Where worlds meet

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UTRECHT
Compose your own multi-disciplinary curriculum by combining classes in humanities, science and or/social science.

**LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**
- Over **220 classes** annually in 23 different academic fields.
- Double Degree programmes in Law and in Physics.
- Classes of **20 students** on average
- Over **50 exchange partner universities** around the world

**RESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS**
- **750 students** over **70 nationalities**
- Over **40 student clubs and committees**

**HONOURS COLLEGE OF UTRECHT UNIVERSITY**
- Founded in 1998 as the first university college in the Netherlands
- We have **250 places** and receive **over 1,200 applications per year**

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

- Guaranteed housing
- Over **40 student clubs and committees**
- Over **50 exchange partner universities** around the world
University College Utrecht provides English-language Liberal Arts and Sciences undergraduate education. At our College 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 aid our students to develop into citizens of the world. Our students follow their unique interests and are extremely motivated to get the most out of their studies. On our beautiful campus, students and teachers form a true community that facilitates the integration of living and learning and fosters the curiosity and exploring mindset that we treasure. Most look back at their college experience as truly transformational, they make friends for life from all over the world. 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.” – Susan te Pas, 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. Student accommodation, classrooms, facilities for sports, cultural and social activities and staff offices are all located together on one site. Housing is guaranteed for all students. 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.

“Apart from offering an amazing curriculum, University College Utrecht also provides a vibrant and diverse social life. Confronting you with completely new social experiences, creating a space in which all can grow. If you ask me, University College Utrecht is the perfect place for me to combine my social life and academics in a constructive fashion, where both aspects positively influence each other.” – Leon, student

“The most valuable lesson that University College Utrecht is teaching me is balancing different aspects of my life: academics, exercise, social activities, sleep, free time, etc. This will be extremely helpful when transitioning into the ‘real’ world. Because of all of this, I know I made the right choice by coming here.”

– Laura, student
ACTIVE LEARNING

University College Utrecht offers small classes with on average 20 students. You will be in a class with people from all over the world, from different academic backgrounds, allowing you to reflect on your own experiences and world view.

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, written exams and papers.

Enrolling at University College Utrecht proved to be a fantastic first step to move out and become independent. I got to know the world through the international community. Even when you have a pretty good idea of what you want to do in the future, life will always take unexpected turns and offer opportunities where you didn’t expect them. This is why I am happy I chose the broad and internationally oriented curriculum at University College Utrecht, rather than a more specialised Arts and Culture study programme.”

– Lieke Wijnia, Curator Museum Catherijneconvent
Compose your own multidisciplinary curriculum by combining courses from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. Your personal tutor advises you in how to plan your study programme and make the right choices for your curriculum.

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.

**First year: explore**
During the first year you will have the opportunity to explore different academic disciplines. All students take general academic skills courses that help develop writing, presentation and methodological skills, and also take a foreign language course. *Unfold the brochure to find out which fields of study we offer.*

**Second year: expand your knowledge**
The second year aims at expanding your knowledge and skills. By the start of this year you declare a multidisciplinary 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.

“**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 who students will consult if they encounter any problems during their studies.”** – **Annemieke Meijer, Head Tutor**
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 and Aruba to Cultural Heritage internships at world-renowned museums. Our students also have the opportunity to engage in community-based research.

AFTER GRADUATION
Because of its intensive programme and broad approach the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme prepares students for a wide range of postgraduate programmes and jobs across many industries.

Nearly nine out of ten graduates directly enrol in a Master’s programme. About 40% of the graduates who continue with a Master’s programme do so internationally, mainly in the United Kingdom and the United States. About the half of graduates who stay in the Netherlands, find a fitting Master’s programme at Utrecht University.

Without the College, I wouldn’t be where I am now. The broad and multidisciplinary orientation at University College Utrecht, and the inspiring student community, have helped me enormously in shaping my career. Your education at University College Utrecht is not just about obtaining high grades, but also about developing yourself as a person. Once you start working, employers will look at the soft skills you have, how you collaborate in a team, or how you deal with setbacks, rather than hiring you based on your grade list. – Kabish Bisseswar, Diplomat, First Secretary (Climate & Environment), Permanent Mission to the UN in New York
HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must exhibit that they fit our general profile in line with the educational philosophy of University College Utrecht:

- Demonstrated academic potential
- Curious and motivated, academically as well as personally
- Broad intellectual orientation and openness to explore beyond disciplinary boundaries
- Affinity with living and studying in a diverse, international campus community and a willingness to contribute and engage with different ideas and perspectives
- Demonstrated social engagement or commitment to others

Along with fitting the general profile, applicants must have a Dutch high school diploma at VWO level (any profile) or a foreign equivalent and meet the grade and English Proficiency requirements.

After sending your application, including your letter of academic motivation, activities form and recommendation forms, you may be invited for an interview. In the interview, we focus not only on your academic performance but also on your personal interests, background and motivation. You also have the opportunity to ask questions about University College Utrecht.

University College Utrecht welcomes students, faculty, staff and visitors with disabilities.

Need-based financial aid is available for both Dutch and international students in order to assist with the cost of their study. At least one full scholarship (covering tuition and campus fees) is granted annually. Check the current application requirements, deadlines, fees, information about special support and options for financial aid on our website uu.nl/ucu

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