



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

International Student Affairs



Global Exchange Programme 2023-2024

Course & Faculty Criteria

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Study Programmes

The Global Exchange Programme offers over 100 international study programmes with English-taught courses in Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Humanities, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Law and Science. Global Exchange students cannot take courses in Medicine and Dentistry.

Students can register at one faculty only. This means that you will have to select courses from that specific faculty*. If you would like to take courses outside of the faculty you applied to, you will have to discuss this with the study adviser of your accepting faculty. You will be given contact details of your academic adviser in your acceptance letter.

Exchange students in the Global Exchange Programme are registered on a non-degree basis for mainly undergraduate courses. Access to graduate courses is very limited and restricted.

Admission at graduate level is awarded on a case-by-case basis and only if the student has a bachelor's degree in the desired field of study.

General requirements

- Two years of academic education 60 ECTS or an equivalent of.
- GPA of 3.0 (US system)
- A relevant academic background in the proposed field of study.
- Non-native English speakers should provide proof of proficiency in the English language.

*Exchange students who are accepted by Amsterdam University College (AUC) can only register for AUC courses.

General Requirements and Faculty Criteria

General requirements

Students should have at least **two years of academic education**, a **grade point average of 3.0** (US system) and a **relevant academic background** in the proposed field of study.

Language requirements

Non-native speakers of English should provide proof of proficiency in the English language by means of a TOEFL, an IELTS or a CAE* test report. (English language scorecard requirements page 6).

Faculty specific requirements

The **relevant academic background** will be assessed by the following guidelines:

- For courses in **Humanities**, students should have taken courses in any of the following subject areas for at least one full academic year. Please note that we require a theoretical academic background in at least one of the fields of study below:
 - Art, Religion or Cultural Studies
 - Archeology & Ancient studies
 - History & American studies
 - Dutch Studies
 - European Studies
 - English Language and Literature
 - Literature, Language and Culture studies
 - Media studies
 - Philosophy
- For courses in **Social and Behavioural Sciences**, students should have taken courses in any of the subject areas below for at least one full academic year in order to be able to follow second year courses. It is recommended to have accomplished courses on statistics previously. Note that in order to have access to specialisation modules a background of two years in a specific field is required.
 - Sociology
 - Cultural Anthropology
 - Communication Science
 - Human Geography
 - Urban planning
 - Political Science
 - Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
 - Child Development and Education
 - Psychology

* AUC also accepts a Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency.

- For courses in **Economics & Business**, students should have completed at least two full academic years of courses in general economics, business economics, econometrics, actuarial sciences, management, or marketing. They should also have passed courses in mathematics and statistics.
- The **Law** programme is intended for advanced law students who have completed at least two full academic years in law courses. The law programme is open for bachelor students but most law courses are offered at master's level. Law students can apply for:
 - European Private Law courses
 - European Union Law courses
 - European Union Competition Law & Regulation courses
 - International Trade & Investment Law courses
 - Public International Law courses
- For courses in **Science**, students should fulfill the prerequisites as follows:
 - Artificial Intelligence - application possible for 3rd year students of AI (and related sciences), English taught courses in semester 1 only
 - Biology - application possible for 3rd year students of Biology, English taught courses in semester 1 only
 - Biomedical Sciences - application possible for 3rd year students of Biomedical Sciences (and related sciences), English taught courses in semester 1 only
 - Chemistry - application possible for 2nd and 3rd year students of Chemistry
 - Future Planet Studies - application possible for 2nd and 3rd year students of Environmental Studies (and related sciences)
 - Interdisciplinary courses - application possible for 2nd and 3rd year students of all study areas
 - Mathematics - application possible for 3rd year students of Mathematics
 - Physics and Astronomy - application possible for 3rd year students of Physics and Astronomy, most English taught courses are offered in semester 1
 - Psychobiology - application possible for 2nd and 3rd year students with a Biology or Psychology background, English taught courses in semester 1 only
- The **College of Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics** (PPLE): Today's major global issues, such as the rise of populism, the debate between security and privacy, or global trade conflicts, are best addressed by a combined analysis through the lens of Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics. Incoming exchange students are eligible to take PPLE major courses offered in years 2 and 3, interdisciplinary electives and interdisciplinary seminars. Due to the small-scale nature of the PPLE programme and its intense workload, PPLE college reserves the right to review applications on motivation, background, study progress and GPA.
- **Amsterdam University College** is UvA's honours college that offers a small-scale and intensive, international **Liberal Arts and Sciences** programme, taught entirely in English. This interdisciplinary programme focuses on far-reaching themes and real-world problems in science and society. All students live and study together on the AUC international campus in Amsterdam East. Exchange students can apply to study at AUC with one and a half years of academic experience (instead of the regular minimum of two years), but must have a high GPA and strong motivation. Due to the small-scale nature and space constraints in their own dormitories, Amsterdam University College has relatively limited availability and therefore reserves the right to review applications on motivation, academic background, study progress and GPA.

