student travel card is available.
- The Dutch government provides tuition fee loans for EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students.
- In addition to government funding, some universities offer scholarships for both EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA students.
- Students can work part-time alongside their studies. Most universities have a career service office which aids students in finding a job. There are no restrictions for EU/EEA students in obtaining a job; for non-EU/EEA students there are some restrictions related to permits and working hours (a max of 16 hours per week). More information can be found on the NUFFIC website (see important websites).

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

### Nuffic

As an independent, non-profit organization based in The Hague, Nuffic supports internationalization in higher education, research and professional education in the Netherlands and abroad, and helps improve access to higher education worldwide. On their website you can find an overview of all study programs in the Netherlands that are taught in English.

[www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl)

### Studielink

All students have to register with the Dutch Ministry of Education. The place to do so is 'Studielink'.

[www.studielink.nl](http://www.studielink.nl)

### Duo

Information about tuition fees, student grants and diploma assessment.

[www.duo.nl](http://www.duo.nl)

### Grantfinder

An overview of scholarships available for different students and studies.

[www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)

## Public transportation in the Netherlands

The Netherlands has an extensive train network as well as elaborate bus networks throughout the country. To use the public transport system in The Netherlands you can use a (digital) ticket or a chip-card. There is one chip-card that can be used in all Dutch cities for different types public transport.

Non-Dutch students can purchase a discount card which will allow 40% off their travel tickets.

For more information about trains and train times: [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl)

For more information about public transport and door-to-door advice: [www.9292.nl](http://www.9292.nl)

Transport cards: [www.ov-chipkaart.nl](http://www.ov-chipkaart.nl)

\*EEA: European Economic Area

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE?

University Colleges were introduced to the Netherlands in 1997. They took their inspiration from both the Liberal Arts and Sciences programs in the United States, with their strong emphasis on student community, as well as from the college structure found at for instance Oxford University in the United Kingdom. The idea was to create a small-scale learning environment, where both faculty and students would feel part of and contribute to the community.

Dutch research universities established their University Colleges in response to a growing demand for a more holistic type of education. Students at University Colleges would not only study Liberal Arts and Sciences, they would live it. They would study, live and work together with students from different cultural backgrounds and different disciplinary interests.

The University Colleges, as honors programs, offer a small-scale education with a wide variety of courses in the Arts, Humanities, Science and Social Sciences. With support of their personal academic advisor, students choose or compose a multi- and interdisciplinary curriculum. Classes are small and interactive and all courses are English-taught. Additionally, there is a strong emphasis on international community, often in the form of a residential campus, with many on and off-campus options for extracurricular activities

## THE PERFECT STUDENT FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

University Colleges are intended for highly motivated students who have a diverse interest, know what they want, and do not want to limit themselves to the perspective of one academic discipline. Such students are **academically strong**, **intellectually curious**, and **passionate** to acquire new knowledge in various fields of study. Our students have a desire for both **intellectual challenge** and **personal growth**, and are interested in getting **socially involved** and contributing to the student community. Students are **open-minded** and excited to live amongst international peers and learn from exchanges with various cultures.

## APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

As University Colleges are looking for students who would thrive in such a specific environment, they are allowed to be selective in their admissions processes as opposed to most other Dutch Bachelor's programs. While the general admission requirements and procedures outlined in the section on page 4 apply to University College applications, there are some further details to keep in mind.

- University Colleges are selective programs, meaning that they may require a minimum GPA and often require the submission of further documents (such as motivation letters and/or recommendation letters and interviews). What is needed and how to go about applying still differs per University College. Please refer to the individual college pages for specific criteria and procedures.
- University Colleges in the Netherlands tend to have a holistic approach towards the application procedure. While grades are an important part of the application package, attention is also given to personal interests, general motivation and extracurricular activities.

Do you want to have a positive impact in the world? Whether your passion is climate change, public health, culture, AI or another global issue, at Amsterdam University College (AUC) you can start making your vision a reality. Each year we welcome 300 highly motivated students to our three-year Bachelor's (Honours) programme in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Will you be one of them?

You'll major in the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities. You'll start by studying a core curriculum to sharpen your thinking, writing and argumentation skills. Learn a language, explore your role as a global citizen and investigate the 'big questions'. You'll then create your own interdisciplinary study path, choosing courses that fit your varied interests under the guidance of your personal tutor.

