

University Colleges in the Netherlands

Intellectually challenging

Interdisciplinary

Small-scale

International



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**Think beyond
boundaries.**



An interdisciplinary and flexible degree

Can't choose between studying business and politics? Or chemistry and medicine? Have you always seen the link between psychology and law?

At a University College, you don't have to choose just one discipline!

All University Colleges offer the same bachelor programme, but it can take you in many different directions. **Liberal Arts and Sciences** is an interdisciplinary degree: You can choose from a wide array of courses to create your ideal programme.

What will you be studying?

That's up to you! Every University College has a different setup. Some offer complete freedom to choose your courses, while others work with majors. This is a specialisation that usually starts after Year 1: You try out different subjects and fields before choosing whether to specialise or keep your degree broad.

This flexibility lets you create unique combinations between **exact sciences**, **social sciences**, and **humanities**. Imagine combining law and climatology so you can fight for the climate in the courts. Or you could combine economics with psychology to prepare for a career in marketing. Anything is possible!



University College: a network for life

University Colleges are made for ambitious students. Students from all around the world with a broad range of interests choose to study at a University College, because it's a place where their passions can be ignited. You will study together with others in small scale classes where there's lots of room for discussion and extra guidance.

A truly international experience

University Colleges are where students from all over the world come together. Everyone has a broad range of interests and has chosen to take interactive lessons in small groups. If you're looking for an academic challenge, you're in the right place thanks to the personal attention, small-scale classes, and motivated fellow students. You also get more guidance compared to traditional degrees.

You also get a lot of space for personal development, with plenty of focus on extracurricular activities: from debates to theatre and from sports to excursions. And many University Colleges have a residential programme where you live on campus for one, two or all three years!



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I found out about University Colleges pretty late, but I'm so glad I chose to attend one! I never really fit into just one category, and here I've been able to set up my programme to perfectly fit me. I'm currently doing my Master's degree, and I can tell I have an advantage when it comes to thinking outside the box.

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What can I do after graduating?

Liberal Arts and Sciences is a broad, intensive programme that you can adapt to your specific interests. This is why our alumni enroll in a wide range of Master's programmes and work in many different sectors. But no matter what they choose, our alumni are well-prepared for their next challenge thanks to the solid education a University College offers.

90%

choose to continue their studies with a Master's or PhD, of which...

94%

enter the workforce. The majority takes a job with an organisation, but a few choose to become entrepreneurs.

45%

complete a Master's degree at one of the top 100 universities in the world (according to the Times Higher Education ranking).

80%

are admitted to their preferred Master's degree, without extra courses or premaster programmes.

Academic challenges, personal growth, and social engagement: you'll find all this and more at a University College.



Applying to a University College

Honours programme

Many University Colleges offer an **honours programme**, designed for students who want to go the extra mile and like to be challenged. That's why there's a selection procedure to see if a University College is the best fit for you. You will need to provide your list of grades and a motivation, but the exact procedure varies depending on the University College: Some ask for a (video) essay or recommendation letter, while others use interviews or other activities. The aim is to take a holistic approach to selection, meaning that **we look at more than just your grades**.

Admission requirements

You are eligible if you hold a Dutch vwo diploma or an international equivalent, such as an IB diploma. Many profiles are eligible, but please note that there may be specific grade requirements for mathematics, English, or other subjects.

Small-scale and intensive, but not *numerus fixus*

University Colleges do use a selection procedure, but they're not *numerus fixus* degrees. That means that different rules and deadlines apply. Good to keep in mind if you're applying to multiple programmes in the Netherlands!

Deadlines

Please note: Application deadlines are often early compared to other Dutch Bachelor programmes. You can find the deadlines per University College in the overview at the end of this brochure.



The right fit

- Are you curious and eager to combine different disciplines?
- Do you want the freedom to choose your own curriculum?
- Are you interested in different areas of study and not ready to specialise yet?
- Would you like to study in small groups with lots of space for interaction?
- Are you looking for a challenging and international learning environment?

