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AN INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS?

The Netherlands is a wonderful study destination for international students for many reasons. Let us tell you why!

First of all, there are a lot of different subjects which you can study entirely in English, as over 2100 programmes are English taught. This is not a recent development: the Netherlands was the first non-English speaking country to start teaching in English.

English is widely spoken outside university classes too, so you will not have any trouble communicating. 1 in 8 students you will encounter does not come from the Netherlands. Actually, the Netherlands as a whole is a rather international community, so you will fit right in.

Education in the Netherlands tends to be interactive and non-hierarchical. As a student, you are invited to participate actively in discussions, workshops, presentations, in-class simulations, and individual research. In addition, you will have the opportunity to do (academic) internships, go on exchange to other universities around the world, take part in honours/excellence programmes, participate in the community, and more. It is all about getting involved.

Dutch universities are rated as world-class international higher education institutions. This is important for your future academic career and your world-wide network. With relatively low tuition rates, education in the Netherlands is a great value!

The Netherlands is right in the middle of Europe, so you can explore different cultures easily. International students have many services on campus to help them feel welcome, such as orientation weeks/days, international advisors/coordinators, counsellors, social groups, committees – the list is long! Dutch higher education institutions are well-equipped to give you the best student experience possible.

In a nutshell, studying in the Netherlands is a smart move. You'll get a great education, make friends from everywhere, and have a blast in Europe. It's a win-win!

VALUE OF A DUTCH DEGREE

Dutch higher education has a binary system, which means that students can choose between two types of degrees:

- Research-oriented, offered by research universities;
- Professional, offered by universities of applied sciences.

At a **Research University**, learning sits on a foundation of academic research. Students will understand how scientific research is conducted and practice conducting their own research as well. In addition, they learn to apply their knowledge in the real world. Research Universities offer 3-year Bachelor's programmes leading to 1-2 year Master's programmes, also at Research University.

At a **University of Applied Sciences** students can choose a more professionally oriented programme to prepare them for a specific career. These are 4 year bachelor's programmes, often including internships or work experience.

Because all universities in the Netherlands are publicly funded, they are obliged by law to be accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). Some universities also hold international accreditations.

The degree conferred upon graduating students is that of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) or Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Most students who have obtained a bachelor's degree go directly into master's programmes. Many graduates from Dutch university programmes pursue a master's and/or Ph.D. at universities around globe, including Sciences Po, Bocconi, Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, MIT, and other top-notch international universities, or other Dutch research universities.

ADMISSIONS

There is not one general admission requirement/procedure package that applies to all Dutch universities. What follows here is an overview of some general principles. Please make sure to check specific admission requirements with the individual institutions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Diploma requirements may differ, but some of the most commonly accepted diplomas are:

- IB/EB diploma,
- American Diploma with 3-4 AP's,
- 3 Academic A-levels,
- or one of the many other national university preparatory diplomas from countries across the globe.

It is less common for Dutch universities to require a specific GPA, however for some diplomas a minimum GPA is required to make a student eligible.

It is less common for Dutch universities to select their students.

Certain programmes may require specific subjects (e.g. mathematics or physics).

Sometimes there are additional requirements (e.g. a mathematics proficiency, letters of recommendation, standardized exams).

Specific performance requirements often apply in the first year, and this is called Binding Study Advice.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

All students who want to study in the Netherlands must register in 'Studielink', which is the Dutch government student registration system.

In addition, in many cases, students must apply directly to the university and programme of their choice. The specific guidelines for application are always explained on the university website.

Application deadlines fall between December and June.

Some programmes have rolling admissions.

All programmes have a September intake. Only a few programmes have a February intake.

Note: University Colleges have a selection procedure, but they are NOT numerus fixus programmes. A different type of selection applies: one that is suited to small-scale education. Therefore, your application for a UC does not fall under the same rules or deadlines as those for a numerus fixus.

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FINANCES

In the Netherlands, tuition fees are set by the government and are thus the same for all universities. For the Academic Year 2025-2026 the fees are as follows:

- EU/EEA Students: € 2,601 per year
- Non-EU/EEA* Students: from € 6,000 to € 20,000 per year. These additional fees differ per institution.

Some institutions (such as the University Colleges) are allowed to request a higher tuition fee.

A quick calculation shows that, on average, living as a student in the Netherlands costs around € 950-1,500 Euros a month. Of course, this may vary per location.

