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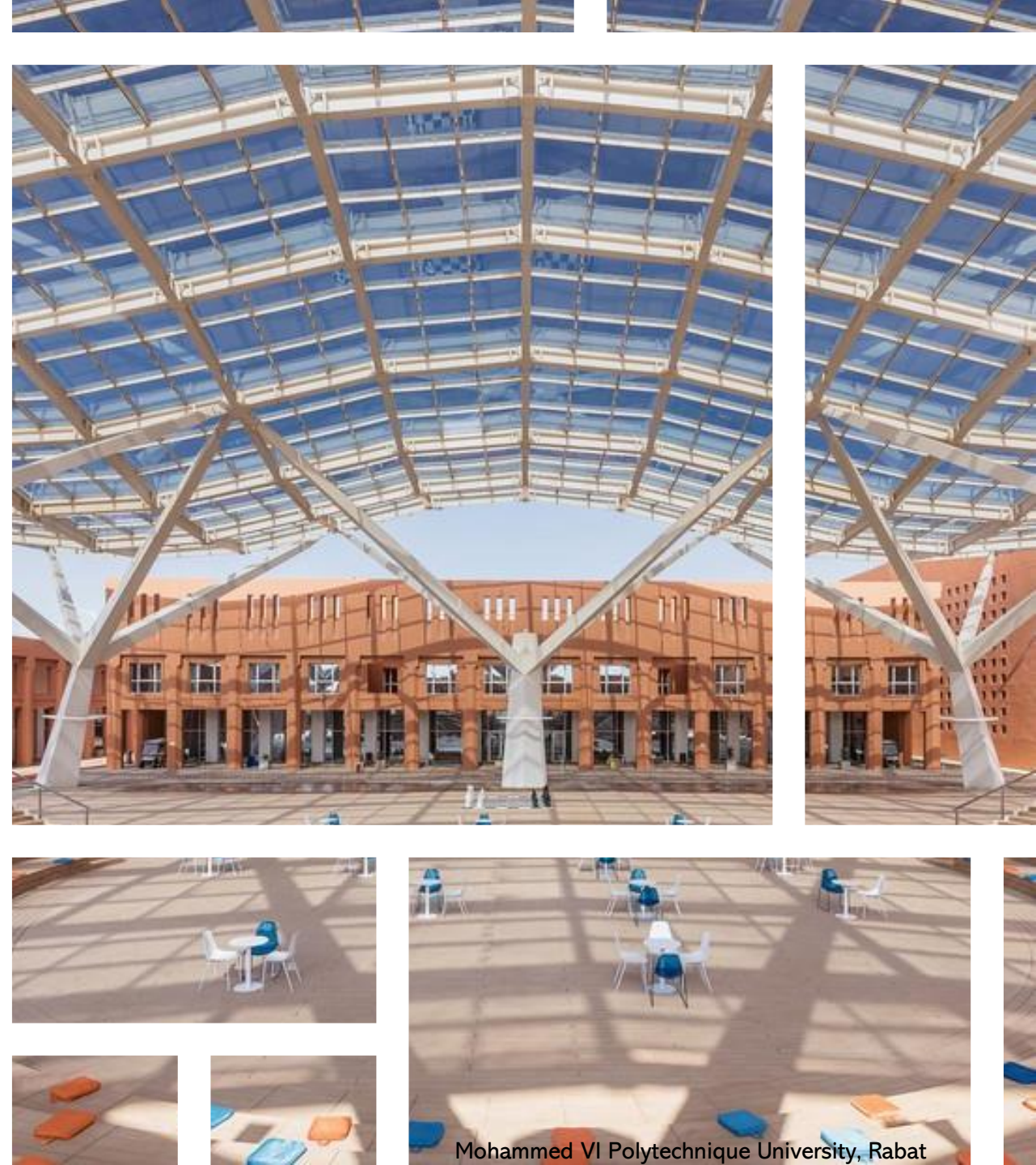
STUDY ABROAD EXCHANGE

INFO SESSION FOR AY 2024-2025



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Schedule

13:30 Welcome

13:40 Curriculum planning

13:55 Destinations, Finances and Timeline

14:15 Q&A

14:30 Study Abroad Fair





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fun

One semester

What?

To one of our (UU/UCR) partners

Grades transfer

Replaces one UCU semester





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Why?



- Academic
- Network
- Broaden horizon
- Good for your CV
- Great experience





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Semester abroad Curriculum planning

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Head tutor





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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!)





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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





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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.





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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





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Where can I go on exchange?