Then a University College might be the right place for you!

Learn more

Find more information about the different University Colleges in the Netherlands and all upcoming events!



Sign up for a webinar! We'll explain more about University Colleges and answer all your questions.

We also work with school counsellors to share more information about Liberal Arts & Sciences. Here's how.



Amsterdam University College



At Amsterdam University College, you live and study alongside students from around the world on an international campus in Amsterdam. Here, you combine a close-knit campus community with vibrant city life.

Study programme

Shape your own academic path. Choose a major in the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities and create a unique programme from more than 200 courses. This freedom of choice is combined with a strong academic foundation. In small-scale classes, you learn to make connections across disciplines and you receive guidance from a personal tutor.

AUC stands out for its strong offering in the Sciences. Regardless of their major, all students are introduced to the Sciences and can take courses in disciplines including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environment, Biology, Biomedical and Health Sciences, and Information Sciences. You also develop future-focused skills, including programming.

Community and campus

On our residential campus, you live alongside approximately 900 students from more than 60 countries. Throughout the programme, you are guaranteed on-campus accommodation and become part of an international community where students learn together, take part in social activities and build lasting friendships.

- Joint bachelor's degree from the University of Amsterdam and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, with access to courses at both universities
- Largest selection of Science courses among University Colleges
- Internship or community project as part of the programme
- International exchange opportunities



Erasmus University College

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Start your academic journey in vibrant Rotterdam: the modern and international city shaped by innovation & diversity. 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.

Curriculum

At EUC, you build a broad foundation before specialising. 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.

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 your ideal career.

Community and campus

EUC is a small, tight-knit and diverse community with a historic campus in the heart of Rotterdam. This is where EUC students study, relax, and form life-long friendships.

- 12 majors and a wide array of minors and electives provide both flexibility and structure
- The Pre-Med major provides a pathway to Erasmus MC
- Combine your BSc with a (fine) arts degree in the Dual Degree With Arts
- Pathways to a Master's degree at RSM (Rotterdam School of Management)



Leiden University College



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Leiden University College
The Hague

Located in the heart of The Hague, international city of peace and justice, Leiden University College is the perfect place to work towards improving the world. The broad and flexible curriculum is centered around Global Challenges: big issues society and humanity are facing, which are closely connected and challenging to solve.

Curriculum

How can diplomacy reduce international conflict? How can countries work together to combat climate change? These are the types of questions you will encounter at LUC. The first year consists of subjects to explore Global Challenges, some courses to lay a strong academic foundation and electives.

Your major starts from year 2 and has the option to follow tracks and electives. Choose from 5 majors:

- BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability
- BSc Governance, Economics and Development
- BA Culture, History and Society
- BA International Justice
- BA World Politics

Community and campus

LUC offers guaranteed housing in the center of The Hague for the first two years of your degree, where you will live with fellow students from all around the world. And there's plenty to do outside your studies: engage with sports or theatre, debating or music, or start a club of your own.

Why choose LUC?

- 5 interdisciplinary majors
- A focus on Global Challenges and societal impact
- Your own studio apartment with private bathroom and shower for two years
- A chance to get access to prestigious Master's programmes in the Netherlands or abroad



University College Groningen



UCG is located in Groningen, a real student city where education, research and student life come together. With around 60,000 students, almost a quarter of the city's population are students. It shows: Groningen is young, lively and everything you need is within cycling distance. At the same time, Groningen is compact and easy to get around, so you'll quickly feel at home. The university, city centre and student life are always close by.

Curriculum

At UCG, the difference starts long before graduation. Through experiential education, small-scale interactive classes, and collaborations with local partners and societal organisations, students contribute to real-world projects from day one. They develop strong professional, communication, collaboration, and project management skills while exploring their academic interests. Many students also contribute to research projects and publications alongside lecturers, applying their learning in ways that extend far beyond the classroom.

