



Fact Sheet 2025/2026
International Office
Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
Utrecht University

CONTACT

Full name of university:	Utrecht University (NL UTRECHT01)
Faculty	Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
General website of the Faculty	http://www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-students-social-and-behavioural-sciences
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Areas of study open for exchange students:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychology - Sociology - Cultural Anthropology - Pedagogical Sciences - Interdisciplinary Social Sciences - Educational Sciences - Methods and Statistics <p>There are possibilities to follow courses at other faculties.</p>
Course information for exchange students	http://www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-students-social-and-behavioural-sciences/courses
Master courses available for exchange students?	We offer not many Master courses, but Master exchange students are allowed to take part in Bachelor courses.
Academic calendar	Academic year 1 September 2025–26 June 2026
Academic calendar Explanation credit and grading system	Fall Semester Block 1: 1 September 2025 – 9 Nov. 2025 Block 2: 10 Nov. 2025 – 1 February 2026 Exams take place at the end of each block
	Spring Semester Block 3: 2 February 2026 - 19 April 2026 Block 4: 20 April 2026 – 26 June 2026 Exams take place at the end of each block
	In 2002 Utrecht University adopted the ECTS credit system.
Explanation credit and grading system	Grading used: 1-10 (1 being the lowest, <i>9 and 10 are rarely given</i>) Pass is: 5.5 out of 10



Language of instruction	English or Dutch
Language requirements	<p>Good command of English or Dutch in both writing and speaking. Proof of this is asked for during the application process (exception native speakers)</p> <p>Bachelor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>IELTS</u>, Academic Module. Minimum score: 6.0 overall band, 5.5 for writing. IELTS is the test preferred by Utrecht University. • <u>TOEFL</u>, Internet based. Minimum score: 83. Institutional scores are not accepted. The TOEFL institution code for Utrecht University is 9062. • <u>Cambridge Certificates</u>: Advanced English or Proficiency in English, minimum score C. • <u>CEFR</u>: minimum level B2. • <u>Statement home university</u>: Your home university may issue a letter stating that you meet the requirement of CEFR B2. <p>Master:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>IELTS</u>, Academic Module. Minimum score: 6.5 overall band, at least 6 for writing. • <u>TOEFL</u>, Internet based. Minimum score: 93, institutional scores are not accepted (the TOEFL institution code for Utrecht University is 9062). • <u>Cambridge Certificates</u>, Advanced English, at least a B grade. Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, at least a C grade. • <u>CEFR</u>: minimum level C1. • <u>Statement home university</u>: Your home university may issue a letter stating that you meet the requirement of CEFR C1.
Other relevant Information	One full academic year's workload consists of 60 ECTS credits. (<i>One academic year is divided in two semester and each semester consists two blocks</i>)

APPLICATION

Nomination Deadlines	First semester and full year: 15 April
	Second semester: 15 September
Application Deadlines	First semester and full year: - 1 May
	Second semester: - 1 October
Information about application	http://www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-students-social-and-behavioural-sciences > how to apply?
Course registration deadline	Fall semester: June (students will receive an email after application)



	Spring Semester: November (students will receive an email after application)		
Visa requirements	See : http://www.uu.nl/en/education/welcome-to-utrecht/to-do/entry-visaresidence-permit Utrecht University has a priority visa procedure which ensures a fast and efficient result.		
ACCOMMODATION			
Housing Assistance?	Students can search for accommodation in Utrecht by using the online database of SSH Housing Office. The can also access another database called Direct Offer, or try their luck on the private market.		
Information:	Housing This includes links to SSH Housing Office, Direct Offer and the private options		
Application Deadline :	Fall semester: Students will receive more information about the procedure after we have received their application.		
	Spring Semester: Students will receive more information about the procedure after we have received their application.		
Other relevant Information:	Due to scarce housing offer in the city of Utrecht students should start searching as early as possible. Normally all students do have housing by the beginning of the semester, as long as the students start searching actively directly after application. Please note that the SSH Housing Office database is only for fixed periods, that is one semester rental period or a full year rental period.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Costs estimate per month	Housing	Furnished, including utilities, individual/shared, etc.	€ 500 - 1100 p.m.
	Living expenses	Food, clothes, personal services, public transport, etc.	€ 350 - 450 p.m.
	Books	Depends on the programme.	€ 65 - 85 p.m.
	Insurance	Health, personal liability, etc.	€ 40 - 110 p.m.
	Visa & Permits	Depends on nationality	€ 0 - 321 (once)
	Contingencies	Bicycle, higher phone bill, financial setback, etc.	€ 500 (once)
Orientation Programme incoming students	Fall semester: Early September Spring semester: Early February See website for actual dates http://www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-students-social-and-behavioural-sciences > practical information After application students will receive an invitation to join the orientation programme, which is free of charge. Please note the University-wide International Office also organise an orientation for all international students. The faculty programme takes place around the UU programme enabling the students to take part in all events.		
Student facilities	Information on Social life, Sports, Culture, Health facilities and much more, can be found on: http://www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-students-social-and-behavioural-sciences/practical-information		
Other relevant Information	Students must carry adequate health insurance throughout their stay in the Netherlands.		