Expenses	Explanation	Costs
Accommodation	(un)furnished, including utilities, individual/ shared, etc.	€ 450 - 800 p/month
Living Expenses	Food, clothes, personal services, public transport, etc.	€ 400 - 500 p/month
Insurance	Health, personal liability, etc.	€ 50 - 100 p/month
Books and Study Materials	Depends on the degree programme	€ 65 - 85 p/month
Visas and permits	Depends on your nationality	€ 0 - 300 (once)
Contingencies	Bicycle, higher phone bill, financial setback, etc.	€ 500 (once)

There are several ways for students to get help in financing their studies in the Netherlands.

- For Dutch passport holders (and some EU nationals), there is a grant / loan provided by the government.
- For Dutch passport holders (and some EU nationals), a free student travel card is available.
- The Dutch government provides tuition fee loans for EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students.
- In addition to government funding, some universities offer scholarships for both EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA students.
- Students can work part-time alongside their studies. There are no restrictions for EU/EEA students in obtaining a job; for non-EU/EEA students there are some restrictions related to permits and working hours (a maximum of 16 hours per week). More information can be found on the NUFFIC website (see important websites).

WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE?

University Colleges were introduced to the Netherlands in 1997, taking inspiration from both the Liberal Arts and Sciences programmes in the United States, with a strong emphasis on student community, as well as from the college structure found at institutions such as Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

Dutch research universities established their University Colleges in response to a growing demand for a more holistic type of education. Students at University Colleges would not only study Liberal Arts and Sciences, they would live them, quite literally, by studying, living and working together with students from different cultural backgrounds and different disciplinary interests.

Each University College in the Netherlands offers a selective and challenging honours programme for motivated students. With this programme, students can design their own curriculum by combining courses from various disciplines, including the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Every University College has its own focus or theme. Some emphasize sustainability or international issues, while others focus more on the humanities, project-based research, or the social sciences. Most University Colleges have an internationally oriented student population, with many international students. This unique multicultural learning community creates an environment that helps students develop their talents and discover themselves and the world through an exciting and challenging journey.

AFTER GRADUATION

As a result of the intensive programme and broad approach, University Colleges prepare students for a wide range of Master's programmes and jobs.

- 90% of UC alumni continue with a postgraduate education, while
- 94% van UC alumni are employed, of which the majority are employed by a company or organization, and a small group are entrepreneurs.
- 45% van UC alumni enter a Master's programme at one of the top 100 universities in the world (Time Higher Education ranking)
- 80% of UC alumni were accepted directly into the Master's programme of their choice, without having to complete extra courses or Pre-Master's programmes.

(Source: Liberal Arts and Sciences programmes alumni survey fact sheet 2023 Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market | ROA)



THE PERFECT STUDENT FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

University Colleges are intended for highly motivated students who have a diverse interest, know what they want, and do not want to limit themselves to the perspective of one academic discipline. Such students are academically strong, intellectually curious, and passionate to acquire new knowledge in various fields of study. Our students have a desire for both intellectual challenge and personal growth, and are interested in getting socially involved and contributing to the student community. Students are open-minded and excited to live amongst international peers and learn from exchanges with various cultures.

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

As University Colleges are looking for students who would thrive in such a specific environment, they are allowed to select their students. While the general admission requirements and procedures outlined on page 4 provide a baseline, there are some further details to keep in mind.

- University Colleges are selective programmes, meaning that they may require a minimum GPA and often require the submission of further documents (such as motivation letters and/or recommendation letters, and interviews). What is needed and how to go about applying still differs per University College. Please refer to the individual college pages for specific criteria and procedures.
- University Colleges in the Netherlands tend to have a holistic approach towards the application procedure. While grades are an important part of the application package, attention is also given to personal interests, general motivation, and extracurricular activities.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Nuffic

As an independent, non-profit organization based in The Hague, Nuffic supports internationalization in higher education, research and professional education in the Netherlands and abroad, and helps improve access to higher education worldwide. On their website you can find an overview of all study programmes in the Netherlands that are taught in English.

www.studyinnl.org

Studielink

All students have to register with the Dutch Ministry of Education. The place to do so is 'Studielink'.

www.studielink.nl

Duo

Information about tuition fees, student grants, and diploma assessment.

www.duo.nl

AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Do you want to make a positive impact on the world? At AUC, you can learn how to turn your vision into reality. Global issues such as climate change, public health or artificial intelligence require an interdisciplinary approach. That's why we welcome 300 motivated students every year to study Liberal Arts and Sciences in the international capital of Amsterdam. Will you be one of them?