Community and location

At UCG, we offer accommodation within easy reach of the city centre and our teaching building. With students from more than 35 countries, nine Fields of Study and an active student association, there are plenty of opportunities to meet people with different backgrounds and interests. Our Fields of Study are:

- Psychology
- Economics
- International Business
- Politics
- Law
- Health & Life Sciences and Neurosciences
- Interdisciplinary AI
- Philosophy
- Arts and Culture



Colleges at Maastricht University just a little different...



Find your own academic style in the south of the Netherlands, where tradition and innovation inspire each other. The university cities of Maastricht and Venlo offer an international, small-scale environment where you pick your own courses.

Curriculum

At the classic **University College Maastricht** (UCM), you design your personal Liberal Arts and Sciences programme from 200+ courses in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

The **Maastricht Science Programme** (MSP) is all about the natural sciences, but on your terms. Specialise in biology, chemistry, or physics, or combine disciplines.

At **University College Venlo** (UCV), you work on the future of food systems, connecting behaviour, health, and innovation to create a healthier and more sustainable food system.

Community and campus

What makes our University Colleges unique is Problem-Based Learning (PBL), an active and social way of learning theory and skills. No boring lectures here, just personalised education in small groups and a tight-knit international community. Our colleges are family; you can even take courses at another college. In Maastricht, you study in the heart of a vibrant city, while UCV in Venlo offers a campus where you can also live.

The three colleges at a glance

- UCM: Broadest course selection.
- MSP: Natural sciences.
- UCV: Sustainable food systems.



University College Roosevelt



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University College Roosevelt is academically part of Utrecht University and is located in Middelburg, a historic student city where charming streets, cozy cafés, and the beach are always around the corner. The city's compact size and close-knit community makes UCR feel like home.

Curriculum

At UCR, you design a study program that reflects your interests and ambitions. You can choose from more than 150 courses across over 30 disciplines. You can specialize within one academic cluster or combine disciplines from different clusters. The only mandatory components are the *Personal & Professional Development* course and six advanced-level courses.

Classes are small and interactive. With personal guidance from a tutor, continuous assessment, and Community Engaged Learning, you will connect academic knowledge directly to real-world challenges and get hands-on experience.

Community and campus

UCR is home to around 450 students from more than 60 countries. Throughout your studies, you are guaranteed a room at one of four campus housing locations in the heart of Middelburg. Beyond academics, there is always something happening on campus!

- Flexible curriculum across 6 academic clusters.
- Pathways: if you want to build a more focused academic route within a LAS degree.
- Contribute to solutions for today's societal challenges through projects both within and beyond the university.



University College Tilburg

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Explore today's societal challenges from multiple perspectives at University College Tilburg, part of Tilburg University's vibrant campus community.

Curriculum

Explore disciplines including philosophy, law, sociology, psychology, cognitive neuroscience, politics, and economics, alongside interdisciplinary fields such as technology, design, and innovation. In the second semester of your first year, you choose one of four interdisciplinary majors.

In your second year, you combine your major with a societal theme. Together with students from other majors, you combine insights from different disciplines to contemporary issues. Your final year includes a mobility semester, with opportunities to pursue a minor in the Netherlands or study abroad, followed by your Bachelor's Thesis and Societal Capstone.

Community and campus

As a UCT student, you are part of both the Liberal Arts and Sciences community and Tilburg University. You benefit from a personal learning environment while enjoying full access to the university's campus, facilities, and student life. A limited number of reserved accommodation places are available for Liberal Arts and Sciences students, while students may also arrange alternative housing in Tilburg.

- Combine a major with an interdisciplinary societal theme
- Access Tilburg University's campus, facilities, and student life
- Complete a mobility semester in the Netherlands or abroad
- Optional reserved accommodation for Liberal Arts and Sciences students.



University College Utrecht



University College
Utrecht

At University College Utrecht, you live and study on a historic campus with motivated students from all over the world. Just a ten-minute bike ride from campus, you'll find Utrecht's historic city centre, with its canals, cafés and vibrant cultural scene. This means you can combine the close-knit atmosphere of an international campus community with the energy of a lively student city.

