STUDY ABROAD EXCHANGE

INFO SESSION FOR AY 2024-2025
Schedule

13:30 Welcome
13:40 Curriculum planning
13:55 Destinations, Finances and Timeline
14:15 Q&A
14:30 Study Abroad Fair
University College Utrecht

Why?

- Academic
- Network
- Broaden horizon
- Good for your CV
- Great experience
Semester abroad
Curriculum planning

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Head tutor
How do I prepare a study plan for my application?

- Make an appointment to **consult with your tutor**! (mid-term meetings)
- Use exchange to **enrich your curriculum and educational experience**, not to meet specific UCU degree requirements.*
- Complete major-related methods requirements **before** exchange semester (including level 1 math for SCI majors!)
- Complete L&C requirement **before** exchange semester
- Complete your level three courses, especially ‘track finishers’ at UCU (at least one before a planned 5th semester exchange!)
Who can go on exchange?

In principle, anyone as long as you have
  • no shortage of credit
  • Not on probation at the time of the application
When can I go on exchange?

Usually in your 4th or your 5th semester. What does that mean for this round:

If you are currently in your 3rd semester:
➔ Exchange in your 5th semester (Fall 2024)

If you are currently in your 1st semester:
➔ Exchange in your 4th semester (Spring 2025) or 5th semester (Fall 2026)*

* The application round for AY 2025-2026 will start next year.
On exchange, can I take any courses I would like?

- You must upload a Learning Agreement to **Osiris** once you have arrived at your destination and confirmed your classes.
- The Exam Board will assess the level & number of credits and if approved the courses will be added to your UCU transcript.
- The default course load on exchange is 30 ECTS.
- *Note:* if you have a ‘credit surplus’ (at least 7.5 ECTS extra completed before going abroad), you are allowed to take courses worth 22.5 ECTS only.
Where can I go on exchange?
Exchange programme:

1. UCU exchange destinations
2. UU-wide exchange destinations
3. UCR destinations
### UU vs UCU destinations

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<td>via UCU IO (us)</td>
<td>Via UU IO (also nice people)</td>
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<td>50 destinations</td>
<td>More destinations</td>
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<td>Higher chance for compatibility with your curriculum</td>
<td>You need to check the compatibility yourself</td>
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<td>Selection based on your motivation and grades</td>
<td>Selection based on lottery system</td>
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#### Double contracts

(e.g. U. of Hong Kong, California):
- make a conscious decision about what you choose
UCU exchange programmes
UCU Exchange Destinations

- 50 partner universities across 5 continents
- Mostly colleges (profile match with UCU)
- Full application process through UCU
- Nearly 150 available places
UU Exchange destinations

- Nearly 100 destinations across all continents
- Diverse profiles
- Initial application through UCU
- Remainder of process and contact via UU

Link: https://students.uu.nl/en/academics/study-abroad/step-1-orientation/where-can-you-go/
University College Roosevelt (UCR) Exchange Destinations

- 4 destinations
- Match with UCU profile
- Initial application through UCU
- Remainder of process and contact via UCR

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<td>United States</td>
<td>Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson)</td>
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<td>United States</td>
<td>Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA), (New York City)</td>
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<td>United States</td>
<td>University of Nebraska (Kearney)</td>
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<td>Level</td>
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<td>Bachelor (143)</td>
<td>All UU students (91), Science (17), Veterinary Medicine (2), Humanities (94), Medicine (3), Geosciences (89), Law, Economics and Governance (84)</td>
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<td>Master (84)</td>
<td>University College Utrecht (30), University College Roosevelt (4)</td>
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1 - 50 of 145 destinations

- Argentina: Universidad de SanAndrés
- Australia: Australian National University (Canberra)
- Australia: Edith Cowan University (Perth) (AEN)
- Australia: Griffith University (Brisbane) (AEN)
- Australia: Macquarie University (Sydney)
- Australia: Monash University (Melbourne)
- Australia: University of Queensland (Brisbane)
- Australia: University of Sydney
- Australia: University of Tasmania (Hobart) (AEN)
- Australia: University of Western Australia (Perth)
- Australia: University of Wollongong (AEN)
- Australia: Western Sydney University (AEN)
- Austria: ELAN: University of Graz
- Austria: University of Graz
- Belgium: ELAN: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Canada: Glendon Campus (York University, Toronto)
How to choose...

- Based on academic content and courses of interest
  - Talk to your tutor, teachers, students who went there
- Based on personal preference for a region/country
  - What are the most important things in your life in Utrecht? What would you miss?
- Language
  - With some partners: Would you be able to follow if a course would be in the national language?
- Finances
  - Talk to your parents
  - Check housing options carefully
- Facilities
  - Learning accommodation
  - Guaranteed housing?
  - Accessibility
- Check the larger context
Partners with multiple destinations

- **ELAN**
  - A network
  - Exchange + research
  - UCU nominates students for the network (later to a specific university)

- **University of California**
  - UCU selects the student
  - UC selects the campus
Finances

- Tuition fee paid at UCU
- No UCU campus fees during exchange
- Parents/guardians
- Savings/job/investment etc.
- DUO public transport compensation
- DUO loan
- Erasmus+ Grant
- Holland Scholarship
- Travel green grant
- UCU grant
Timeline

Orientation (Oct)
- Where do you want to go and why?
- Do they offer the courses you like and need?

Destinations (Oct)
- 2 minimum
- 3 maximum
- Make sure the profile of the partner is compatible with your needs

Study Plan (Nov)
- Not only for exchange semester but your academic career at UCU
- Approval form on the student website

Motivation Letter (Nov)
- Max 1 page
- A single motivation letter for all three preferences (you can mention 2nd & 3rd choice in one sentence.)

Deadlines (Dec)
- 1 December 2023 (for both semesters)
- April for second round for remaining places
1 Nov
• Applications can be submitted in Osiris (destination appl.) and Formdesk (study plan)

1 Dec
• Deadline for exchange in ‘24-’25

By end Dec
• Announcement of UCU exchange application results (destination)

7 April
• Second application deadline for current first semester students and remaining places
Some facts and tips

• 2023-2024 exchange:
  • 93% first choice

• University of California – campus preferences:
  → 1\textsuperscript{st} choice: 47%
  → 2\textsuperscript{nd} choice: 9%
  → 3\textsuperscript{rd} choice: 42%
  → Do not put very popular second choices
More information?

- Exchange pages on the UCU student website
- Feedback survey
- Facebook pages and websites of host universities
- Former UCU exchange students &
- Exchange students currently at UCU (meet them at the Study Abroad Fair)
SCHEDULE 10-13 OCT

Tuesday 10
- How do I finance my exchange online
- Hoe kies ik een bestemming Drift 13, 004

Wednesday 11
- Q&A Asia JK 15A, 004
- Q&A Latin America JK 15A, 004

Thursday 12
- How do I choose a destination online
- Q&A Australia/New Zealand Drift 13, 004
- Q&A Europe Drift 13, 004
- Q&A United Kingdom online

Friday 13
- Economics UCU Auditorium
- Hoe financier ik mijn uitwisseling Drift 21, 032

Click on the tiles to sign-up (if applicable)
Presentations provided in English
What to expect next?

- Finance session in November
- Separate sessions on popular destinations
- Online sessions with the partner university (upon request)
- Private sessions with IO members can be requested
- You can request the contact of a former exchange student from a destination you are interested in
Questions?

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