Study Abroad
Faculty of Geosciences

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Programme

• Welcome by Evi Rietbroek
• Evi Rietbroek: all about doubts and destinations
• Former Exchange students
• Evi Rietbroek: About application
• Rena Zendedel & Veronique Schutjens: UU Course Intercultural Learning
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• Current Exchange student
• Questions
International Office
GEO

• Opening hours desk
  KBG on Thursday:
  10.00 till 12.00 AM

• By phone on Thursday:
  10.00 – 12.00 AM
  030-2539559

• Appointment:
  international.geo@uu.nl
Questions after this meeting?

- Website Study Abroad GEO
- Website Study Abroad UU
- International.geo@uu.nl
- Phone, Student Desk or Appointment
What is an exchange?

Studying for the duration of a semester or academic year at a foreign university that has an exchange agreement with UU.

- Courses can be integrated into your UU study programme
- No tuition fee at the foreign university
- Support from the International Office UU and host university
Requirements

- Fulltime UU student
- Ba-students:
  - Graduation within 4 years
  - 60 ECTS at start of exchange
- Ma-students: Permission Master coordinator
- Language or GPA requirements partners
Why?

- New Academic challenges
- Boost your C.V.
- Personal development
- Unique chance
- Learning a language

92% of employers are looking for **transversal skills** such as curiosity, problem-solving skills, tolerance and confidence when recruiting **Erasmus increases these skills!**

64% of employers think **international experience** is important for recruitment (37% in 2006)

64% of employers say graduates with an international background are given **greater professional responsibility**
Doubts/prejudices

• Studying abroad delays my study at UU....

• Going abroad is expensive...

• Geo-partners are not interesting enough...

• Too much paper work.....

• Too much figuring out myself.....
Start reading

- Website Study Abroad GEO
- Website Study Abroad UU
Orientation

- Purpose of your study abroad
- Study programme
- Compare destinations: must haves and nice to have
**Choice of destination**

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**Destinations - Students UU - Students UU**

Or google UU exchange destinations
More information about destinations

- Study level
- Study Areas
- Academic Calendar
- Credit and Grading
- Language of Instruction
- Housing
- Costs

University of Manchester (United Kingdom) is an exchange destination for students of the Faculty of Geosciences.

Student experiences
- Student 1
- Student 2
- Student 3

Webpages
- General information for exchange students
- Course information
- Application information

Academic calendar
- Semester 1: mid-September — end of January
- Semester 2: beginning of February — mid-June
# Application deadlines

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Application Osiris

- Deadline: **December 1st**
- Application osiris: “exchange to a partner university abroad in 2023-2024”
- Prepare documents
  - Study plan
  - Motivation
  - Language proficiency
Study Plan

- Fill out whole form
- Programme requirements
- Electives?
- Internship
- Thesis
- Approved by Study Advisor (BA) or Master coordinator (MA)
Planning exchange and approval study plan

Human Geography & Planning
Aukje de Graaf and Floris Bouwmeester
studyadvisor.hgsp@uu.nl

Global Sustainability Science & Environmental Sciences
Sacha Handgraaf and Pieter Louwman
studyadvisor.sd.bsc@uu.nl

Earth Sciences
Hellen van der Maazen
studyadvisor.es@uu.nl
Course selection

- Language of instruction
- Back-up courses
- Contract conditions
- Level of contract (ba/ma)
- 50% or less courses other faculties
Exchange application

- Login Solis ID
- Stay Abroad
- New request
- Application exchange 2023-2024
- Follow the steps
- 3 destinations
- Before the deadline of December 1st
After application

- Evaluation application
- Selection (if necessary)
- Half January final selection
- Nomination in April
After selection/nomination

• Pre-departure meeting

• Courses: course approval form approved by Board of Examiners

• Grades will be converted to Pass / Fail with original grade

• For credits UK and outside Europe look under the header ‘After your exchange’
Rena Zendedel,  
Veronique Schutjens,  
UU Course “Intercultural Learning”  
2,5 EC
Benefit more from your exchange?
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Take the UU Course “Intercultural Learning”
UU Course “Intercultural Learning” (2.5 EC)

From exchange experiences to employability skills

“Reflection: on what and why you want to do something. On how to change yourself if when you want to – or when you notice”.

“.. I like to have been forced to think deeper about my exchange and the period beyond the ‘honeymoon’ phase...”.

“This [2nd] meeting, compared to the first, was about me as a person and how I can and want to change this – something I want to become aware of and from which I will always benefit from now on...”.
BA Course “Intercultural Learning” (TL1V18004)

Department Languages, Literature & Communication
Faculty of Humanities (by Rena Zendel)

Training course offered to all bachelor exchange students

- Rends 2.5 ECTS
- UU wide: large and varied group, different faculties
- Focus on intercultural competences and employability
- 2 pre-departure meetings, 2 back home meetings, assignments during stay abroad
- You will be invited to this course in May 2023
Financial Plan

- Check destination page
- **Erasmus Grant** (Europe)
- **Holland Scholarship**
- **Beursopener.nl**
- DUO - Student travel product restitution (OV-vergoeding)
- **Travel green grant**
Erasmus+

- Erasmus grant
- UK Destinations
- TopUps
  - Financial Reasons TopUp
  - Medical Reasons TopUp
  - Green TopUp
Thesis/Internship abroad

- Permission to do this abroad
- Have a supervisor at Geosciences
- Find a partner that allows you to do thesis
- Have a supervisor at partner university/organization
- Only awarded and graded by Geosciences
- In Europe > [Erasmus Grant](https://erasmus.org)
Apply research abroad

- Osiris Student
- Go to > Stay Abroad
- New request
- Choose 'internship/(field)research/other stay abroad'
- Fill out the request
- No hard deadline, but register in Osiris approx. 6 weeks before departure
Help!!!!

For problems related to your study plan:
Study Advisors

For problems related to your applications or documents:
International Officer GEO
International Office UU

For questions about your Erasmus Grant:
erasmus@uu.nl
UU International Office

Clim Gorissen
Asia & Latin America

Cathelijne van Weelden
North America

Tessel Arendsen
Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Mandy van den Houten
Europe & Middle East

Annelot van der Made
General exchange questions

www.students.uu.nl/exchange
Office hours – walk in hours
www.wilweg.nl

Erasmus+ grants, Holland Scholarship
QUESTIONS?