Experiential learning and community are at the heart of AUC. Come prepared to participate in a living education that involves labs, internships, community outreach and international engagement, as well as an active social life full of committees, clubs and creative initiatives. It all starts in the student residences where you'll live with fellow students from the Netherlands and more than 60 other countries for your three years of study.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Before starting at AUC, you'll choose to major in the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities. You'll then create your study plan by combining a variety of specialisations:

### Sciences:

- Biology
- Biomedical
- Chemistry
- Earth & Environment
- Health
- Information
- Mathematics
- Physics

### Social Sciences:

- Anthropology
- Cognition
- Economics
- Environmental Economics & Policy
- Health
- International Relations
- Law

- Political Science
- Sociology

### Humanities:

- Art
- Culture
- Film
- History
- Literature
- Media
- Philosophy

## WHAT MAKES AUC DIFFERENT?

- City life: Amsterdam East and its booming mix of cafés, local flavours and cultural diversity, will be your new home.
- Housing guaranteed: live with 900 classmates in the student residences for all three years.
- Personal education: build your own curriculum, tailored guidance from your tutor, class sizes of max. 25 – the focus is on you!

- Scholarships available: the AUC Scholarship Fund supports between 10-15% of enrolled students ([auc.nl/scholarships](http://auc.nl/scholarships)).
- Two major research universities: you'll be a student at both the University of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam with full access to facilities, study abroad networks and student clubs.
- Global network: jump-start your career with our active network of 1000+ alumni living and working around the world.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission, you will need:

- a secondary school diploma equivalent to the Dutch VWO (e.g. IB; GCSE plus 3 GCE A-levels)
- very good levels of written and spoken English
- strong mathematics skills

In addition, the Admissions Committee looks for students with the following characteristics:

- excellence: demonstrate your ability to meet academic demands
- motivation: ambition to study an intensive and broad programme while contributing to campus life
- Exact admissions requirements: [auc.nl/admissions](http://auc.nl/admissions)

## TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- EU/EEA : € 4.435 per year
- Non EU-EEA: € 12.110 per year
- Accommodation is estimated at € 250 - 400 per month

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 1 December 2020, 'early bird' deadline for September 2021
- 1 February 2021, regular deadline for September 2021

Erasmus University College (EUC) is the international honours college of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). EUR is consistently ranked in the top 100 of major global university rankings (#69 Times Higher Education Ranking 2020), and is known as a centre of excellence for health, wealth, governance, business and economics.

Students at EUC compose a unique curriculum from a wide offering of courses spanning four departments: Economics & Business, Humanities, Life Sciences and Social & Behavioural Sciences. EUC is small-scale, with average class sizes of 15 students. Active participation in class is commonplace and students take the lead in problem-based learning.

EUC is situated in the city centre of metropolitan Rotterdam, Holland's second largest city. Only a 7 minute walk from the college is its residential campus, LUCIA, opposite the city hall, located near the central station amongst numerous amenities.

EUC offers a double degree programme through RASL (Rotterdam Arts & Sciences Lab) a collaboration between Codarts, Willem de Kooning Academy (WdKA) and Erasmus University.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Programme is taught entirely in English  
Liberal Arts and Sciences BSc. (3 years, 180 ECTS)

Students compose their own curriculum. They can choose from the following majors:

### Economics & Business

- Economics
- Business
- Economics, Business and Society

### Life Sciences

- Life Sciences
- Pre-Med
- Neuroscience
- Molecular & Cellular Biology

### Humanities

- Political Philosophy & Critical Theory
- Humanities
- Cultural Analysis

### Social & Behavioural Sciences

- International Law
- Political Science & International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

### Interdepartmental majors

- Sustainability
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Public & Global Health

### Double Degree with Arts - RASL

Students can combine two full-time bachelor programmes with EUC and Codarts or WdKA. The programme challenges students to combine science and art, and it offers opportunity to develop their diverse talents across disciplines.