AUC has the largest offering of courses in the sciences. Are you interested in subjects like biology, environmental studies, physics or chemistry? Then the specialisations in the sciences major might be something for you.

Experiential learning and community are at the heart of AUC. You will participate in a living education involving labs, internships, community outreach and international engagement and a social life full of committees. You'll live with fellow students from the Netherlands and more than 60 other countries for three years of study in a guaranteed room in the student residences.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Before starting at AUC, you'll choose to major in the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities. You'll then create your study plan by combining a variety of specializations (see options below). Typically, students choose 1-3 specializations. Every student obtains a strong foundation by taking core subjects about academic writing, argumentation skills, doing research. You develop thinking, writing, and argumentation skills, explore global citizenship, and delve into the interdisciplinary 'Big Questions' courses.

Sciences:

- Biology
- Biomedical
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environment
- Health
- Information
- Mathematics
- Physics

Humanities:

- Art
- Culture
- Film
- History
- Literature

Social Sciences:

- Anthropology
- Cognition
- Economics
- Environmental Economics and Policy
- Health
- International Relations
- Law
- Political Science
- Sociology

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ADMISSIONS

To be eligible for admission, you will need:

- a secondary school diploma equivalent to the Dutch VWO
- a very good level of written and spoken English
- strong mathematics skills

In addition, the Admissions Committee looks for students with the following characteristics:

- Academic performance: demonstrate your ability to meet academic demands of the programme.
- Motivation to study an intensive and broad programme while contributing to campus life.

Exact admissions requirements can be found on auc.nl/admissions

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 1 December, 'early bird' deadline for September next year.
- 1 February, regular deadline for September same year.
- 1 May, late deadline for September same year.

TUITION FEES

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

EU/EEA: € 4,7940 per year*

Non-EU/EEA: € 13,790 per year*

Accommodation is estimated at € 280 - 600 per month (housing for all three years is guaranteed).

*See website for most recent fees

ERASMUS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Start your academic journey in vibrant Rotterdam: a modern, international city shaped by innovation, diversity, and Europe's largest port. Long known as a place where people and ideas connect, Rotterdam is home to global companies, bold architecture, and a thriving cultural and art scene. From here, it's easy to travel across Europe, but also easy to feel at home.

At Erasmus University College (EUC), you'll study Liberal Arts & Sciences in a small-scale, international community, located in a historic building in the heart of the city. With guaranteed first-year housing just 10 minutes' walk from campus, you'll live and learn in the centre of it all. At EUC, the city is your campus, you don't just study in Rotterdam, you become part of its story.

EUC is the honours college of Erasmus University Rotterdam, giving you access to world-class resources like Erasmus Medical Centre and Rotterdam School of Management. You'll shape your own path through research, internships, study abroad, or the unique RASL Dual Degree, combining Liberal Arts & Sciences with music or visual arts. Outside the classroom, students join committees, volunteer, play sports, and thrive in a dynamic, international community. EUC is your starting point, but your future can take many directions.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

At EUC, your studies begin broad, and then you make it your own. In your first year, you'll explore courses across life sciences, social and behavioural sciences, economics and business, and the humanities, while building strong academic skills. Through the Personal Development Track, you'll reflect on your interests and strengths with guidance from mentors.

By year two, you'll choose one of twelve interdisciplinary majors and start tailoring your academic journey. You can combine your major with electives, a minor, or study abroad.

Your path stays flexible and future-focused. You'll graduate with a Capstone project that showcases your growth and ideas, ready for a master's or career. At EUC, you gain the skills employers value and qualify for master's programmes based on the courses you take, not just your major.



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Economics & Business

- Economics
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics
- Business & Society

Life Sciences

- Pre-Med
- Neuroscience: Cognition & Human behaviour
- Molecular Life Sciences

Humanities

- Critical Humanities: Media, Arts & Philosophy

Social & Behavioural Sciences

- International Law
- Psychology & Global Health
- Culture & Society
- Political Science & International Relations

Interdisciplinary Majors

- Sustainability

ADMISSIONS

EUC welcomes up to 240 first-year students each year. As a small-scale and academically challenging programme, we take the time to carefully review each application. Grades and motivation matter, but we also look beyond the numbers. We're looking for students who are curious, engaged, and eager to grow, both in and beyond the classroom.

