



Exchange Programme Factsheet

Faculty of Humanities - University of Amsterdam

A. Information about the higher education institution

Name of the institution	Erasmus code	Contact details	Website
University of Amsterdam Faculty of Humanities	NL AMSTERD01	<p>Admissions & International Office Humanities PO Box 93055 1090 BB Amsterdam The Netherlands</p> <p>Head of the Admissions & International Office Janey Niemeijer (She/Her)</p> <p>Erasmus partnerships Simone Krop (She/Her)</p> <p>Staff Exchange Mieke Botman (She/Her)</p> <p>Student Exchange Mieke Botman (Outbound) Simone Krop (Inbound) Student-assistant: Eva Luberti (She/Her)</p> <p>T: + 31 20 525 3094 E: international-fgw@uva.nl</p>	<p>Application (Erasmus and faculty agreement programmes): www.uva.nl/exchange-humanities</p> <p>Courses: coursecatalogue.uva.nl</p> <p>➤ Select Programme: 'Exchange Programme College of Humanities'</p>

B. Required or recommended language skills

Students are expected to be fluent in the language they take courses in. Most courses are taught in either Dutch or English.

Students who will be taking courses in English are required to take an official English test (TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge, or OLS/LPT). Students who will be taking courses in Dutch are required to submit proof of their Dutch language proficiency.

For further information see the table below or [our website](#).



English language requirements	Bachelor level (1 st cycle)	Master level (2 nd cycle)
IELTS	Minimal overall grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6 in each of the components	Minimum overall grade of 7 with a minimum of 6.5 in each of the components
TOEFL Internet* based	Minimum overall grade of 92 with a minimum of 22 in each of the components	Minimum overall grade of 100 with a minimum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading: 24 • Listening: 22 • Speaking: 25 • Writing: 24
Cambridge International Examination	Minimum scores 180 for the Certificate in Advanced English (CAE/C1 Advanced), 200' for the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE/C2 Proficiency).	Minimum score 190 for the Certificate in Advanced English (CAE/C1 Advanced).
Erasmus+ Language Tool: Online Language Support (OLS) / Erasmus+ Placement Test (LPT)	Minimum of B2 on EU Academy (europa.eu)	For students taking courses on MA level an official English test is obligatory. OLS/LPT is not sufficient. NB. For IMACS students OLS/LPT is accepted.

Exemptions

The requirement for sufficient English language proficiency can be met if you have obtained or will obtain one of the following:

- By completing English-taught secondary education in Australia, Canada (with the exception of Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America;
- Students who possess an international or European baccalaureate diploma (provided that it is an English-language diploma);
- Students who have completed a Bachelor's or Master's programme taught entirely in English (note: this does not include exchange, summer school or other non-degree programmes).

C. Remarks/restrictions

Study programme for exchange students

- It is not possible for students to hand-in their final BA-/MA-thesis at the host institution. Final theses need to be graded and supervised by the home institution.
- Exchange students are expected to stay and study for the complete duration of the semester. It is not possible to arrive later than the start date of the semester, nor to end the exchange before the end of the semester (except in very special circumstances in regards to the latter).
- It is not possible to attend courses as an auditor. Students have to attend all sessions and participate actively in class discussions and presentations and are also required to take the exam(s).
- Exchange students nominated to the Faculty of Humanities are expected to take their courses at the Faculty of Humanities. They must have obtained **60 ECTS** within the Humanities before they can start their exchange.



Exchange students do not need to limit themselves to the study area of the exchange agreement and can choose courses from the complete range of study areas within the faculty of Humanities. Exchange students can apply for a maximum of two courses at another faculty. Please note that placement in another department is difficult and cannot be guaranteed.

Note: Please note that personal data of students who request course registration at other UvA departments will in due time be shared with the relevant department in order to finalise the registration for the courses.

Master programmes

- Students who wish to apply for master courses must have obtained a bachelor degree or equivalent (first three years of a study programme equivalent to 180 EC) in the relevant study area, before their exchange period.
- An official English language certificate is obligatory to participate in master courses.
- Courses of selective Master's programmes (such as Research Masters and professional Masters) are not open to exchange students.
- Master level courses are often fully booked and have very specific entry requirements.

D. General information

1. Academic information

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Credit system	The University of Amsterdam uses the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS, EC's). The standard workload for full-time students is 60 EC per academic year (1680 hours of study) or 30 EC per semester (840 hours of study).	
Courses catalogue	Courses can be found in the course catalogue: coursecatalogue.uva.nl > Select Programme: 'Exchange Programme College of Humanities' or 'Exchange Programme Graduate school of Humanities'	
Number of study weeks/academic year	42 weeks (40 weeks courses, 2 weeks of holidays). A semester consists of 3 periods (8-8-4 weeks).	
	<i>Semester 1</i> Period 1: September-October Period 2: November-December Period 3: January	<i>Semester 2</i> Period 4: February-March Period 5: April-May Period 6: June
	Courses last for one or two periods. The length of a course is indicated in the course catalogue. Courses do not run for the complete academic year. When selecting courses please note that you should divide your study load equally. For example if you are selecting a standard study load of 30 EC per semester, you should select 12 EC in period 1, 12 EC in period 2 and 6 EC in period 3, as period 3 is the shortest period.	
Workload	The credit system is based on student workload. Student workload does not only consist of lectures and seminars, but also of individual study. The workload is expressed in credit points based on the ECTS. 1 EC represents 25-30 hours of full-time study, including lecture attendance, hours spent on individual study and preparation of assignments.	
Language	Courses are taught in Dutch or in English. Courses in the field of Modern European languages mostly use Dutch as a source language, but are sometimes taught entirely in the target language.	



