STUDY ABROAD FAIR
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Study Abroad Information Market
Semester abroad
Curriculum planning
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Can I go on exchange?

Yes, if you have

• A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
• No shortage of credit
• Transfer credits totaling no more than 30 ECTS
• Proficiency at the intermediate (2) level in the language of instruction at the host institution
• No social or academic probation before exchange semester
• Note: these criteria must be met at the time of application as well as at the time of departure for a study abroad destination
When can I go on exchange?

In your 4th semester (Spring 2021):
• Deadline November 14, 2019
• Alternative deadline April 10, 2020

Or:

In your 5th semester (Fall 2021):
• Deadline mid November 2020
Spring 2021 (i.e. 4th semester for class of 2022)

Advantages
• You will be back on campus for the full final year, which makes it easier to plan:
  • Curriculum (many level 3 courses are only offered once a year)
  • Research Thesis (15 EC)

Disadvantages
• You will have limited time to plan your exchange
  • Major not yet clear
  • Planning 3 semesters ahead
  • Still getting used to UCU life in general (however: note the alternative deadline!)
Fall 2021 (i.e. 5th semester for class of 2022)

Advantages

• More time to plan exchange

Disadvantages

• You will miss out on UCU level 3 courses that are only offered in fall
• It may be more difficult to spread your level 3 courses over several semesters
Where can I go on exchange?

[Hold your breath – Sahra will tell you in a minute]
How do I prepare a study plan for my exchange application?

• Make an appointment with your tutor!
• Try to construct your curriculum such that you will meet your graduation requirements even without courses on in exchange counting for that
• Plan methodology courses as much as possible before going on exchange
• Mathematics course for SCI majors to be finished in semester 3 if abroad in semester 4
• Language and culture requirement to be finished in semester 3 if abroad in semester 4
Can I take any courses I like?

- No. You will be asked to send a Learning agreement to the UCU Exam Board once you have arrived at your destination and chosen your classes.
- The Exam Board will assess the level & number of credits and if approved the courses will be added to your transcript.
- Note: the default course load on exchange is 30 EC. However, if you have a ‘credit surplus’ (at least 7.5 EC extra completed before going abroad), you are allowed to take courses worth 22.5 EC only.
What...

2 types of exchange programs:

1. UCU exchange programs
2. UU university wide exchange programs
53 partners
5 continents
Over 140 spots
Partners who match UCU
A high chance of getting selected for your first choice
How...

To choose
• Based on academic content and courses of interest
• Based on personal preference for a region/country
• Language

To apply
• Prepare a motivation letter, study plan, CV and financial plan
• Submit it in FORM DESK and in OSIRIS before/on NOVEMBER 14, 2019 (fall 2020 and spring 2021)
1 Nov
• Applications can be submitted on Osiris and formdesk

14 Nov
• UCU Deadline for exchange in 20-21

21 Jan
• Latest date that outcome is announced

10 April
• Second chance deadline for first year students
FAQ during the fair:

Q: What are my options abroad?
A: You can choose the university-wide and UCU destinations. The destinations from the other faculties of Utrecht University are not open to you. For example, if you are a science major, you may not opt for the Science partners, only for UCU and university-wide. We do strongly recommend that you choose UCU partners as their curriculum matches ours and grading and conversion is relatively easy.

Q: Can I combine UCU partners and university-wide partners?
A: No, please choose one or the other. See the next question for the exemption.

Q: I am interested in going abroad to University of Sydney,
A: University of Sydney used to be a UCU partner before it become a UU partner. If you are interested in going on exchange to Australia, we would recommend University of Sydney. You can combine University of Sydney with UCU partners.
Curriculum enrichment options abroad

- Winter Schools and Summer Schools abroad: UCU and UU host universities
- Hong Kong research project with Hong Kong University
- UCU in Africa (summer)
- CHIP (Cultural Heritage Internship Program)
- China Program
- Research Program Aruba
- Stream research internships
More information?

• Flyer (all UCU destinations and number of spots)
• Description of destinations
• Facebook pages and websites of host universities
• Former UCU exchange students &
• Exchange students currently at UCU

For university wide: students.uu.nl/exchange
Questions?

Information Market in Dining Hall, now!

EXCHANGE-EXCHANGE: November 6, UCSA bar

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TUE 14:00-15:30 hours; THU 15:00-16:00 hours
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Why going on exchange is a good idea (for preparing for your future)

• In addition to doing your courses at your host university you’ll brush up your skills:
  
  • Language, intercultural communication
  
  • But also; problem solving, creativity, flexibility....

• Employers value staff with international experience (so do make sure to put your exchange in your cv upon your return)
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Feedback/thoughts from students and alumni...

• Alongside our curriculum planning, what support is there at UCU for planning after that?
• The world of work seems to be changing: how on earth do I prepare for that?
• I’m going through all kinds of personal, intellectual, social and other changes – help!!!
UCU Futures Centre services

- Individual CV and/or cover letter reviews, other paperwork
- Workshops, e.g. on writing CV
- Mock interviews
- Internships and work experience (including alumni internship programme)
- Decision making
- Self reflection
- Other one-to-one guidance
What can we do to help you prepare for your exchange application?

- **Today**: quick scan of your cv at the Study Abroad Fair
- **Tuesday 5 November 14.00-16.00**: CV workshop
  - Sign up by sending an email to ucu.futures@uu.nl
- **Tuesday 12 November afternoon** Acquisition committee CV Clinic + LinkedIn photoshoot
- **Upon request**: individual guidance session
  - Send an email to ucu.futures@uu.nl for an appointment
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