What do you need to apply?

- A secondary school diploma qualifying for university (VWO, IB, Bac, Abitur, A-Levels)
- A minimum average of 70%
- A solid foundation in mathematics
- Proof of English proficiency

If you're just below the average, don't hesitate to apply, we always look at the whole profile. Full details on tests, exemptions and requirements are on our website.

How to apply?

1. Register at Studielink (www.studielink.nl)
2. Upload grades & motivation in our application portal
3. If eligible, you'll be invited for an online interview
4. Need help? Watch the video online.

For detailed information please visit:
eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions/application-procedure

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 15 January (early bird)
- 1 May (final deadline)

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

EU/EEA students: € 5,800
Non-EU/EEA students: € 16,300

Scholarships: available based on nationality and financial need, details online.

eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions/financial-support

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Leiden University College (LUC) is the international honours college of Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands (1575). The college is located in The Hague, the international city of peace and justice: vibrant home to many international organizations, the 3rd largest city in the country and a 20-minute tram ride away from the beach.

LUC's programme focuses on today's Global Challenges: major issues facing humanity and the planet, such as diversity, prosperity, sustainability, peace and justice. Six Majors are offered centered around these Global Challenges.

LUC is home to 600 students from over 50 different countries: talented, open-minded and ambitious students who are drawn to LUC because they want to make an impact in the world. Besides academic life, students find inspiration in the many activities, clubs and strong community feeling, which is only enhanced by living on campus.



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

In the first year, you follow courses to become familiarized with Global Challenges. What are they? What makes them complicated? How do they affect diverse communities around the globe and locally? You will also follow foundational courses in academic writing, mathematics and philosophy. You top this off with a few elective courses of your choice.

At the end of the first year, you select a Major to pursue for the following two years. In the last year there is the opportunity to go abroad for one semester or follow a minor at LUC or Leiden University. The bachelor's programme is culminated with writing an independent research project within your major on a thesis topic of choice.

LUC'S MAJORS

BA Culture, History & Society

Address the historical origins and societal manifestations of human diversity.

BA World Politics

Examine interactions between state and non-state actors in relation to peace and conflict.

BA International Justice

Study challenges to justice and the international rule of law in a globalising and pluralistic society.

BSc Global Health Innovation and Society

Address global health from a sociocultural, environmental and biomedical perspective.

BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability

Investigate the problems, solutions and barriers in building a sustainable society.

BSc Governance, Economics and Development

Understand how tools of governance can be used to enhance development and prosperity across societies

ADMISSIONS

LUC has a selective admissions process. Once you have registered in Studielink for our programme, you will need to complete your application on the Leiden University application portal. The following documents make up a complete application:

- Copy of most recent secondary school transcript (or diploma)
- LUC Form (Motivation, extracurriculars & some other background questions)
- Application fee of €50 (some exemptions)

Many diplomas from around the world are accepted, including the IB (32 points), A-levels (grades A-B) and HSD with AP's (4 AP's grades 4-5). Find an extensive list on our website under Admission and Application & Admission requirements.

If you meet our criteria and submit a strong application, you'll take part in an online preview class as a final step in the application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

LUC only has a fall intake (End of August), and 2 application deadlines:

- Early Bird: 1 December
- Regular: 15 March

Students who apply by the early bird deadline hear the outcome of the selection process by mid-March. The early bird deadline is also recommended for non-EU candidates who need a visa, and for students wishing to apply for financial aid.

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

EU/EEA students: € 5,493
Non-EU students: € 19,892

There is limited financial aid available students can apply for.



University College Groningen was established in 2014 as a selective and independent Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty within the University of Groningen. Students explore their passions through an interdisciplinary, project-based and community-oriented educational experience.

We create a learning environment that addresses the complex, societal challenges of the 21st century and serves as a laboratory for the cultivation of internationally-minded students who will become innovators in our rapidly changing world. You will join Dutch students and students from more than 35 countries in one of the Netherlands' top-rated bachelor programmes. In addition to this, we offer guaranteed housing for every student in the centre of Groningen.

A high level of freedom is offered as students design their own programme by choosing out of a broad range of courses in three major disciplines: Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. Students are also offered an integrated approach to guidance, which means that students can expect individual attention and a wide range of workshops that take them from introduction week through preparation for internships, study abroad and career placement.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The first year introduces you to a wide range of academic disciplines. You will explore the sciences, social sciences and the humanities without having to declare your preferred major in year 1. In the second and third year, you may pursue a major or area of expertise of your choice, customising your degree to fulfil your academic ambitions. If you want even more freedom in designing your own programme, you can pursue a Free Major.

