

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES 2024/2025



Utrecht University

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General information

Academic calendar

The academic year is divided in two semesters: semester 1 (early September until late January) and semester 2 (early February until late June). Each semester consists of two 10-week periods (blocks). Each period concludes with examinations.

Timeslots

Timeslots indicate the expected (part of the) day in which the course will be planned. Per period you should select courses in different timeslots. It is **NOT** possible to choose courses that are scheduled in the same timeslot.

Each timeslot is indicated by a single letter or combination of letters. If the timeslot is indicated with 2 or more letters, that means that the course can be scheduled in multiple timeslots and you could best avoid overlap with any of the letters in the combination, i.e. AB timeslot will overlap with AC timeslot. You can find a detailed explanation of the academic calendar here: [Year calendar - Humanities - Students UU](#). The overview of the timeslot system can be found here: [Timetable - Humanities - Students UU](#).

Course Load

Utrecht University uses ECTS, the European Credit Transfer System. 1 EC equals 28 hours of study. A normal study load is 30 EC per semester. We recommend that exchange students always register for a full course load.

Early Exit

The Faculty of Humanities offers an Early Exit option for all **Bachelor courses in period 2 semester 1**. This option is only available if you can proof that you need to return to your home university by January 15th (due to academic reasons). With the Early Exit option you can finish the courses before Christmas break and you will receive a course load of 5 EC instead of the normal 7,5 EC. Taking the Early Exit option will allow you to receive a maximum of 25 EC during your exchange.

What else should you know?

- You can be denied enrolment into courses due to insufficient academic background or lack of places available. If this happens, we will always do our best to find suitable alternatives.
- It is not possible to visit a lecture of a course that you are not enrolled in.
- Work that you are doing for your home university (e.g. thesis research) while on exchange does not count towards your credit load at Utrecht and will not be mentioned on your Transcript of Records.

Choosing your courses

Which courses can I take at the Faculty of Humanities?

- You can choose courses from all four academic departments within Faculty of Humanities. The four departments are:
 - Department of Languages, Literature and Communication (TLC)
 - Department of History and Art History (GKG)
 - Department of Media and Culture Studies (MCW)
 - Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (FR)
- You can only take courses that are listed on the designated exchange course website BA and MA.
- Bachelor (undergraduate) students can only choose Bachelor-level courses (levels 1, 2 and 3).
- Master (graduate) students are allowed to choose courses on Bachelor and Master level. If you choose Bachelor courses, please make sure to check this thoroughly with your home university as they have to approve this as well. Courses on Master level will be more restrictive; in general, you can only choose courses that are in the same or very similar field of studies matching your current study.
- For some courses priority rules apply. If this is the case, it will be mentioned in the course description of the course catalogue. Students who fulfill the priority requirements for that course are guaranteed a place. Other students will be placed by means of random selection, if there are places available.

Can I take courses at other faculties?

- At least 50% of your courses must be courses offered by the Faculty of Humanities. You can request up to 50% of courses from one other faculty. Most faculties will allow exchange students to take courses at (Bachelor) Levels 1 or 2, depending on required knowledge of the subject. Level 3 courses usually require a fair amount of academic background in the subject. Access to courses in other faculties may be difficult due to restrictions or timetable clashes. Make sure that you include alternative courses from the Faculty of Humanities on your course form.
- You may find the list of courses per faculty on the General exchange Course information page. It is not possible to choose courses from University College Utrecht or University College Roosevelt.
- Master level students are strongly advised to limit their course choice to courses offered by the Faculty of Humanities, due to the specific academic background that is required.

Determine the correct course level(s)

Choosing the correct course level is very important and will reduce the risk of being denied enrolment. Make sure that you also check the entry requirements, but keep in mind that some entry requirements are aimed at full degree students (a requirement may be that you have completed a specific course; this does not apply to exchange students, but we will check whether your academic background is sufficient).

Bachelor/undergraduate course category/level

- **Category/Level 1 = Introductory.** You don't need any specific background knowledge, courses are mostly followed by 1st year students.
- **Category/Level 2 = Elaborating.** Exploring aspects of the subject, current debates, specific methods and techniques. Generally, no specific background knowledge is needed, but sufficient academic skills are. Additional requirements may apply.
- **Category/Level 3 = Advanced.** Integration/synthesis, formation of theories based on research results. You must have sufficient background knowledge in the subject area. You must either be a major in this subject area at your home university or have completed (an equivalent of) at least 30 EC in the same subject area.

In general, admission into courses on levels 1 and 2 are always granted. Admission into courses on level 3 might be more restrictive.

Master/graduate course category/level

Master/graduate courses are always indicated by **category/level M**. Many of our Master programmes are selective and have limited spots available. To be considered for Master-level courses, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Have sufficient background knowledge in the subject area. Generally, this means that you must be enrolled in a Master's degree in the same (or very similar) field of study at your home university. Often, we will also take into consideration the courses you took during your Bachelor degree.
- Completed the first semester of your Master's degree at your home university before coming to Utrecht.
- You must be able to prove sufficient language proficiency (C1) at the time of application.

Find and select your courses

1. Go to the Humanities course website www.uu.nl/hum/coursesexchange and select your level (Bachelor or Master). Pay attention to additional requirements stated per department.
2. The course offer is separated into English taught courses and other languages. Students who also command other languages (Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Italian), can choose courses with those languages of instructions. The language of instruction is indicated in each individual course description. You must be able to show proof of language proficiency for each language you wish to follow courses in. Our general CEFR guideline is B2 level for Bachelor courses and C1 level for Master courses. Some courses may have higher language requirements. Please note that the language of the course title may be different from the language of instruction.
3. Courses from other faculties can be found through this General exchange [Course information](#) page.
4. Pay attention to the timeslots to select a feasible combination of courses.
5. Always choose alternative courses, because due to various reasons you might have to rely on your alternative choices to have sufficient courses.

Tip:

Discuss your course choices (including all alternatives) with your home university, preferably upfront, so you know for sure the courses you selected will be accepted/validated at your home university.

How to read the course description

2022	
Academic Speaking (TL1V18001)	
General information ⤴	
Course ID TL1V18001	Offered by Utrecht University - Faculty of Humanities - Ug School Talen, Literatuur en Communicatie - BA Onderwijs
Course type Course	Geesteswetenschappen - Undergraduate School Talen, Literatuur en Communicatie - -
Credits 7.5 ECTS	Is part of elective <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liberal Arts and Sciences (LASB) Programma: Honours Liberal Arts & Sciences (per 2019)• Liberal Arts and Sciences (LASB) Programma: Liberal Arts & Sciences (per 2019)
Category / Level Bachelor Introductory	
Instruction language English	
Course description ⤴	
Instructional modes ⤴	
Tests ⤴	
Entrance requirements ⤴	
Course enrolment ⤴	
Lecturers ⤴	
Materials ⤴	

Check the level and the language of the

Read the course goals and content (does it interest you?) and if applicable: check Early

Check if you are able to follow the course, but keep in mind that the requirements may be

Check if you do not have overlap with other courses in the same timeslot.
NB: **do not register yourself** in Osiris, but via