## ADMISSIONS

Applicants to EUC must pass through a selection process. Each year EUC selects 218 students from a larger pool of applicants. Students need to submit a motivation (guided questions), a grade transcript and take a selection interview. Common application requirements are as follows:

- British System: GCSE plus at least three GCE A-Levels with minimum grades of A B B (including Mathematics).
- International Baccalaureate (IB): Minimum of 30 points (excluding TOK, EE, CAS); AND minimum of 5 for Math Studies or 4 for Math SL/HL; AND minimum of 5 for English A SL or 4 for English A HL
- American High School: Minimum GPA of 3.0 AND at least 4 AP exams with minimum scores of 3 (including AP Calculus AB or BC).
- SAT test (total score  $\geq$  1170, math score  $\geq$  570) can substitute AP Calculus.

- You can take EUC's own mathematics test if you do not meet the mathematics requirement.
- For other diplomas please go to: [www.eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions](http://www.eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions)

## TUITION FEES & FINANCIAL AID

EU/EEA students: € 4.300

Non-EU/EEA students: € 12.100

EUC has scholarships ranging from € 1.000- € 6.000 per year.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Autumn Semester (September 2020 intake)

- 15 January, 2021 (regular)
- 1 April, 2021 (late)

Leiden University College is the honours college of Leiden University, the oldest university in The Netherlands (1575), and in the top 100 universities in the world (Times Higher Education Ranking). LUC is located in the vibrant and international city of The Hague, home to many international organizations, 10 minutes from Leiden, and 45 minutes away from Amsterdam.

LUC offers a 3-year Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor programme, focusing on today's Global Challenges: Diversity, Prosperity, Sustainability and Peace and Justice. Six Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science majors are offered centered around the Global Challenges. LUC is home to 600 students coming from over 50 different nationalities, offering an opportunity for talented and ambitious students from all over the world. Students are required to live and study together for the first two years at LUC. Individual studio apartments are available for all 1st and 2nd year students in our modern, and central 21-story-high building in the middle of The Hague. This residential concept ensures for a close-knit community, and a very active student body, offering many activities, clubs and committees for students to participate in.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Students follow an introductory programme in their first year, where they get to sample the different Global Challenges, the themes of the different majors: Diversity, Prosperity, Sustainability and Peace and Justice.

At the end of their first year, students can select a major to pursue for the following two years.

Bachelor of Arts:

- Human Diversity: Culture, History & Society
- World Politics
- International Justice

Bachelor of Science:

- Global Public Health
- Earth, Energy and Sustainability
- Governance, Economics and Development

Students can additionally follow a minor at LUC or at Leiden University. Additionally, there is the

opportunity to go abroad for one semester in the last year. All students culminate their studies writing an independent research project within their major on a thesis topic of their choice.

## ADMISSIONS & FINANCES

LUC has a selective admissions process. Once students have registered in Studielink for our programme, they will need to complete their application on the Leiden University application portal. Students must upload the following documents:

- Transcripts from the last 2 years
- Recommendation letter (sent directly to the admissions office)
- Motivation Form (download from website)
- LUC Admissions requirement form (on website) indicating English and Math qualifications
- € 50 application fee, check online if applicable to you
- CV or resume

If students meet the criteria, they may be invited to an interview with a faculty member as part of the selection process. Not all students are interviewed, but have the opportunity to request an interview if they would like to.

## ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS

- VWO diploma, with at least a 6.5 average
- IB International Baccalaureate: Minimum a 30 without bonus points
- At least 3 academic A-levels with a C or higher (minimum requirement)
- US High school diploma with a 3.5 GPA, and at least 4 AP's with a 4 or higher
- For other diplomas, please go to [www.lucetheague.nl](http://www.lucetheague.nl)

## DEADLINES

Applicants wishing to start in the Fall semester (September intake) can apply by:

- December 1, 2020 (Early Bird)\*
- April 1, 2021 (Regular)

\* Recommended for students who will require a residence permit (Non-EU/EEA) and also for students wishing to apply for financial support

## TUITION FEES & FINANCIAL AID

EU/EEA students: € 4.528 (2020/2021)

Non-EU students: € 13.885 (2020/2021)

\* There is limited financial aid available students can apply for. If interested, it is recommended to apply by the Early Bird deadline.



At University College Groningen (UCG) students address the complex societal challenges of the 21st century and develop their full potential in an international and social environment. UCG students have all it takes to become thought leaders and innovators capable of executing solutions to challenges posed by our rapidly changing world.