Alongside the major, we offer a core programme that covers research methods, academic skills and long-term projects. You have the opportunity to apply your academic knowledge in other areas, developing new solutions to real-world problems, while collaborating with students from all over the world as part of an active and engaged learning community.

In the third year you choose a minor, this is a secondary area of study that may or may not compliment your major. You can further develop your academic profile by following a minor at the University of Groningen but you can also use this semester to study abroad (go on exchange) or pursue an internship.

Within their major, students can choose from a variety of areas of expertise:

Sciences

- Health & Life Sciences and Neurosciences
- Interdisciplinary AI

Social Sciences

- Psychology
- Economics
- International Business
- Politics
- Law



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Humanities

- Philosophy
- Arts & Culture

Free Major

You have complete freedom to shape your own programme of study, combining any disciplines you choose.

ADMISSIONS

UCG has a selective admissions process. Students need to send in a motivation video, transcripts and a CV. Every year, we aim to welcome 150 students with rolling admissions (meaning students can claim their space as soon as they demonstrate the admission requirements have been met). To be eligible for admission you need to obtain one of the following qualifications:

- Dutch VWO Diploma
- American System: High School Diploma + 3 AP's OR SAT's (minimum 1300)
- IB / EB Diploma
- British System: 3 A-levels (minimum CCC)

For other diplomas and more information go to our website: rug.nl/ucg/application

APPLICATION DEADLINES

UCG has two intakes per year.
September intake:

- Early Bird: 15 January
- Final deadline: 1 May

February intake:

- Non-Dutch degrees: 1 November
- VWO / HBO: 10 January

TUITION FEES

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

EU/EEA students: € 5,157
Non-EU students: € 17,200

Come study in Maastricht, a city with a vibrant student life that also offers the tranquillity you need to make your studies a success. University College Maastricht (UCM) is an honours college where you design your personalized curriculum. Here, you will learn to think academically, study independently, and collaborate in international teams.

UCM is not just a place for your lectures; it's a lively environment where students maintain social contacts, engage in extracurricular activities, and pursue shared passions. You can develop yourself both socially and academically, while also forming lasting friendships.

Thanks to Problem-Based Learning (PBL), the academic staff genuinely have time for students, both academically and socially. PBL education takes place in groups of about 12 students. After lectures, discussions often continue in the common area, the social hub of UCM. Do you want to be part of this inspiring community and discover where your future lies? Then apply to University College Maastricht.



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

As a UCM student, you will design your own personalised programme centred on your interests and ambitions. With the help of an academic adviser, you choose from over 150 subjects from a variety of academic disciplines organised around three major themes:

Humanities

- History
- Cultural Studies
- Arts and Literature
- Philosophy

Social Sciences

- Economics and Business Administration
- Sociology
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Public Policy
- International Law
- Psychology
- Statistics

Sciences

- Applied Mathematics
- Information and Computer Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Cognitive Sciences and Neurosciences

Other Liberal Arts and Sciences programmes at Maastricht University:

Maastricht Science Programme

Focuses on the natural sciences such as biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics and neuroscience. For more information, please check maastrichtuniversity.nl/msp

University College Venlo

Focuses on sustainability, biodiversity, nutrition, health, psychology, and entrepreneurship. This college is located in the nearby city of Venlo. For more information, please check maastrichtuniversity.nl/ucv

ADMISSIONS

UCM has a rolling and selective admissions process. The programme starts in September, and there are 250 spots available each year. We are looking for highly motivated students with genuine academic ambitions who enjoy debating and are interested in an interdisciplinary education. If this sounds like you, apply to UCM. Our admissions committee evaluates whether UCM is a good fit for you based on your grades, CV, and motivation letter. Potential candidates will then be invited for an interview.

ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS

- British system: 3 GCE A-levels with grades A, B or C + 3 GCSE's in 3 other subjects than the A-levels
- International/European Baccalaureate Diploma

For other diplomas, please visit maastrichtuniversity.nl/ucm

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Non- EU/EEA nationals: 5 January
- EU/EEA nationals: 1 March

TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

- EU/EEA students: € 4,310
- Non-EU students: € 19,960

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ROOSEVELT



University College Roosevelt (UCR) was founded in 2004 to bring Liberal Arts and Sciences education to the Netherlands in a small-scale, international, and student-centered way. As part of Utrecht University, UCR offers a vibrant community of 500 students and 50 staff in the historic city of Middelburg, where medieval streets, cafés, and libraries are right outside your classroom, and the beach is just a short bike ride away.

