Rooms for hire in the University Hall
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1. Auditorium (Aula)

History
The Auditorium has been in use by the university since 1824. It was originally built around 1460 as the Great Chapter House of the Cathedral. Originally, this section of the University Hall comprised the meeting hall of the five chapters of Utrecht. Later on, the Provincial Councils of Utrecht used it for their meetings. Due to the Reformation, the chapter house lost its original function. In 1634, it was first used by the Athenaeum Illustre (an early type of higher education institution) and afterwards by the Academy. 23 January 1579 was an important date in the building’s history, when the Union of Utrecht was signed in the Chapter Hall. This treaty created the basis for the Republic of the United Netherlands.

Hall/room capacity
Theatre (standard)  230 persons
Reception   300 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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Room hire includes LCD screens, microphones, a laptop (on request) and Wi-Fi.
In addition, you may hire a piano on request (Yamaha C2, length 1.70 m). This hire is subject to a charge. We will tune the piano for you before your event.

At weekends, additional charges may apply, such as for security, cleaning and the emergency response service.
2. Johanna Westerdijk Room (Westerdijkkamer)

History
Johanna Westerdijk (1883–1961) was the first female professor in the Netherlands. On 10 February 1917, she was named professor by special appointment at Utrecht University. In 1930, she was also named professor by special appointment at the University of Amsterdam. Westerdijk was a professor of plant diseases (phytopathology). Ever since her first appointment as professor in 1917, she worked to improve the situation of female students. On 10 February 2017, it was exactly 100 years since the first female professor Johanna Westerdijk gave her inaugural speech; this anniversary was celebrated by various organisations.

Hall/room capacity
Reception (standard)  60 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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A sound installation can be hired for 80 euros per booking.

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3. Hall of 1636 (Zaal 1636)

History
The name of this hall refers to the year that Utrecht University was founded. Its fireplace bears a picture of Van der Hoolck and Van Velthuisen, mayors of Utrecht in 1636. Furthermore, portraits of 100 female professors are displayed in the hall. On 10 February 1917, Johanna Westerdijk (1883–1961) gave her inaugural address and became the first female professor in the Netherlands at the age of 34. Precisely 100 years on, 22 per cent of the professors at Utrecht University are women. The portrait gallery hanging on this wall honours these current female professors.

Hall/room capacity
Reception (standard)  100 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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4. Belle van Zuylen Hall (Belle van Zuylenzaal)

History
Belle van Zuylen attended lectures at the university. Later, she became known as a European author under the name of Madame de Charrière and published her first novel *Le Noble* at the age of 20. She did not confine herself to a single genre, publishing many stage plays, operas, novels and pamphlets. Her work deriving from the French Revolution was of particular note, which reflected her political and social engagement. She corresponded with many intellectuals of her time such as James Boswell, David Hume and Benjamin Constant.

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5. Senate Hall (Senaatszaal)

History
Until 1970, the Senate Hall was a common room in which professors held meetings under the chairmanship of the Rector Magnificus. These meetings concerned subjects such as education and research, educational facilities as well as student affairs. The Senate Hall came into use in 1924. The walls have been hung with a portrait gallery of the university’s own professors. This collection was first started in 1685 and was added to in various phases in later times, until it eventually came to comprise 185 portraits in the Senate Hall as well as more than 500 in the University Hall and other university buildings.

Hall/room capacity
Theatre (standard) 80 persons
Reception 175 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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At weekends, additional charges may apply, such as for security, cleaning and the emergency response service.
6. C.W. Opzoomer Room (C.W. Opzoomerkamer)

History
Cornelis W. Opzoomer (1821–1892) was professor of Philosophy in Utrecht from 1846 to 1889. In addition, he was an influential lawyer and translator. Opzoomer was one of the first in the Netherlands to advocate revealing scientific truth through an empirical, positivist approach. While he devoted himself emphatically to the core issues of science, he also translated various literary works into Dutch. He was the first professor to break with the ancient tradition of holding his inaugural speech in Latin, presenting it in Dutch instead.