Exchange programme:

1. UCU exchange [destinations](#)
2. UU-wide exchange destinations
3. UCR destinations



UU vs UCU destinations

UCU

- via UCU IO (us)
- 50 destinations
- Higher chance for compatibility with your curriculum
- Selection based on your motivation and grades
- ELAN

UU

- Via UU IO (also nice people)
- More destinations
- You need to check the compatibility yourself
- Selection based on lottery system

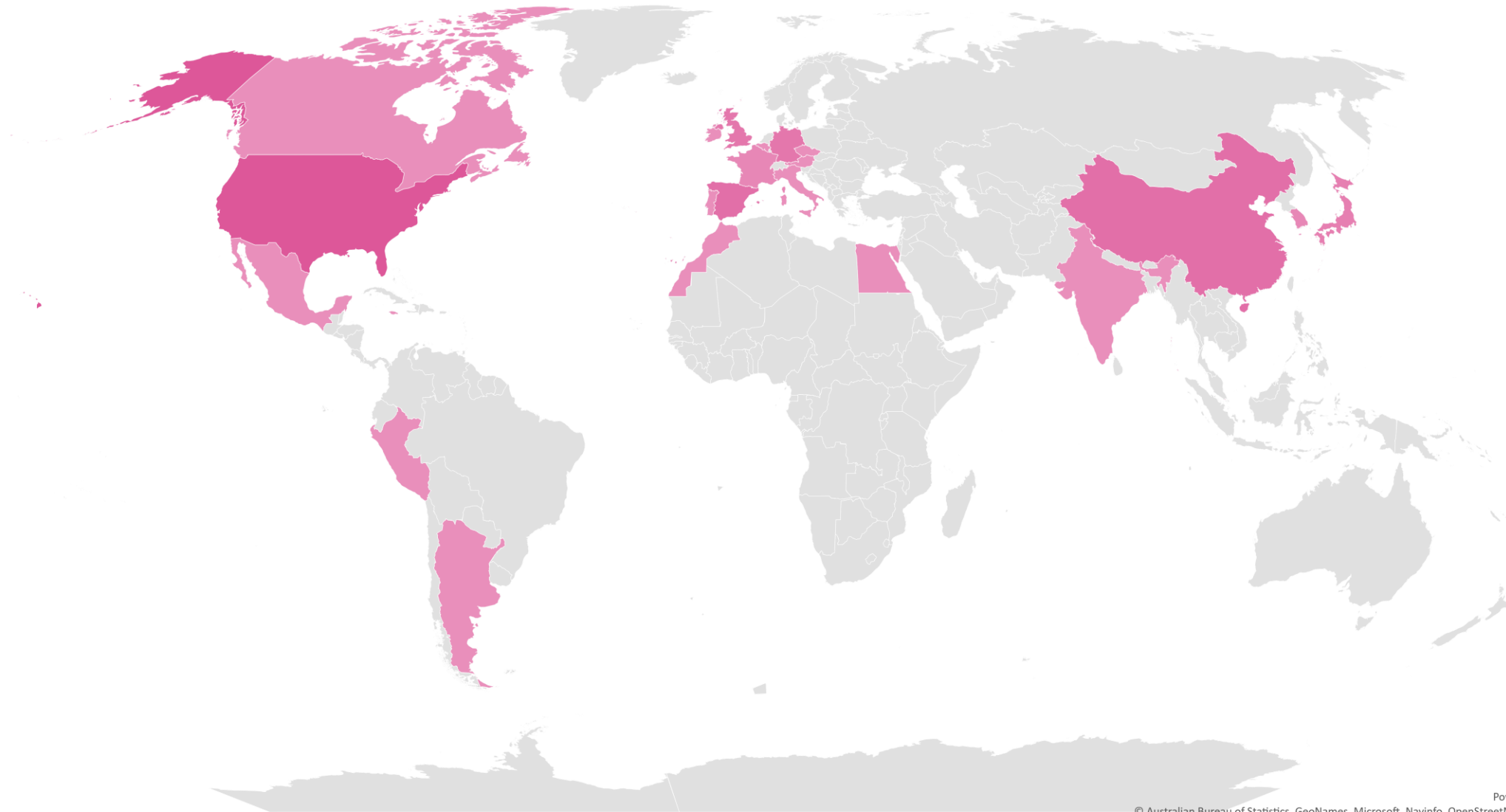
Double contracts

(e.g. U. of Hong Kong, California):