Curriculum

University College Utrecht offers an open Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum. You can choose from more than 200 courses across the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, allowing you to create a study programme that matches your interests and ambitions.

academic life, social activities and everyday life are closely connected.

In small, interactive classes, you are encouraged to explore complex issues from different perspectives. You receive personal guidance from your professors and a tutor throughout your studies.

Community and campus

At UCU, you live and study alongside around 750 students from more than 70 nationalities. Throughout the three-year programme, you are guaranteed accommodation on campus. The residential campus is a close-knit international community where

- More than 200 courses within an open curriculum
- Pre-Med track
- Double Degree programmes in Law and Physics
- Field research in the Netherlands and abroad



University College	Location	Majors/Focus areas	Max students/year
Amsterdam University College	Amsterdam	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities	300
Erasmus University College	Rotterdam	Economics & Business, Humanities, Life Sciences, Social & Behavioural Sciences. Special programme: RASL	240
Leiden University College	Den Haag	Culture, History and Society; Governance, Economics and Development; Earth, Energy and Sustainability; World Politics; International Justice	200
University College Groningen	Groningen	Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Free Major.	135
University College Maastricht	Maastricht and Venlo	Social Sciences Humanities Natural Sciences	275
University College Roosevelt	Middelburg	Business & Entrepreneurship, Data Science & Intelligent Systems, Environment & Sustainability, Government & Society, Health, Cognition & Behaviour, and Media, Culture & Communication.	200
University College Tilburg	Tilburg	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Cognitive Neuroscience and Behavior, and Law, Politics, and Culture	130
University College Utrecht	Utrecht	Science, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Special programmes.	250

Living on campus?	Tuition fees 2026/2027	Can start in	Deadlines
Yes, mandatory for all 3 years	EU/EEA: €5,580 Other: €20,430	September (fall)	1 December (early deadline) 1 February (regular) 1 May (late)
For first year students, based on availability	EU/EEA: €5,800 Other: €16,300	September (fall)	15 January (regular) 1 May (final)
Yes, guaranteed for first 2 years	EU/EEA: €5,684 Other: €20,560	September (fall)	1 December (early bird) 15 March (regular)
Yes	EU/EEA: €5,343 Other: €17,200	September (fall) or February (spring)	September start: 15 January (early), 1 May (regular) February start: 1 November
In Venlo, but not in Maastricht	EU/EEA: €4,465 Other: €20,109	September (fall)	Non-EU/EEA nationals: 1 February 2027, 23:59 CET EU/EEA nationals: 1 April 2027, 23:59 CET
Yes, mandatory for all 3 years	EU/EEA: €5,105 Other: €12,045	September (fall) of February (spring)	September start: Non-EU/EEA: 1 April EU/EEA: 1 May February start: Non-EU/EEA: 1 October EU/EEA: 1 November
Optional: based on availability	EU/EEA: €2,695 Other: €16,100	September (fall)	NL diploma: 1 July Non-NL diploma: 1 May (non-EEA) 15 June (EEA)
First 2 years mandatory, year 3 optional	EU/EEA: €5,591 Other: €17,073	September (fall)	1 December (early action) 1 February (regular)

Studying in the Netherlands

The Netherlands is a wonderful study destination for international students, and this is why!

Interactive and English-taught

The Netherlands was the first non-English speaking country to start teaching in English. Today, you can study a wide variety of subjects entirely in English!

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. You also have the opportunity to do (academic) internships, go on exchange to other universities around the world, take part in honours programmes, participate in the community, and more. It is all about getting involved.

After graduation

Most of our graduates pursue a master's and/or PhD at universities around the globe, including Sciences Po, Bocconi, Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, and MIT.

World-class

Dutch universities are rated as world-class 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 offers excellent value.



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University Colleges in Nederland

