GENERAL INFORMATION STUDENT MOBILITY

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Erasmus+ code
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Utrecht University

Semester I
30 Aug 2021 - 4 Feb 2022

Semester II
7 Feb 2022- 1 Jul 2022

EARLY EXIT
Possible option to finish before Christmas. We offer a limited amount of courses in period 2 that have an “early exit” option (= finish before Christmas). This is only possible for students who need to return to their home institution for the second semester in January. In some cases less than 7.5 ECTS are awarded.

Please keep in mind: These are tailor made solutions and it’s the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor. It is not guaranteed.

Please note that housing through Reserved Accommodation Programme can only be rented for a full semester period and reimbursement in case of an early exit is not possible.

EXAMINATIONS PERIOD(S)
Examinations are based on course work, attendance and exams during the semester.

ORIENTATION SESSION(S)
Universitywide orientation and social introduction: a week before classes start/ in the first week of the semester.

Nomination deadline
Academic year or Semester I
15 April 2021

Semester II
15 September 2021

Application deadline
Academic year or Semester I
15 May 2021

Semester II
15 October 2021
Exchange students have a limited number of courses open to them. Information is provided on the website and by e-mail. Please note that the majority of courses have prerequisites. All graduate courses and some 3rd year undergraduate courses are taught in English.

### Semester 1

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### Semester 2

Each course will be scheduled according to a specific timeslot:

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Overlap (two courses in the same timeslot) is not possible!

Normal study load = 30 EC per semester, divided over 2 periods. Each period has 2 courses of 7.5 ec each.

**Master courses may be scheduled for a full semester, 15 ec.**

**Course levels**

- Level 1 = introductory
- Level 2 = intermediate
- Level 3 = advanced
- Level 4 = Master’s
When applying as an exchange student, the student is requested to fill in the course selection form. This, together with the information provided in Osiris (transcript home university) will be checked by our academic counselors.

### Courses on Bachelor’s and/or Master’s level available for incoming exchange students?

**Bachelor’s:**
in order to enter an exchange programme students will need at least one year of full-time study (60 ec).

**Master’s:**
depending on student’s academic level, prerequisites and approval (differs per department).

**Biology:**
An exchange programme at the Department of Biology should include a research project. With the supervisor of your research project in Utrecht you can discuss the possibilities to do one or more courses.

**Mathematics:**
You may also join courses of the nationwide master Mathematics programme. Please check the following website: [elo.mastermath.nl](http://elo.mastermath.nl). Courses may be taught at different universities – so extra travelling may be involved!

Please note that the following courses outside Utrecht University are **not** possible:
- Stochastic and Financial Mathematics (SFM) programme, if not being part of the mastermath programme or at UU
- Industrial and Applied Mathematics (IAM) programme
- Experimental Physics when taught outside the UU
- Theoretical Physics when taught outside the UU

Please note that course registration will be done by the international office at an early stage: [students.uu.nl/en/practical-information/enrolment/course-registration](http://students.uu.nl/en/practical-information/enrolment/course-registration)

Changes after arrival are difficult!

### Transcripts

The Faculty of Science will produce a Transcript when all credits and grades have been put in Osiris by the lecturers. This will be sent to the student digitally. Upon request we may send a Transcript to the home university and/or in hard copy.

### Research project

The availability of research projects is limited because of limited supervisor capacity. It is not guaranteed. A research project can only be done after obtaining the consent of an UU-supervisor. Students wishing to do a research project seek approval from the relevant research group by sending a motivation letter for that particular research group as well as a CV and transcript of records.
GRADING & LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Grading system

- Grading from 1 (extremely poor) – 10 (excellent)
- Final grade often combination of results (e.g. written exam 60% + paper 40%)
- Minimum pass of final grade = 5.5
- Resit possible by final grade > 4.0 (in case of a resit the maximum score is 6)
- Grades 7 = GPA 3.0 and ≥8 = GPA 4.0
- More info: UU / grading tables

Language requirements

Excellent knowledge of English is required (for Dutch: please contact us).

Language Test Certificate
Proof of the level of your English is compulsory if English is not your native language. If you have a language test certificate, see below, please upload this.

Approved proof of proficiency:
BACHELOR's
- IELTS: minimum score 6.5 (minimum writing score: 5.5)
- TOEFL: minimum 83
- Cambridge: CAE minimum C; CPE minimum C
- CEFR: minimum level B2

MASTER's
- IELTS: minimum score 6.5 (minimum writing score 6.0)
- TOEFL: minimum 93
- Cambridge: CAE minimum C, CPE minimum C
- CEFR: minimum level C1

If a language test certificate is not available, we ask you to fill in the language proficiency form. This form will be provided by the Science International Office.

Preparatory Dutch Language course for incoming students:
UU offers an online Getting to know (the) Dutch.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

VISA requirements: if and when necessary, the Science International Office will inform you.

Brexit info (United Kingdom)
Your passport should be valid and have at least 6 months left and be less than 10 years old. You may need a visa if you’re staying longer than 90 days in a 180-day period.

HOUSING

Universities in the Netherlands do not own student housing. For new international Erasmus+ / Exchange students who meet the requirements, Utrecht University does offer a Reserved Accommodation Programme. This housing is reserved for new international UU students via organisations like SSH Short Stay. The housing offered through this programme is furnished and available for fixed rental periods only (one semester of 5 months, or two semesters 10 months) according to the academic calendar.

Be aware that finding housing via this programme is not guaranteed. The offers are limited and on first come, first served basis. You can find more information on this page: [www.uu.nl/housing](http://www.uu.nl/housing)

When to start searching for housing?
It is a good idea to anticipate the time and effort it may take you to find a room, and start your search for housing several months in advance. For students who are eligible for the Reserved Accommodation Programme, the registration and booking dates are posted on the website. If you are eligible, it is possible to apply for this housing prior to your formal admission.

FINANCES & OTHER INFORMATION

COST OF LIVING
(including housing, food and transportation)
€ 1000 - € 1500 a/month

HEALTH INSURANCE
The European Health Insurance Card is sufficient when studying in the Netherlands. If you do not have that, then health insurance comparable to “ICS-Complete” from AON should be considered.

STUDENT JOBS
Jobs for students are available and allowed. Non-EU/EEA students require a work permit and are restricted to a maximum amount of 10 hours working/a week OR full-time in the summer (June - August).

HEALTH FACILITIES AT THE UU
• Academic hospitals
• Student psychology services

Upon arrival students receive information about doctors, dentists and pharmacies.