ONE BOOK ONE CAMPUS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is One Book One Campus?

One Book One Campus is an initiative of University College Utrecht in partnership with the Faculty of Humanities, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, the Centre for the Humanities and bookshop Savannah Bay. One Book One Campus aims to broaden our understanding of the world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. It offers opportunities to meet and connect with others. This year’s selected novel is *Autumn* by Ali Smith.

What will happen?

From 2 September onwards there will be various reading and discussion events on the University College campus and in Savannah Bay, there will be a creative contest, and students of University College Utrecht and at the Utrecht University Humanities faculty may come across *Autumn* in one of their courses. This will culminate in Ali Smith’s visit to Utrecht on Wednesday 6 November (Tivoli/Vredenburg) and Thursday 7 November (University College Utrecht).

How can I join?

First: get the book and start to read! *Autumn* is available for only €5 at the University College Utrecht reception in College Hall, Campusplein 1 (open between 9.00-17.00) or at a discount at bookshop Savannah Bay (Telingstraat 13, 3512 GV Utrecht) (regular price €12). Then: talk about the book with others. Join a book discussion event or participate in the creative contest, or join the events with Ali Smith on 6 and 7 November 2019.

Are the events open to all?

Yes, all activities and events are open to anyone who is interested. One Book One Campus is organized by University College Utrecht with the aim to connect people at University College and beyond. This also applies to the creative contest: anyone who is not a professional writer or artist can participate.

I can’t make it to any of the book discussion meetings but I do want to discuss the book. Can I organize my own event?

Of course. Go ahead and organize your own public reading, discussion group or painting class. Smith’s publisher Penguin offers an online Reader’s guide. You can also always ask anyone you meet: “Have you read *Autumn*?”
Why was Ali Smith's *Autumn* selected for One Book One Campus?

Ali Smith (1962) is the author of over ten works of fiction, and she is one of the United Kingdom's most renowned and celebrated writers. With *Autumn*, Smith wanted to write a novel for our times. When it appeared in 2016 it was called the first Brexit-novel for the way it captures the sentiments and confusion of the British people after the referendum. But *Autumn* is much more than that. As one reviewer wrote: "It is about 100 things in addition to friendship. It's about poverty and bureaucracy and sex and morality and music" (*New York Times*). As such it offers a wealth of topics to talk about. *Autumn* is the first of what will be a seasonal quartet of novels in which Smith probes our time. After *Winter* (2017) and *Spring* (2019), *Summer* will be published next year.

How can I get tickets for the events with Ali Smith?

For the event on 7 November, your book is your ticket: entrance is free upon showing a copy of *Autumn*. Please note that advance reservation is required. You can reserve a seat by returning the reservation form. If you don't bring the book with you, you will need to buy one (€ 10) at the door. For the event on 6 November in Tivoli/Vredenburg, you can buy tickets at Savannah Bay.

Where can I find more information?

For information on One Book One Campus activities, dates, locations and more, visit the One Book One Campus page [www.uu.nl/en/ucu/onebook](http://www.uu.nl/en/ucu/onebook) or check out One Book One Campus on Facebook and Instagram. For further questions, please contact the project coordinator, University College Utrecht lecturer Agnes Andeweg, email: a.andeweg@uu.nl.

Read an interview with Agnes [here](#).