UCG offers a 3-year Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor programme, which will provide students with an education that gives them an interdisciplinary outlook, freedom of choice and a collaborative and guided approach to learning. Together with their academic tutor, students design their own programme by choosing out of a broad range of courses in three major disciplines: Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. Students can explore up to a full year before declaring a major focus.

University College Groningen provides a close-knit community for today's broadly engaged and motivated students to learn, live and - more than that - thrive. We look forward to welcoming you to Groningen!



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**CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

The first year introduces you to a wide range of academic disciplines. You will explore the Sciences, Social Sciences and the Humanities without having to declare your preferred major in year 1. In the second and third year, you may pursue a Major or Major Specialisation of your choice, customising your degree to fulfil your academic ambitions. If you want even more freedom in designing your own programme, you can pursue a Free Major.

Alongside the major, we offer a core programme that covers research methods, academic skills and long-term projects. You have the opportunity to apply your academic knowledge in other areas, developing new solutions to real-world problems, while collaborating with students from all over the world as part of an active and engaged learning community.

Within their Major, students can choose from a variety of Major Specialisations:

**Sciences**

- Smart Technologies
- Mind, Machines and Morality
- Health & Life Sciences

**Social Sciences**

- Mind and Behaviour
- Societies and Cultures in Transition
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- International Relations and International Law
- International Business & Entrepreneurship

**Humanities**

- Culture and Social Change

**WHAT MAKES UCG SPECIAL**

- Project-based learning in all three years
- Only UC with entrepreneurship Centre embedded within the faculty; providing

special opportunities

- Freedom to explore - no need to declare a major focus upon entry
- Guaranteed housing in the centre of Groningen
- Located in the Best Student City in the Netherlands
- Ranked as "Top-Rated Programme" for four years in a row (Keuzegids, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- International Environment (60%+ internationals)

**ADMISSIONS & SELECTION**

UCG has a selective admissions process. Students need to send in a personal statement or motivation video, grades lists and a CV. Each year we select 150 students with rolling admission (meaning students can claim their space as soon as they demonstrate the admission requirements have been met). We accept applications all year round.

To be eligible for admission you need to meet the following requirements:

- A High School diploma equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma (for example the International Baccalaureate, the British A-levels or SAT scores)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Proof of Mathematics proficiency

For more information go to our website: [www.rug.nl/ucg/application](http://www.rug.nl/ucg/application)

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Applicants wishing to start in the Fall semester can apply by:

Early Bird: 15 January  
 Final deadline: 1 May

**TUITION FEES:**

EU/EEA students: € 4.249 (2020/2021)  
 Non-EU students: € 12.600 (2020/2021)



University College Maastricht (UCM) is a Liberal Arts and Sciences honours college of Maastricht University that combines extensive academic choice with personal guidance. UCM students are part of a truly international community, working and socialising with students from more than 50 countries representing 70% international students. They are supported by dedicated staff members who encourage learning beyond the classroom. Our dedication to academic standards as well as our strong sense of belonging to a community makes UCM a unique place where academic passion is encouraged and individual talents are nurtured.

Courses at UCM are taught using Problem-Based Learning (PBL). By using a combination of small-group work and individual research, students are in control of their own education. PBL education helps students retain information better, think about problems independently and allows them to develop their interpersonal skills. All teaching at UCM happens in small groups of no more than 12 students.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Students at UCM construct their own personalised programme with the support of their academic advisor, focusing on the subjects they are passionate about. UCM offers more than 150 courses in a wide range of academic disciplines within three concentrations:

### Humanities

- History
- Cultural Studies
- Arts and Literature
- Philosophy

### Social Sciences

- Economics and Business Administration
- Sociology
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Public Policy
- International Law
- Psychology
- Statistics

### Sciences

- Applied Mathematics
- Information and Computer Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Cognitive Sciences and Neurosciences

## ADMISSIONS & FINANCES

UCM has a rolling and selective admissions process. There are 225 spots available for incoming students each year. UCM strives to attract highly motivated students with genuine academic ambitions who love debates and are interested in interdisciplinary education. The Board of Admissions assesses whether there is a match between the students' academic interests and what UCM has to offer. Students apply online with their latest transcript and a letter of motivation. Potentially suitable candidates are invited for an interview in person or online.

## ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS

- British system: 3 GCE A-levels with grades A, B or C + 3 GCSE's in 6 different subjects
- International/European Baccalaureate Diploma
- For other diplomas, please visit [www.ucm.nl](http://www.ucm.nl)

## DEADLINES

February enrolment:

October 1st, 2020

September enrolment:

January 5th, 2020 (Non- EU/EEA nationals)

March 1st, 2020 (EU/EEA nationals)

## TUITION FEES & FINANCIAL AID

EU/EEA students: € 3.545 (2020/2021)

Non-EU students: € 10.900 (2020/2021)

UCM offers five full scholarships for non-EU/EEA nationals.

## OTHER LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES PROGRAMMES AT MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY:

- **Maastricht Science Programme** is focused on the natural (life and physical) sciences. The programme has a strong emphasis on research skills. For more information, please check [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/msp](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/msp)
- **University College Venlo** is focused on nutrition, food and health. Venlo is one of the major food and logistics hubs of the Netherlands, which gives students the chance to gain first-hand professional experience and to develop the skills employers are looking for. For more information, please check [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/ucv](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/ucv)

Are you interested in the ethical and legal implications of using face recognition to ensure security in airports? Get there by combining courses in Engineering with Philosophy and Law. Do you love analyzing political dynamics during the World Wars through the medium of fiction? A degree in Politics, History, and Literature would be right for you! Do you want to do something completely different? Make your own combination!


University College Roosevelt is for those with more than one interest, for those that are passionate about many different disciplines and topics. You can combine courses from different disciplines, while building a strong foundation in academic skills. UCR prepares you for your career in modern-day problem solving.


As you follow this broad program, you will be living in guaranteed housing in the historic city of Middelburg. You will be surrounded by 500 students from all over the world, who are just as motivated, internationally oriented, and socially active as you are. Our students are highly involved in making the UCR community as close-knit as it is by organizing events such as concerts, volleyball matches, guest lectures, or the Christmas Market open to all people from Middelburg.




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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

UCR offers a traditional Liberal Arts and Sciences program of three years (180 ECTS). Depending on what direction you take, you will graduate with a BA or a BSc. All courses at UCR are taught in English.

Students design their own program by combining two or more of the following subjects:

### Arts and Humanities

- Antiquity
- Art History
- Art & Design Practice
- History
- Languages
- Linguistics
- Literature
- *Music Performing*
- Musicology
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Rhetoric & Argumentation

### Engineering

- Data Science and Robotics
- Electronics
- Energy and Flow
- Sustainable Materials
- *Interdisciplinary Projects*

### Science

- Biomedical Science
- Chemistry
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- Environmental Science
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physics

### Social Science

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Human Geography
- Law
- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Research Methodology & Statistics
- Sociology

## ADMISSIONS

UCR has a selective admissions process. Students need to send in a personal statement, grades lists and letters of recommendation. After an interview (in person or online), 200 students are selected each year based on their motivation, curiosity and broad interests.

Admissions requirements are as follows:

- Dutch VWO Diploma
- IB Diploma (minimum 30 points)
- British System: 3 A-levels (minimum BBB)
- American System: High School Diploma + 4 APS (minimum 3 or higher)

For other diplomas please go to [www.ucr.nl](http://www.ucr.nl) or contact us via [info@ucr.nl](mailto:info@ucr.nl)

## TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

EU/EEA Students: € 3,518

Non-EU/EEA Students: € 9,066

University College Roosevelt offers partial scholarships for non EU/EEA Students.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants who wish to begin in the Fall semester: April 1st\* / May 1st.

Applicants who wish to begin in the Spring semester: October 1st\* / November 15th

\* The first deadline is for students who require a residence permit to study in the Netherlands, as this application process takes a little more time.

University College Tilburg is located at the heart of the green campus of Tilburg University: a specialized university ranked top 75 in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020 on the subjects Business & Economics, Law and Psychology.