Application procedure	<p>Prospective exchange students fill out the online web form before the set deadline. Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official transcript of grades (in English) - Copy of passport (page with personal details) - English language certificate (please see language requirements above) <p>Prospective Global Exchange Programme students need to apply through the Global Exchange Programme procedure. For more information go to uva.nl/exchange.</p>
Duration of programmes	<p>A bachelor's programme (Bachelor of Arts) has a duration of three years (180 EC).</p> <p>A master's programme (Master of Arts) has a duration of either one year for a regular master (60 EC) or two years in case of a research master (120 EC). The selective Dual MA has a duration of 1.5 years (90 EC).</p>
Type of education	<p>There are different types of education. Lectures are frequently used as well as seminars and self-study. In seminars active participation is expected. Students are expected to attend all classes. Attending the first class of the semester is obligatory. Canvas, the digital learning environment, is used to prepare for classes, for discussions and exams.</p>
Assessment	<p>Various types of exams are practiced: oral exams, written exams, essays, papers, class room presentations and assignments</p>
Academic climate	<p>The UvA places a strong emphasis on critical thinking. Students are expected to study independently. There is a lot of self-study required. Students find the academic climate challenging but rewarding.</p> <p>Exams and assessment are not only scheduled at the end of a course but students can also find themselves doing weekly assignments such as small essays or reports and most courses have mid-term as well as final exams.</p>
(Online) Learning Agreement	<p>Documents related to the exchange are signed by the International Office Humanities. The contact person for exchange documents is:</p> <p>Simone Krop NL AMSTERD01 International-fgw@uva.nl</p>

2. Calendar Exchange Programme Faculty of Humanities

	Semester 1 (autumn)	Semester 2 (spring)
Erasmus nomination and application	<p>Nomination deadline: <u>15 April</u></p> <p>Application deadline: <u>1 May</u></p>	<p>Nomination deadline: <u>1 October</u></p> <p>Application deadline: <u>15 October</u></p>
Course registration deadline	<p>Course registration takes place in June.</p> <p>Students have to register online for courses.</p>	<p>Course registration takes place in December.</p> <p>Students have to register online for courses.</p>
Term dates (general)	<p>1 September - 30 January</p> <p>See Academic Calendar for more information.</p>	<p>2 February - 26 June</p> <p>See Academic Calendar for more information</p>



Transcript of Records	Students receive a transcript of records in March.	Students receive a transcript of records in August.
Date of arrival	Recommended: 7 to 14 days prior to start of the semester. Students will receive general exchange information by e-mail prior to their arrival.	
Green travel	The UvA encourages students to choose green travel options. Amsterdam has good transport links and can be easily reached by train or bus. Once in the city, students should get a bike: cycling is the fastest and cheapest way to get around.	
Introduction and welcome meeting	<p>The introduction programme is hosted by the Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam (ESN Amsterdam), usually one or two weeks before the start of the semester. More information can be found on esn-amsterdam.nl.</p> <p>The Faculty of Humanities always organises a welcome meeting for arriving students. Date and time will be announced to the students in newsletters in due time. It is obligatory for students to attend the welcome meeting.</p>	
Dutch language	Exchange students are able to follow Dutch courses through the UvA. Exchange students can also take a Dutch language course at the INTT. The INTT also offers intensive courses in the summer and winter. More information; www.intt.uva.nl .	

3. Grading system

In the Netherlands grades are awarded on a grading scale from 1-10, 10 being the highest. A passing grade is a 5.5 or higher. Very good/excellent grades are an 8 or higher. A 'pass' is given for courses/seminars which are not graded, but for which the student has met the requirements. For more information, please see [this website](#).

University of Amsterdam 10 point grading scale	ECTS Quality Assessment	Distribution percentages	Recommended U.S. grades	Recommended ECTS grades
8 ≤ grade ≤ 10	Excellent	10%	A	A
7.5 ≤ grade < 8	Very good	25%	B	B
7 ≤ grade < 7.5	Good	30%	B	C
6 < grade < 7	Satisfactory	25%	C	D
5.5 ≤ grade ≤ 6	Sufficient	10%	D	E
< 5.5	Fail	-	F	F

4. Visa

University of Amsterdam	Contact details	Website for information
Student Services	Immigration office, see website.	uva.nl/visa



5. Housing

University of Amsterdam	Contact details	Website for information
Student Services	Housing office, see website.	uva.nl/housing The Amsterdam housing market is currently very challenging. UvA International Student Housing has a limited number of rooms reserved for the newly incoming international students every semester. Therefore accommodation cannot be guaranteed for every student. Once a student is accepted to the exchange programme of the Faculty of Humanities, the student will receive instructions on how to apply for housing (lottery). If a student does not receive a housing offer through the university we urge the student to start the individual housing search as soon as possible. However, if no accommodation has been found before the start of the semester, we do not recommend coming to Amsterdam for an exchange.

6. Insurance

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
Student Services	Central Student Service Desk (CSSD)	uva.nl/insurance

7. Assistance and facilities for students with disabilities or special needs

University of Amsterdam	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
Student Services	Student counsellors, see website.	The university is open to students with special needs, including students with apparent or non- apparent disabilities or learning disorders. If you have a disability, dyslexia or chronic illness, you might need special facilities and support during your studies. Find out here what kind of facilities and support the UvA offers at uva.nl/disability . We would like to encourage students and our foreign colleagues to contact us as soon as possible if a special needs student is contemplating a study abroad in Amsterdam.