With students from more than 60 countries, UCR is global by nature and close-knit by design. Everyone lives in guaranteed student housing near campus, studies in buildings named after the Roosevelts, and becomes part of a community where diverse perspectives meet and everyone belongs.

At UCR, you shape your own program from over 160 courses across disciplines. Small, interactive classes encourage debate, collaboration, and critical thinking, while Community Engaged Learning connects academic study with real-world challenges. From working with local schools and entrepreneurs to tackling issues like climate change, AI, and global inequality, your education will be both personal and impactful.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

You can compose a curriculum uniquely suited to your interests, by combining courses from the many courses across our six clusters:

Business & Entrepreneurship

- Business
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership

Data Science & Intelligent Systems

- AI
- Applied Data Science
- Computer Science
- Mathematics

Environment & Sustainability

- Delta Challenges
- Ecology
- Environmental Science
- Sustainability

Government & Society

- History
- Law
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Sociology

Health, Cognition & Behavior

- Biomedical Science
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Science
- Life Science

Media, Culture & Communication

- Communication
- Heritage, Art & Museums
- Literature
- Media

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN THE NETHERLANDS



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ADMISSIONS

UCR has a selective admissions process. First, you must upload documents such as your transcript, proof of English proficiency, and contact details for up to three referees. If you are invited to the next stage, you will complete an online assessment. Each year, 200 students are selected after the assessment based on their motivation, curiosity, and broad interests.

Admissions requirements are as follows:

- Dutch VWO Diploma
- IB Diploma (minimum 30/42 points)
- British System: 3 A-levels (minimum BBB)
- American System: High School Diploma + 4 AP's (minimum 3 or higher)

For other diplomas please go to ucr.nl/admissions/application-process or contact us via admissions@ucr.nl.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

September Intake

- Scholarship applicants: 1 March
- Non- EU/EEA nationals: 1 April
- EU/EEA nationals: 1 May

February Intake

- Scholarship applicants: 15 September
- Non- EU/EEA nationals: 1 October
- EU/EEA nationals: 1 November

TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

- EU/EEA Students: €4,845
- Non-EU/EEA Students: €11,460

University College Roosevelt offers a number of partial, need-based scholarships. More information can be found on ucr.nl/scholarship.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TILBURG

University College Tilburg is located on the compact campus of Tilburg University, a specialized institution focused on sustainable and broad prosperity for present and future generations. It is located in Tilburg, a city known for its friendly atmosphere, rich cultural scene, and strong focus on innovation.

This interdisciplinary Bachelor's in Liberal Arts and Sciences is designed for ambitious students who want to explore complex societal challenges from multiple perspectives. You'll study in an international classroom, surrounded by peers from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds, and work closely with lecturers in an open, personal learning environment.

The programme combines core courses, disciplinary majors, and thematic clusters linked to real-world issues. You will develop into a critical thinker, well prepared for a broad range of Master's programmes and interdisciplinary careers.



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

In the first semester, you will follow a 'core curriculum' introducing you to a broad range of disciplines. This foundational phase helps you develop essential knowledge from the liberal arts tradition while exploring different fields to discover your interests and broaden your academic horizons.

In the second semester, you will focus your studies through a student-centered, multidisciplinary pathway that draws on multiple disciplines and aligns with your strengths and aspirations. To specialize, you will choose one of the available majors, integrating perspectives from social sciences, law, philosophy, psychology, and cognitive sciences, while gaining practical skills and insights into relevant real-world topics.

Throughout the first year, you will combine mandatory and elective courses, allowing you to shape your learning journey while developing critical thinking, analytical, and creative problem-solving skills. The curriculum, which can be checked on our webpage, emphasizes connections between disciplines and encourages reflection on contemporary societal challenges, preparing you to engage meaningfully with the world and contribute to complex global issues.

In the second year, you will choose an interdisciplinary thematic cluster, each of which is societally relevant and fosters academic engagement through interdisciplinary coursework, group projects, and partnerships with societal stakeholders.