Global Exchange Programme for Master students

Students holding a degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor's degree can apply for master level courses. Please note that registering for master's (graduate) courses is difficult and competitive. The international officer will evaluate on individual basis if the student has the required study background.

- **Humanities**

Master students can apply for courses in history, classics & ancient studies, archaeology, arts & culture, literary studies, European studies, media studies, linguistics, Middle Eastern studies, philosophy, Religious Studies, modern European languages (courses in target language). The student should have completed a relevant bachelor's degree.

- **Social Sciences**

The Graduate School of Social Sciences organises exchange opportunities for the **Research Master Urban Studies**. This is a selective Master's programme aimed at students who hold a thorough interest in the field of urban studies. This exchange programme is only open to students of partner institutions within this Master's programme. A limited number of places are available for exchange students who have shown that they have the right qualifications and potential to successfully finish courses of this research-oriented graduate programme. The Research Master Urban Studies is open for exchange students during the first/Fall semester.

- **Child Development and Education**

Master students can apply for courses within the master's tracks Youth at Risk and Child Development and Education (research master) and the course Democratic Citizenship and Education.

- **Economics and Business**

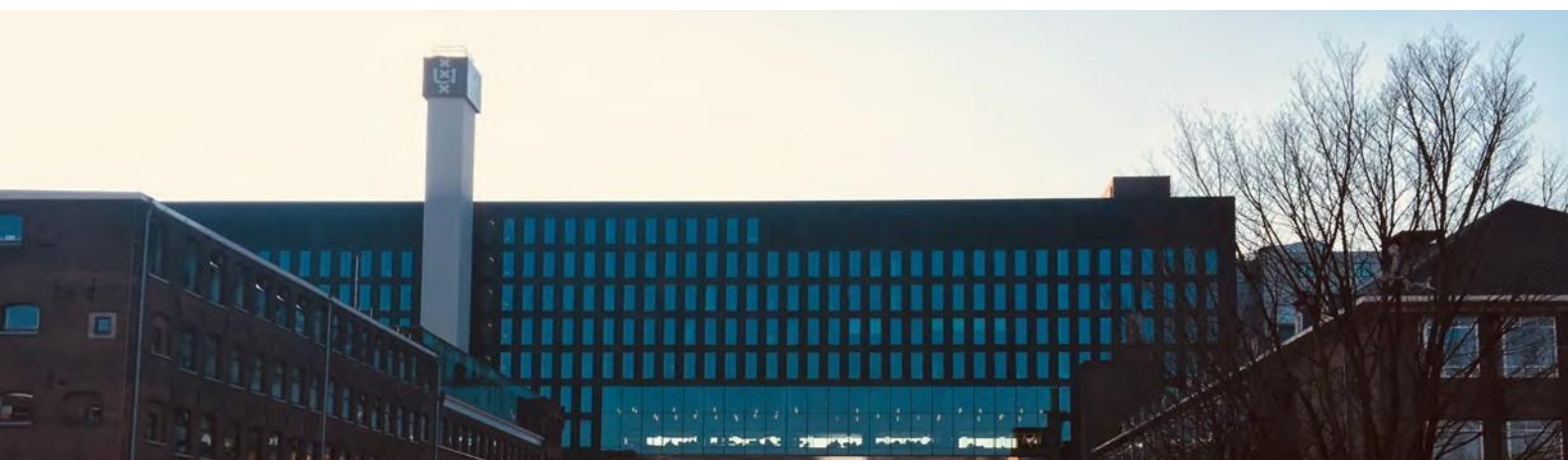
Graduate students can apply for courses of accountancy & control, business economics, finance, business administration, economics, econometrics, actuarial science & mathematical finance.