Our Liberal Arts and Sciences program develops students into critical thinkers, concerned citizens and academically educated professionals. The program lets you explore and integrate the scientific disciplines Tilburg University has to offer, and specialize in the one that interests you the most. Our selection procedure invites, encourages and fosters diversity and inclusiveness, and seeks to bring out the potential of all students, regardless of their background.

UCTilburg students are part of a warm and supportive international community, which remains open to the wider community of Tilburg University, as well as to the thriving cultural life of Tilburg. Tilburg is a friendly city as well as a city of pioneers and entrepreneurs. Our students easily feel at home in this creative and welcoming environment.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

During the first year, students study a variety of subjects from different disciplinary angles: Based on this experience, students choose a major in the second year and focus on one of five disciplines with core courses and electives. Combined with a minor program, which is added in the third year, students will acquire a unique profile. Many students choose to do their minor at one of our many partner universities around the world.

### The five Majors

#### • Social Sciences: Human Behavior

This major focuses on human identity and behavior in a globalized society, and draws on perspectives from sociology, social psychology, culture and communication studies, human resource management, and organization studies.

#### • Law in an International Context

Within this major students will focus on law as a social and cultural phenomenon, within a global context. Central in this major is integration of cognitive, cultural, historical and contextual elements within the law, and the response of different legal systems to social and problems and issues.

#### • Arts and Humanities: Past-Present-Future

This major introduces students to core concepts, theories and methods of disciplines such as culture studies, history, philosophy, ethics, comparative literature, classics, art history and religion studies. Each of these disciplines explores the question of why and how human beings produce meaning in order to make sense of the world inside and around them.

#### • Business and Economics

Within the major Business and Economics, students are immersed in marketing, accounting, finance, and management, as well as the economics of markets and countries. The economic and business insights are connected to the general and societal context, bringing in views from history, law, psychology, and sociology.

#### • Cognitive Neuroscience: Brain and Cognition

Cognitive Neuroscience aims to understand how the human brain supports processes such as perception, attention, decision-making, language, reasoning, and social behavior. Students will study how these processes develop throughout a lifespan, and what happens when the brain dysfunctions.

## WHAT MAKES UCTILBURG UNIQUE

- Students become part of an open and supportive community that includes students from 40+ different countries and diverse social and cultural backgrounds.
- Students learn how to approach societal challenges from a multitude of perspectives. Several courses are team-taught, with two lecturers from different fields jointly teaching the course, demonstrating how you can approach a question or issue from different angles.
- Professional Practice electives prepare students for the future: launch and develop your own project or business idea and put it into practice in our Social Innovation Project, or choose to do an internship.
- No mandatory living on campus. Students can choose whether to live within our optional off-campus residential setting or arrange their own housing.

## APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

UC Tilburg has a selective admissions procedure. The selection is based on a combination of factors:

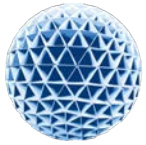
- Students academic backgrounds (we accept a full IB diploma, EB diploma, A-levels, HSD + 4 AP's and many more credentials. For a more complete overview of all accepted diplomas, please check Tilburg University's admissions website)
- An essay, showcasing the student's writing skills and curiosity of current events
- Motivation letter
- An interview, which can be done via skype

## TUITION FEE 2020/2021

EU/EEA students: € 2,143  
 Non-EU students: € 8,800

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

May 1st, 2021 for non-EU students  
 July 1st, 2021 for EU/EEA students  
 We offer a yearly intake in September



University College Twente is the international honours college of the University of Twente, founded in 2012. Our Technology and Liberal Arts & Sciences programme, ATLAS for short, is aimed at students who want to make a difference through science and technology.

The programme is built around the challenges of modern society; challenges that cannot be solved by either technology or social interventions but require both social and technical perspectives. Our students learn to combine these perspectives and come up with radical new solutions.

The ATLAS curriculum is a framework that invites you to choose your own path with a firm basis in engineering, physics, mathematics and social sciences. The programme is organized in six semesters, two per academic year. Projects are the basis for your learning. Each semester has a theme that is central in the project and courses. Besides projects and courses, you will get to work on your Personal Pursuit; which is your own passion made academic.

According to the “Keuzegids” results, ATLAS is one of the top rated programmes of the University of Twente.