Each theme sits at the intersection of society and innovation, addressing topics such as sustainability, climate change, energy transition, public policy, digital health and mental well-being, resilience, and democracy. The focus on each thematic cluster may vary from year to year to reflect emerging challenges, policy changes, and overall societal priorities.

In the third year, you will take elective courses within a minor programme and follow a Professional Practice course aimed at gaining practical experience. You additionally have the opportunity to go on exchange for a semester at one of our partner universities around the world, or do an internship.

ADMISSIONS

University College Tilburg has a selective admissions procedure. Your eligibility will depend on your high school diploma, grades, English proficiency, motivation, and CV.

ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS

- VWO diploma (all profiles)
- Full International Baccalaureate Diploma
- GCSE plus 3 GCE A-levels
- US high school diploma plus 4 AP's

For specifications and an overview of other accepted diplomas, please visit Tilburg University's admissions website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

A yearly intake is offered in September.

- International students (with a non-Dutch diploma: May 1 for non-EEA students, 15 June for EEA students)
- Dutch students (with a Dutch diploma): 1 July

TUITION FEES

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

- EU/EEA students: €2,530
- Non-EU students: €9,100

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT

Founded in 1998 as the first university college in the Netherlands, University College Utrecht is one of the honours colleges of Utrecht University. University College Utrecht currently offers over 200 different classes in 23 different academic subjects in the humanities, sciences and social science. Students have the opportunity to compose their own multi-disciplinary curriculum, combining courses from the disciplines they choose, under the guidance of a personal tutor.

Classes are small and interactive, with an average of 20 students per class. Our 750 students study and live on our American-style campus close to the heart of the historic city of Utrecht. Housing is guaranteed for the full three years of their studies.

While approximately half of our students come from the Netherlands, the remaining half represent some 70 different nationalities. The admissions process is selective and based on assessing the academic and extra-curricular potential of the applicants. A unique spirit of community and participation at the college means that students learn, develop and explore both inside and outside the classroom. University College Utrecht opens doors, to different worlds and different ways of thinking.



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Students compose their own curriculum combining three to five subjects. They can take at most 25% of their classes in one subject.

They can choose from:

Humanities:

- Art History and Museum Studies
- China Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature and Classics
- Media Studies
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

Social Sciences:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Human Geography
- Law

- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

Science:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Earth and Environment & Sustainability Science
- Mathematics
- Medical Science
- Physics

Special Programmes:

- Double degree LAS and Dutch law (4 years)
- Double degree LAS and Physics (4 years)
- Pre-medical programme
- Cultural Heritage Internship Programme (Museum Studies)
- UCU in East Africa
- Field research Aruba
- Community Engaged Learning

ADMISSIONS

UCU looks for students that are academically strong and intellectually adventurous, and that would like to contribute to both the academic life and the campus community on campus.

To be accepted, candidates must fit a general profile and meet a set of minimum requirements regarding their diploma and English proficiency.

While applying students must present:

- a Dutch VWO diploma with an average overall grade of at least 7

or an international equivalent such as:

- GCSE plus 3 GCE A-levels. Scores A-A-B. Accepted subjects on website.
- International Baccalaureate, a minimum of 32 points not including Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.
- US high school diploma with at least 4 AP exams with a minimum score – see website for other options.

For the most recent diploma equivalency list for all countries and more details, please refer to our website.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application Deadlines for Fall 2026

- December 1 2025 (Early action)
- February 1 2026 (Final deadline)

TUITION FEES

The following tuition fees apply for 2025/2026:

- € 5.398 (students with a passport from the European Economic Area, Switzerland or Suriname).
- € 16.484 (non-EEA)