- **Science**

Master's students with a relevant bachelor's degree can apply for master courses from the following disciplines: Artificial Intelligence, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Biological Sciences, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Chemistry, Computational Science, Earth and Life Sciences, Information Studies, Logic, Mathematics, Physics, Software Engineering, Stochastics and Financial Mathematics. The following courses/programmes are not open to exchange students: Artificial Intelligence, Biomedical Sciences, Security and Network Engineering

- **Law**

Advanced law students can apply for European Private Law courses, European Union Law courses, European Union Competition Law & Regulation courses, International Trade & Investment Law courses, Public International Law courses.





Language requirements

Non-native English speakers must provide proof of their English language proficiency.

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Department or Faculty	Level of Exchange	TOEFL	IELTS	CAE/CPE	Minimum sub score
Humanities	Bachelor	92	6.5	C	Sub: TOEFL 20 IELTS 6.0 CAE C
	Master	92	6.5	C	Sub: TOEFL 22 IELTS 6.5
Social and Behavioural Sciences	Bachelor	92	6.5	C	
	Master	100	7.0	C	Sub: TOEFL 22 IELTS 6.5
Economics and Business	Bachelor	92	6.5	C	
	Master	92	6.5	C	
Science	Bachelor	92	6.5 - 7.0	C	Sub: TOEFL 22 IELTS 6.0
	Master	92	6.5 - 7.0	C	Sub: TOEFL 22 IELTS 6.0
Law	Master	100	7.0	C1	Sub: TOEFL 24 read & writ 22 list 25 speak IELTS 6,5 C1/190
Amsterdam University College	Bachelor	100	7.0	C1	Sub: TOEFL 24 read & writ 22 list 25 speak IELTS 6,5 C1/190
PPEL College	Bachelor	100	7.0	190	Sub: TOEFL 22 list 24 read & writ 25 speak IELTS max. 1 sub score 6.5

Please note: TOEFL IBT & TOEFL IBT Home edition are accepted. We don't accept TOEFL ITP.

Course Selection

In the application form, students are asked to select courses that they intend to take during their exchange in Amsterdam. Courses have to be chosen within their desired host faculty. It is possible that at the time of your application, the latest course schedule has not been released yet. For application purposes, you may therefore select courses from the most recent academic year available. Therefore it is best if your *wish list* of courses represents your intended course preferences or field of study but not necessarily a definite list of courses you are set on taking.

The official registration for courses will take place *after* acceptance. Due to possible changes in the course schedule, the UvA cannot guarantee that the courses of your wish list will actually be available during course registration.

Taking courses at another faculty

Students must take the majority of their courses in their host department. In some cases it is possible to take one or two courses in another department. This can only be arranged on a case-by-case basis by the international officer of your accepting faculty and is dependent on availability of courses and possible course requirements. We advise all students to select courses that represent their current study level. Undergraduate students should select undergraduate (bachelor) courses.

Acceptance at a UvA department or faculty does not automatically make you eligible for a course in that department or faculty. Courses may have specific entry requirements or prerequisites. Please choose courses that reflect your current study background. Also keep in mind that the course schedule and availability of courses are subject to change.

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