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Located in the heart of a research campus, University College Twente is a residential college just outside the city of Enschede. All students live and work together. Learning is not confined to the classroom. Working, sports, eating and relaxing together with other students alternate with your interaction with lecturers. This makes University College Twente an engaging and motivating learning environment. A true learning community.

### CURRICULUM INFORMATION

- Technology and Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Main disciplines; Engineering, physics, mathematics and social sciences
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- 3 years (180 ECTS)
- Project lead and student driven learning
- Assessment without grades
- Personal pursuit is part of the curriculum
- Residential College on the campus of a research university

At University College Twente learning not only starts, but also ‘ends’ with you. Choosing your own path within courses can only work if the assessment evaluates the goals you have set out for yourself. We don’t believe that standardized tests and grades help you in your learning or stimulate you in developing your talents. Instead - you are in the lead when it comes to evaluating your development. Show us the evidence that proves you have met your learning goals.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the programme is selective. To be eligible for admission you need to meet the following requirements

- A high school diploma equivalent to the Dutch VWO (such as British A-levels or the International Baccalaureate)
- High final marks in English, Mathematics and at least one other Science subject, preferably physics
- For non-native English speakers: proof of proficiency in English (IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 iBT, Cambridge CPE or Cambridge CAE)

### INSIGHT DAYS

1. First, we will assess your overall academic background, foundation in math and science, your English language proficiency, your personal interests and your motivation for choosing UCT.
2. Next, we will invite you to take part in

In\_Sight Day at UCT. This involves team assignments with other applicants and interviews with staff and students. If you can’t make it to In\_Sight Day, we may invite you to engage with some of our staff and students in a Skype interview.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Our academic year starts in September. We accept applications all year round. Selection Days are scheduled monthly. Details can be found on our website.

### TUITION FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

The UCT tuition fees for students starting in September 2020 are as follows:  
EU/EEA nationals: € 4.286  
non-EU/EEA nationals: € 12.768

UCT has limited options for scholarships please refer to our website.

Do you have the courage to be curious? Explore Liberal Arts and Sciences at University College Utrecht.

Founded in 1998 as the first university college in the Netherlands, we are an honours college of Utrecht University (nr. 75 in Times Higher Education Ranking 2020). Our 750 students study and live on our American-style campus with guaranteed housing, close to the heart of the historic city of Utrecht. Half of the students are Dutch, half international, representing some 70 different nationalities. We offer around 230 different classes annually.

The small-scale and interactive class format creates optimal opportunity for learning. Every student has a personal tutor available for academic and pastoral guidance. Our students are selected against criteria which highlight their academic and extra-curricular potential. A unique spirit of community and participation at the college means that students learn, develop and enjoy life both inside the classroom and outside it. At University College Utrecht, students learn for life.



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## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Bachelor programme taught in English.

### Liberal Arts and Sciences, BA, BSc

Students compose their own curriculum focusing on at least two disciplines. They can choose from:

#### Humanities:

- Art History and Museum Studies
- China Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature and Classics
- Performing Arts
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

#### Social Sciences:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Human Geography
- Law
- Political Science and International Relations

- Psychology
- Sociology

#### Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environment
- Mathematics
- Medical Science
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Physics

#### Special Programmes

- Double degree LAS and Dutch law (4 years)
- Double degree LAS and Physics (4 years)
- Pre-medical programme
- Cultural Heritage Internship Programme (Museum Studies)
- UCU in East Africa
- Field research Aruba
- Transnational Law Programme (with Washington University, St Louis, USA)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be accepted applicants undergo a selection process. We receive around 1,000 applications, and around 250 students enroll each year. To be admissible candidates must fit a general profile and meet the following minimum requirements:

- a Dutch VWO diploma or an international equivalent such as:
  - GCSE plus 3 GCE A-levels. Scores A-A-B or Higher are admissible.
  - International Baccalaureate, a minimum of 32 points not including Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.
  - US high school diploma with 4 Advanced Placement Certificates. The minimum required score for each AP exam is 4.
- Proof of English proficiency
- Motivation letter
- UCU recommendation form filled in by a teacher.

For the most recent diploma equivalency list, and more details please always refer to our website.

