



Workshop Finances

1. FAQ

1.1. DUO grants

Is the 'basisbeurs' (basic grant) from next year on also available if you study abroad?

Yes, it is. If you go on an exchange, you are officially still a student at the UU. You can still make use of the basic grant.

DUO says the public transport compensation is 104,42 euros. Is that per year or per month?

This is the amount per month.

Where can I find my DUO public transport compensation?

<https://duo.nl/particulier/ov-vergoeding-buitenland.jsp>

The public transport compensation: is this just for Dutch students? Not for international students in Utrecht going abroad?

This is indeed only for students who are eligible for the 'studentenreisproduct'.

Is Erasmus replacing DUO? Or can you still loan money from DUO besides Erasmus?

No, these are two separate things. As you are still a Dutch student, you can loan money from DUO. The Erasmus grant is additional from the European Union to make going abroad more accessible.

Do you still receive the 'aanvullende beurs' (supplementary grant) while studying abroad?

Yes! You're still registered at UU, so you should receive the same from DUO as you do now.

1.2. Erasmus grant

When is the due date to apply for an Erasmus+ grant?

Deadlines can differ, so please have a look on the Erasmus website. It is all explained there.
<https://uu.nl/erasmus>

What if you don't make the 22,5 ECTS in the end? Will you have to repay Erasmus?

If there's a very good reason for you not making the 22,5 ECTS, something can be arranged with the Erasmus office. If you don't have a good reason for this however, you will have to repay Erasmus.

What is the difference between Erasmus plus and the normal Erasmus grant? Or is it the same?

This is the same.

What is the TopUp for a difficult financial situation? Where can you apply for this?

That is a TopUp from Erasmus+, more information about conditions can be found on the Erasmus website: <https://uu.nl/erasmus>

When you apply for the Erasmus grant in Osiris you can select an additional TopUp.

How much do you get from Erasmus?

This depends on the country you are going to. If you go to a country with a higher cost of living, you will receive more. Specific amounts can be found on the Erasmus website: <https://uu.nl/erasmus>

Are the Travel Green Grant and the Erasmus TopUp the same grants are could you get two if you travel green?

They are separate grants, so you can apply for both if you travel green.

The Erasmus TopUp for financial reasons says you are eligible for this TopUp if you receive the supplementary grant. Do you then receive both? The supplementary grant from DUO and the TopUp from Erasmus?

Yes, you receive both.

1.3. Other grants**Which website can you find grants on?**

<https://wilweg.nl>, only in Dutch unfortunately. Or for Erasmus grants: <https://uu.nl/erasmus>

What is the grant in Switzerland called?

This is called SEMP.

Do a lot of people get the Holland Scholarship?

The Holland Scholarship has a fixed amount of grants available per year. In the past few years there were fewer applicants than available grants, but it is difficult to say for the future.

How does the Holland Scholarship work?

It is all explained here: <https://students.uu.nl/en/academics/study-abroad/funding-grants/holland-scholarship>

Is there another grant if you cannot apply for Erasmus for the UK?

There's still a lot of uncertainty around the UK. The UK is working on their own grant programme, but this is not available as of yet. Look for other grants here: <https://students.uu.nl/en/funding-grants>

1.4. Budget

How much unforeseen expenses would you recommend keeping in mind?

Keep at least 5% of your budget reserved for unforeseen expenses. However, if you know your spending is usually unpredictable, trying keeping 10% aside.

How much do you spend on the average study abroad? I want to compare countries.

There is no such thing as an 'average study abroad' as every destination differs greatly from others. If you want to compare countries, I recommend looking at the costs that are listed on the destination pages. That way you can compare countries directly.

How much do people usually save up?

This depends on your destination. Look at the destination page for your preferred universities and take a good look at the living costs listed there.

Is it possible to look at your budget and the things you need for the country you want to go to specifically with someone of the international office?

Yes, this is certainly possible.

Is it standard to make a specific budget per country in your top 3? Since this takes a lot of time.

It is recommended, just so you can be sure that you would also be able to finance your second and third choice.

Is your tuition only the amount that is paid to UU? Even if tuition is much higher at your host university?

Yes, you only pay tuition to UU.

1.5. Insurance

Do you still pay for healthcare in the Netherlands when you are abroad?

Yes, you need to maintain your insurances in the Netherlands.

Is a travel insurance enough for insurance?

This depends on your insurance and your destination/time abroad, etc. Please contact your insurance company to check if this is enough or not.

1.6. Other financial questions

Do you need a different phone subscription when you go abroad?

This depends on where you are going. Sometimes it is easier and cheaper to get a new simcard when abroad.

Is Ireland impacted by the Brexit?

No, Ireland is not impacted and is still part of the EU.

Are plane tickets paid for?

No, you need to pay for your own travel tickets. If you travel with a green alternative (bus or train for example) you can apply for the Travel Green Grant. <https://uu.nl/travelgreengrant>

Is it typical to work during your study abroad?

It is not typical, but for some destinations it is possible. Please look at the visa requirements to be sure.

Are you allowed to get a job abroad?

This depends on where you're going. If you need a visa, you most likely are not allowed to get a job, or only for a very limited amount of hours per week.

Can you keep paying with IDEAL while traveling in the EU? Or is getting a credit card recommended?

Most of the time you can keep paying with your Dutch card in the EU. Getting a credit card is more of a personal choice. Please check with the host university what is recommended.

In most European countries you can pay with a Maestro debit card, but please search for your preferred country specifically to be sure.

1.7. Other exchange questions**Can you go abroad during your master's or does it have to be during your bachelor's?**

It is both possible. Please contact your study advisor and international office to see what is possible.

Do you know about language certificates? Can we get one with our high school diploma? Or is a separate test needed for English level for example?

Please contact your International Office for this as this can vary per partner university.

Is there a good place which provides information on how to arrange a living place?

You can find information on housing on the destination page or on the website of your host university.

When do you hear if you have a place at the university you applied for?

You hear from us in January.

Does the UU or the host university help you if you run into problems with finding housing abroad?

You can contact the host university if you experience trouble finding housing.

If I go to a destination which is not universitywide, but for my faculty, can I study criminology for instance if I am a psychology student? Since it does fall under the faculty of social sciences.

This depends on the agreement your faculty has with the host university. Please check with your international office.

Is it possible to go to a destination outside of your faculty?

You can always go to a universitywide destination. These destinations are available for all UU students.

If I have questions about cultural differences and healthcare (such as LGBT+ acceptance and standard medication) where should I ask those?

You can contact your international office, but students who have been to your destination in the past probably know most about this. Ask your international office if they can bring you into contact with students who have been on an exchange before.