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## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT











# FACTS AND FIGURES



Founded in 1998 as the first university college in the Netherlands



We have 250 places and receive 1,000 applications per year



## MORE THAN 50 EXCHANGE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES around the world



750 students



Over 20 ACADEMIC FIELDS



70 nationalities **INTERNATIONAL** 

**DUTCH** 

Around 230 COURSES **ANNUALLY** in **HUMANITIES**. **SOCIAL SCIENCES** and **SCIENCE** 

Double Degree programmes in Law and Physics





Classes of 20 students on average

## LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Explore new paths to broaden your horizon.

The classical model of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the core of our educational system. You learn to think critically and to employ multiple perspectives by studying different subjects from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. At University College Utrecht, you learn to grapple with complicated issues that matter in today's world.



"We teach our students how to become citizens of the world. Our students follow their unique interests and are extremely motivated to get the most out of their studies. They graduate with a raft of friends from all parts of the world, contributing to a transformative international experience that most of our students

feel. On our beautiful campus, students and teachers form a true community. Research shows that following your own passions is the best path for future success, and University College Utrecht offers precisely this kind of education in the most stimulating of environments." – James Kennedy, Dean

## STUDY AND LIVE ON CAMPUS

University College Utrecht is more than a place to study: it is a truly international community.

University College Utrecht is modelled broadly on North American college campuses: all buildings are located together on a historic site. You find here student accommodation, classrooms, facilities for sports, cultural and social activities and staff offices. You have your individual room in apartments that you share with six students on average. You participate in student life on and off campus. We have 40 student-led committees that organize a huge range of activities, including sports, volunteering in the local neighbourhood, cultural and academic workshops, theatre, dance and wellbeing.



"University College Utrecht teaches you essential academic and social skills. It gives you a wide perspective and makes you adaptable. If you ask me, I could not have chosen a better programme on which to build my future." - Rhea Melwani, student



"It was my interest in many different things and motivation to do a broad study programme that brought me to University College Utrecht. My first year has brought me a lot, also in terms of new friendships and experiences. You really feel that you are somewhere special, and that the college has something special to offer."

- Jelle Honing, student

### ACTIVE LEARNING

Imagine a small class, where you are encouraged to discover more about your own world views and sense of identity and discuss these with others.

As a University College Utrecht student, you write papers, give presentations, engage in debate, work on assignments in small groups, analyse data and learn the essential academic competencies for good research. You also receive feedback from your teachers and classmates and are encouraged to reflect on your own progress. This helps you keep on improving your academic skills and levels of understanding.

Studying at University College Utrecht requires good planning and frequent decision-making. You have four classes every semester and each class has deadlines for reading assignments, presentations and papers. Your personal tutor advises you in how to plan your study programme and make the right choices for your curriculum.



"Our Liberal Arts and Sciences programme offers students plenty of freedom, and we give students the space and time to explore. Gradually, they form more specific interests, and it is their personal tutors who help them in finding their own direction. Tutors are also the ones that students will consult if they encounter any problems during their studies."

- Annemieke Meijer, Head Tutor

## DESIGN YOUR OWN CURRICULUM

Compose your own multidisciplinary curriculum by combining courses from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science.

The University College Utrecht curriculum is fundamentally free. You choose from more than 20 different fields in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. Once you have completed the programme, you will receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree.

Unfold the brochure to find out which fields of study we offer

#### First year: explore

During the first year you start new scholarly explorations and enter various academic disciplines. All students take general academic skills courses that help develop writing, presentation and methodological skills, and also take a foreign

language course. You take courses at the introductory level 1.

#### Second year: expand your knowledge

The second year aims at expanding your knowledge and skills. By the start of this year you declare a major.

#### Third year: focus on thesis

Your studies at University College Utrecht culminate in the research thesis, a sizeable academic paper on a topic of your own choice. After graduating, you will have sufficient disciplinary knowledge to apply for a Master's programme, enter the labour market, or pursue other interests.

#### **Enrich your programme**

You have many different options to enrich your curriculum. Our exchange partnerships with more than 50 universities worldwide allow you to study abroad for a semester. Special programmes range from field research excursions to East Africa, Aruba and China to Cultural Heritage internships at world-renowned museums or a Law programme in the United States.

#### After graduation

After graduation, the vast majority (90%) of students continue with a Master's programme either at Utrecht University or at another Dutch university, or abroad, often in the United Kingdom or in the United States. Nearly a quarter goes on to pursue a Doctorate degree.



"After University College Utrecht, I was admitted to both a political history Master's programme and to an energy engineering Master's programme. Which other Bachelor degree would have offered me those opportunities?"

- Frank Westhoek, graduated in 2015



"University College Utrecht stimulates students to go further than their own field of studies and motivates them to get the best out of themselves. I went on exchange in my fourth semester to take even more in-depth courses on corporate sustainability, and I also did a six-month internship at a company to gain real-life experiences. The programme really prepared me for life after college. I did a Master's

programme in Strategic Management and work now as a strategist at a large internet company." - Cato Bui, graduated in 2016

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Do you have the courage to be curious? Then University College Utrecht might be for you.

To be accepted, candidates must fit a general profile and meet a set of minimum requirements regarding their school diploma and English language proficiency. Check if you meet these general criteria:

- You have a Dutch secondary school diploma at VWO level (any profile) or an international equivalent.
- ▶ You are able to demonstrate a high level of English proficiency.
- ▶ You have an intrinsic interest in academia and are curious to learn.
- ➤ You are highly motivated in everything you do, but can also regulate yourself in order not to over-commit.
- You enjoy social activities and have affinity with living and studying in an international environment.

After sending your application, including a motivation letter and recommendation forms, you may be invited for an interview in person or online. In the interview, we focus not only on your academic performance but also on your personal interests, background and motivation.

#### **UU.NL/UCU**

Check the current application requirements, deadlines, fees and options for financial aid on our website.

Find out more about our Open Days and Campus Tours on our website.

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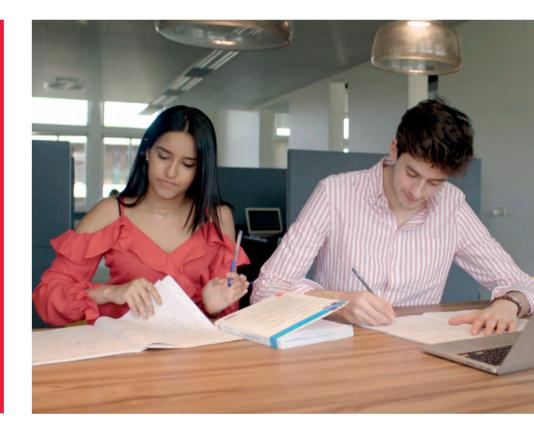
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**University College Utrecht** 







The fields to explore



**Humanities** Art History & Museum Studies | China Studies | History | Language & Culture | Linguistics | Literature & Classics | Media Studies | Performance Studies | Philosophy | Religious Studies | **Social Sciences** Anthropology | Economics | Geography | Law and Double Degree in Law | Political Science | Psychology | Sociology | **Science** Biology | Chemistry | Cognitive Neuroscience | Earth & Environment | Mathematics | Medical Science | Physics and Double Degree in Physics