For more information about admission and finances please visit our website.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES OVERVIEW				UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN THE NETHERLANDS				
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	LOCATION (CITY)	MAJORS/FOCUS AREAS	MAX NUMBER STUDENTS/YEAR	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE	RESIDENTIAL?	TUITION EEA/NON-EEA 2025/2026	INTAKE PERIODS	DEADLINES
Amsterdam University College	Amsterdam	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities.	300	25	Yes, all 3 years mandatory.	€ 5,400 / € 15,420	September (Fall)	1 December (Early Bird) 1 February (Regular)
Erasmus University College	Rotterdam	Economics & Business, Humanities, Life Sciences, Social & Behavioural Sciences. Special programme: RASL.	240	12 - 15	Yes, the first year (waivers can be requested).	€ 5,800 / € 16,300	September (Fall)	15 January (Regular) 1 May (Late)
Leiden University College	The Hague	Culture, History and Society; Governance, Economics and Development; Earth, Energy and Sustainability; Public Health, World Politics and International Justice.	200	18	Yes, guaranteed for the first 2 years.	€ 5,493 / € 19,892	September (Fall)	1 December (Early Bird) 15 March (Regular)
University College Groningen	Groningen	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Free Major.	150	20	Yes, guaranteed for the first year.	€ 5,157 / € 17,200	September (Fall) February (Spring)	September intake: 15 January (Early Bird) 1 May (Regular) February intake: Non-Dutch: 1 November VWO/HBO: 10 January
University College Maastricht	Maastricht	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities.	275	12 - 14	No.	€ 4,610 / € 10,910	September (Fall)	Non- EU/EEA nationals: 5 January EU/EEA nationals: 1 March
University College Roosevelt	Middelburg	Business & Entrepreneurship, Data Science & Intelligent Systems, Environment & Sustainability, Government & Society, Health, Cognition & Behaviour, and Media, Culture & Communication.	200	22	Yes, all 3 years mandatory.	€ 4,845 / € 11,460	September (Fall) February (Spring)	September intake: Non-EU/EEA: 1 April EU/EEA: 1 May February intake: Non-EU/EEA: 1 October EU/EEA: 1 November
University College Tilburg	Tilburg	Social Sciences & Business, Law & Humanities.	130	15 - 25	Optional: based on availability.	€ 2,601 / € 10,200	September (Fall)	Non-Dutch degree: 1 May (non-EEA) 15 June (EEA students) Dutch degree: 1 July
University College Utrecht	Utrecht	Science, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Special programmes.	250	20	Yes, first 2 years are mandatory. Third year is optional.	€ 5,398 / € 16,484	September (Fall)	1 December (Early Bird) 1 February (Regular)

INFORMATION FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

As a guidance counsellor, you play an important role in guiding students toward making an informed decision about their future studies. For motivated and broadly interested students, a University College could be an excellent option. University Colleges in the Netherlands offer a unique educational experience based on the Liberal Arts and Sciences model, where interdisciplinary and small-scale education is a central focal point.

DISCOVER THE WORLD OF DUTCH UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

With the growing number of studies available, it can be challenging for students to find their way, especially when the differences between studies aren't always clear. To help them make an informed decision, the eight Dutch University Colleges provide you with all the necessary information to guide your students through this unique form of education.

To fully support you in guiding students towards Dutch University Colleges, we offer training sessions for your counsellor network. These sessions cover topics such as:

- A general introduction to Dutch University Colleges
- Identifying which students are best suited to a University College
- Supporting students interested in University Colleges
- Writing motivation and recommendation letters
- Guiding in creating motivational videos

OUR WEBSITE

A wealth of useful information is available on our website universitycollege.nl, including details about events and other orientation opportunities for school counsellors and students. At universitycollege.nl/events you will find an overview of events from all University Colleges in the Netherlands.

WEBINARS

To inform students, parents, teachers, and career advisors about what University Colleges have to offer, we organise webinars several times a year. These provide both collective and individual information about the various University Colleges. Can't make the scheduled date? Please contact us to see how we can support you in any other way.

INTERESTED?

Are you interested in one of these options? Please don't hesitate to contact us at info@universitycolleges.nl for further details or to arrange a webinar, training session, or anything else you have in mind!

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WEBINARS IN 2025 / 2026

Are you considering studying at a University College in the Netherlands, or advising someone who is? Join our upcoming online webinars to explore what these unique institutions have to offer. Organised by all the Dutch University Colleges, these interactive sessions are designed for prospective students, parents, teachers, and counsellors who want to learn more about the Liberal Arts and Sciences programmes, student life, and the admissions process.

During a **90-minute webinar**, you'll receive a clear overview of the academic approach that defines University Colleges: small-scale, interdisciplinary, and internationally oriented education within a tight-knit residential setting. Representatives from the different University Colleges will walk you through what makes their programmes distinct, while also answering your questions live. Whether you're curious about the academic structure, campus life, or how to apply, this is your chance to hear directly from the people who know it best.

We offer **two editions** of each webinar on each day: one in the morning and one in the evening. This way, you can join at a time that works for you. Several webinars are offered each semester. Check our website for upcoming dates.

Head over to universitycollege.nl/webinar, or use the QR code below to register.