## TUITION FEES 2019 - 2020

- € 4,372 (students with a passport from the European Economic Area, Switzerland or Suriname). The tuition fee for the first year will be lower for EU/EEA students who are entering Dutch higher education for the first time. The reduced fee for 2020-2021 is € 3,300.50.
- € 12,500 (non-EEA)
- Housing and campus fees € 6,140

*There is limited financial aid available which Dutch and international students can apply for. For more information about admission and finances please visit our website.*

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 15th 2020 for entry in spring 2021.  
December 15th 2020 (early action and financial aid deadline)  
February 1st 2021 for entry in fall 2021.

## OVERVIEW

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	LOCATION (CITY)	MAJORS/FOCUS AREAS	MAX NUMBER STUDENTS/YEAR	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE	RESIDENTIAL?	TUITION EEA/ NON-EEA	INTAKE PERIODS	DEADLINES
<b>Amsterdam University College</b>	Amsterdam	Sciences Social Sciences Humanities  AUC enrolls up to 50% Science majors. Special tracks for Pre-Med and Pre-Law.	300	20	Yes, all three years	€ 4,435/ € 12,110	September (Fall)	1 December (Early-bird) 1 February (Regular deadline)
<b>Erasmus University College</b>	Rotterdam	Humanities, Economics & Business, Life Sciences, Social & Behavioural Sciences. 17 majors including PPE, Sustainability and Pre-Medicine. Double degree with Arts (e.g. Music or Design) and Liberal Arts & Sciences	218	15	Yes, during the first year	€ 4,300 / € 12,100	September (Fall)	For EU/EEA and Non-EU/EEA 15 January, 2021 (regular) 1 April, 2021 (late)
<b>Leiden University College</b>	The Hague	World Politics; Human Diversity; International Justice; Global Public Health, Earth, Energy and Sustainability; Governance, Economics and Development	200	20	Yes, the first 2 years	€ 4,528 / € 13,885	September (Fall)	1 December (Earl-Bird) 1 April (Regular)
<b>University College Groningen</b>	Groningen	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities	150	17	Yes, the first year. The last 2 years are optional.	€ 4,249 / € 12,600	September (Fall)	Early bird deadline: 15 January Final deadline: 1 May
<b>University College Maastricht</b>	Maastricht	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities	225	12	Non-residential	€ 3,545/ € 10,900	September (Fall) February (Spring)	September Intake: Non-EEA: 5 January EEA: 1 March February Intake: 1 October
<b>University College Roosevelt</b>	Middelburg	Arts and Humanities, Social Science, Science and Engineering. Special Program: Pre-Medical Program Double Degree Options: Music Performing, Dutch Law	200	21	Yes, all three years	€ 3,518 / € 9,006	September (Fall) February (Spring)	September Intake: Non-EU: 1 April EU: 1 May February Intake: Non-EU: 15 October EU: 15 November
<b>University College Tilburg</b>	Tilburg	5 Majors: BSc Business and Economics, BA Law in an International Context, BSc Social Sciences: Human Behavior, BA Arts and Humanities: Past - Present - Future and BSc Cognitive Neuroscience: Brain and Cognition	150-200	25	Optional residential setting	€ 2,143 / € 8,800	September (Fall)	EU/EEA: 1 July Non-EU/EEA: 1 May
<b>University College Twente</b>	Enschede	Engineering, Physics, Math and Social Sciences	100	20	Yes, the first two years	€ 4,286 / € 12,768	September (Fall)	EU/EEA: 1 July Non-EU/EEA: 1 June
<b>University College Utrecht</b>	Utrecht	Science, Social Sciences, Humanities  Special programmes: Pre-med, Double Degree Dutch Law & LAS, Double Degree Physics & LAS, China Studies, Cultural Heritage Internship Programme (Museum Studies), UCU East Africa, Field Research Aruba, Transnational Law Programme	250	20	Yes, the first two obligatory, the last year optional	€ 4,372/ € 12,500 The tuition fee for the first year is lower for EU/EEA students who are entering Dutch higher education for the first time: € 3.300,50.	February (Fall) September (Spring)	15 September 2020 for entry in spring 2021. 15 December 2020 (early action and financial aid deadline) / 1 February 2021 for entry in fall 2021.

Disclaimer: Please note that most up-to-date information can be found on each University College's website.

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGES IN THE NETHERLANDS