make a conscious decision about what you choose



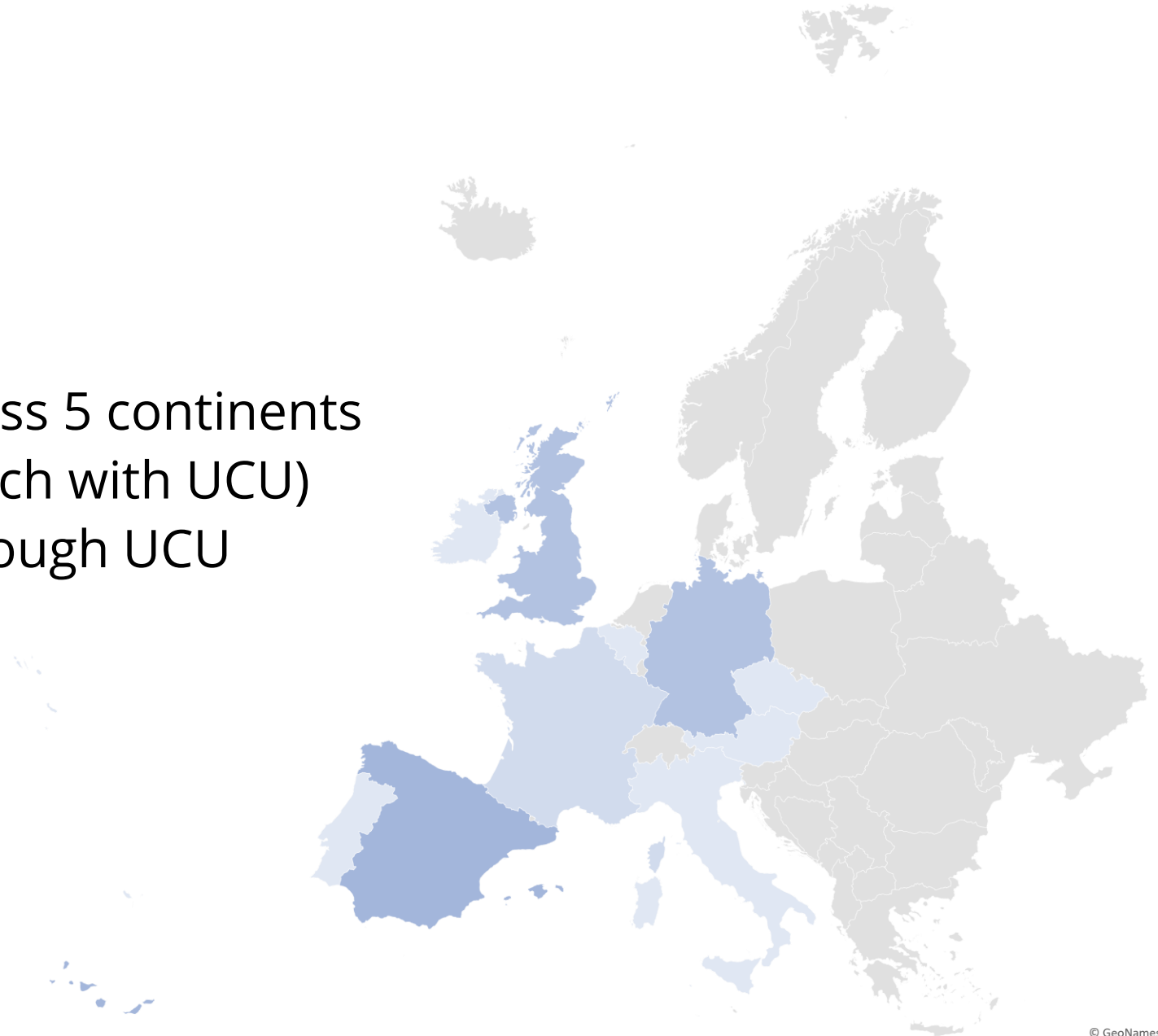
UCU exchange programmes





UCU Exchange Destinations

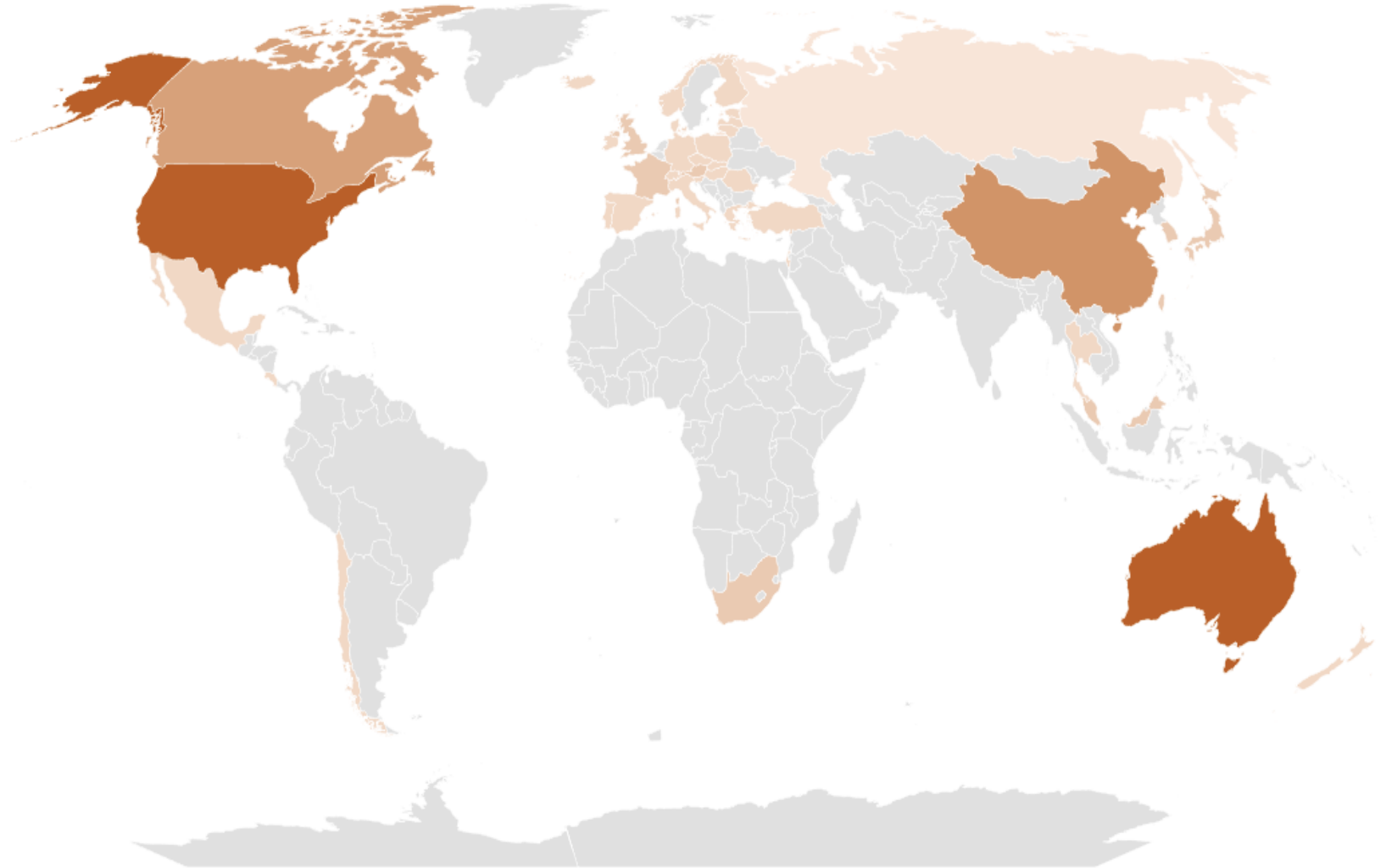
- 50 partner universities across 5 continents
- Mostly colleges (profile match with UCU)
- Full application process through UCU
- Nearly 150 available places





UU Exchange destinations

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









University College Roosevelt (UCR) Exchange Destinations

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



1 - 4 of **4** destinations

 Canada	Glendon Campus (York University, Toronto)
 United States	Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson)
 United States	Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA), (New York City)
 United States	University of Nebraska (Kearney)

Level

- ☐ Bachelor (143)
- ☐ Master (84)

Destinations for

- ☒ All UU students (91)
- ☐ Science (17)
- ☐ Veterinary Medicine (2)
- ☐ Humanities (96)
- ☐ Medicine (3)
- ☐ Geosciences (69)
- ☐ Law, Economics and Governance (84)
- ☐ Social and Behavioural Sciences (54)
- ☒ University College Utrecht (50)
- ☒ University College Roosevelt (4)

Region

- ☐ Europe (49)
- ☐ Africa (4)
- ☐ Australia and New Zealand (12)
- ☐ Asia (30)
- ☐ Latin America (6)
- ☐ Middle East (1)
- ☐ North America (43)

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**

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 Belgium **ELAN: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**

 Canada **Glendon Campus (York University, Toronto)**



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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**





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Partners with multiple destinations

- **ELAN**

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



EUROPEAN LIBERAL
ARTS NETWORK



- **University of California**

- UCU selects the student
- UC selects the campus



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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





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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:
 - 1st choice: 47%
 - 2nd choice: 9%
 - 3rd choice: 42%
- Do not put very popular second choices



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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)





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SCHEDULE 10-13 OCT

Tuesday 10

Wednesday 11

Thursday 12

Friday 13

09:00 - 11:00				
11:00 - 13:00		How do I finance my exchange online	How do I choose a destination online	
13:15 - 15:00	Hoe kies ik een bestemming Drift 13, 004	Q&A Asia JK 15A, 004	Q&A Australia/New Zealand Drift 13, 004	Hoe financier ik mijn uitwisseling Drift 21, 032
15:15 - 17:00		Q&A Latin America JK 15A, 004	Q&A Europe Drift 13, 004	Q&A United Kingdom online
17:15 - 19:00		Q&A North America JK 15A, 004	Economics UCU Auditorium	

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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



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Questions?

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