Hall/room capacity
Square table (standard) 20 persons
No other configurations are possible in this room.

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Room hire includes a mobile LCD screen with a desktop (on request) and Wi-Fi.

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7. G.W. Kernkamp Room (G.W. Kernkampkamer)

History
Gerhard Willem Kernkamp was professor of General and National History after the Middle Ages in Utrecht from 1903 to 1935. He previously was a professor at the Municipal University in Amsterdam and from 1913 onwards at the Netherlands Trade College in Rotterdam. In 1890, Kernkamp obtained his doctorate in History, reflecting on political historiography. In addition to his teaching activities, he was editor-in-chief of the weekly journal De Groene Amsterdammer between 1920 and 1929, while he also edited a book called De Utrechtsche Universiteit 1636-1936.

Hall/room capacity
Rectangular table (standard)  16 persons
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8. Röell Room (Röellkamer)

History
Joan Röell was a member of the Board of Trustees of Utrecht University for some 30 years. He was a typical university administrator for the period from 1815 to 1940. Between 1877 and 1914, he was a member of the States General of the Netherlands, while he was also the President of the House of Representatives from 1901 to 1909. In addition, he held various other public offices.

Hall/room capacity
Long table (standard)  6 persons
Reception  20 persons

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9. Masquerade Hall (Maskeradezaal)

History
From 1836 to 1956, the masquerade formed one of the absolute highlights of the Anniversary Day celebrations of Utrecht University. In this theatre performance, disguised persons were accompanied on stage by all kinds of exotic animals and horses. The theme of the performance was often an event from national history. From 1896 onwards, an open-air performance was held as well. Until 1945, the Utrecht Student Corps had the task of organising the Anniversary Day celebrations.

Hall/room capacity
Reception (standard) 100 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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A sound installation can be hired for 80 euros per booking.

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10. Living Room (Huiskamer – Faculty Club)

History
The Living Room of the Faculty Club is an attractive meeting venue for members of the Utrecht University community and their guests. Situated in the heart of university life and of Utrecht itself, the Living Room offers a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere that is ideal for both business meetings and informal get-togethers. During the week, you can enjoy lunch and dinner here every day. At weekends, the Living Room can be hired out to groups of up to 50 persons for extensive lunches, parties and drinks receptions.

Hall/room capacity
Dinner (standard)  45 persons
You can also make use of the adjoining garden.

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The Living Room is available for hire at weekends only. At weekends, additional charges may apply, such as for security, cleaning and the emergency response service.
11. Canons’ Hall (Kanunnikenzaal – Faculty Club)

History
The Canons’ Hall is named after the earlier residents of this building at the address of Achter de Dom 7. The building was constructed around 1400, when it was commissioned by a canon who was employed as a clergyman at the Cathedral collegiate church and who assisted the bishop with the administration of the Diocese of Utrecht. In later years, the building was in use as the police headquarters. Receptions are also possible in this hall if it is hired in combination with the adjoining Star Chamber.

Hall/room capacity
Theatre (standard) 50 persons
Reception 50 persons
Other configurations possible in consultation.

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Room hire includes a beamer with projection screen and a laptop (on request) and Wi-Fi.
A sound installation can be hired for 80 euros per booking.

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12. Star Chamber (Sterrecamer - Faculty Club)

**History**
The Star Chamber is situated on the first floor of the distinctive medieval tower of the Faculty Club. This room features a cast-iron fireplace fireback that points to the building’s former clerical residents: the fireback depicts the birth of Jesus.

**Hall/room capacity**
Oval table (standard)  18 persons

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*Room hire includes an LCD screen with or without a desktop (on request) and Wi-Fi.*

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13. Tower Room (Torenkamer – Faculty Club)

History
The Tower Room is located on the second floor of the medieval tower and can only be reached via the stairs. After 1813, this part of the building was in use as the police headquarters. The Tower Room was used as a cell to ‘restrain’ suspects.

Hall/room capacity

Oval table (standard)  10 persons

No other configurations are possible in this room.

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