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## Academic calendar
**Academic Year 2015-2016**

**Utrecht University**  
Semester I  
31 Aug 2015 – 5 Feb 2016  
Semester II  
8 Feb 2016 - 1 Jul 2016

**University College Utrecht**  
Semester I  
Semester II  
18 Jan 2016 – 13 May 2016

**University College Roosevelt**  
Semester I  
Semester II  
18 Jan 2016 – 13 May 2016

## Orientation session(s) for incoming students
University-wide orientation and social introduction: a week before classes start/ in the first week of the semester. Most faculties also have an orientation session.
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| **Application deadline(s) for admission** | Academic Year or Semester 1: Nomination deadline is one month prior application deadline.  
- April 1, 2015 for students who will need an entry visa  
- May 1, 2015 for students who do not need an entry visa  
Early deadline UCU: nominations 15 February 2015. Applications March 1st.  
Semester 2: Nomination deadline is one month prior application deadline.  
- September 1, 2015 for students who will need an entry visa  
- October 1, 2015 for students who do not need an entry visa  
Deadline UCU: nominations 15 September 2015. Applications October 1st. |
| **Course registration deadline(s)** | A preliminary course selection is required together with application. Most faculties email students on official course enrolment before the start of the semester. Changes after arrival are difficult. |
| **Application procedure online** | We will inform the nominated students by e-mail. |
| **Website for incoming students** | [www.uu.nl/exchange](http://www.uu.nl/exchange) |
| **Areas of study open for EXCHANGE students** | Links at: [www.uu.nl/exchange/courses](http://www.uu.nl/exchange/courses) for courses at faculties of Humanities; Social and Behavioural Sciences; Geosciences; Law, Economics & Governance; Science. Courses in Biomedical Sciences at our faculty of Medicine are open to exchange students. University College Utrecht (UCU) and University College Roosevelt (UCR), the international honours colleges of UU, are also open to exchange students if GPA is (at least) 3.0 or more. It is not possible to combine courses from UCU, UCR and UU. |
| **Areas of study not available to exchange students** | Medicine (except Biomedical Sciences) and Veterinary Medicine. Faculty of Science has a very limited offer of undergraduate courses in English. |
| **Courses taught in English?** | YES see [www.uu.nl/exchange](http://www.uu.nl/exchange) for links to the faculties |
| **Course levels** | Level 1 = introduction  
Level 2 = intermediate  
Level 3 = advanced  
Level M = Master’s |
| **Explanation credit and grading system** | Study load:  
60 ECTS = full time study for one academic year  
30 ECTS = full time study for one semester  
Grading:  
1 to 10. Ten is the highest grade.  
Pass:  
5.5-6.0 or higher (depending on department) |
| **ECTS available** | Yes |
| **Courses on Bachelor’s and/or Master’s level available for incoming exchange students** | Both are possible. Bachelor’s: students need at least an equivalent of 60 ECTS (one year of full time study). Master’s: depending on student’s academic level, prerequisites (differs per faculty) and departmental approval. |
## Possible option to finish before Christmas

Most Faculties offer courses in block 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. These are tailor made solutions and it's the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor.

Housing through Short Stay Solutions can only be rented for a full semester period.

## Student participation in research programmes possible?

Yes, after consulting the faculty or research group concerned.

## Internships available?

In general no. Sometimes there are possibilities, for example: internships for students studying Dutch Language and Literature at their home university.

## Language requirements

English and/or Dutch

## Language test certificate required?

Excellent knowledge of either ENGLISH or DUTCH is required. A language proficiency report (enclosed with the application form) is compulsory if Dutch or English is not your native language.

Bachelor's: IELTS score minimum: 6.0 (minimum for writing is 5.5); TOEFL score minimum 83; Cambridge: CAE minimum C, CPE minimum C.

Master's: IELTS score minimum 6.5 (minimum for writing is 6.0); TOEFL score minimum 93; Cambridge: CAE minimum B, CPE minimum C.

## Preparatory Dutch language course for incoming students

Yes. Intensive language course in August (also EILC) and special Dutch beginner's level course for exchange students starts in September and February. Tuition fee! (Beginner course around €145.). For more information: [www.babel.nl](http://www.babel.nl)

## Other relevant academic information for incoming exchange students

TRANSCRIPTS: Each faculty has its own administration of credits and grades. We will forward them to the partner university when they become available.

## Visa requirements

Is required for all non-EU/EEA citizens staying in the Netherlands for a period longer than 3 months. Exempted from applying for an Entry Visa (MVV) are students with a nationality from one of the EU/EEA countries, Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, USA, Vatican City State.

For students from other countries, we will apply for an entry visa through a short procedure*. After official acceptance students will be informed about necessary documents. Deadline: 3 months before arrival (1 June for 1st semester and 1 November for 2nd semester).

Legal administration fees: € 304 (including residence permit)

## Residence Permit

Is required for all non-EU/EEA citizens staying in the Netherlands for a period longer than 3 months. After official acceptance students will be informed about necessary documents. Students who do not need an MVV will be required to send in their documents before the Deadline: July 1, for 1st semester and December 1 for 2nd semester.

Legal administration fees:
- students without MVV: € 304
- students with MVV: € 304 (total fee for MVV and residence permit)

Extending a student residence permit: € 150

Information: [www.uu.nl/exchange/visa](http://www.uu.nl/exchange/visa) and [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl)
**Housing assistance**

YES, due to a large number of students and shortage of rooms it is usually very hard to find housing in Utrecht. Therefore Utrecht University offers guest students assistance with their housing through Short Stay Solutions. This independent housing corporation (SSH) makes housing arrangements upon request and under certain conditions. Information about the procedure will be sent to student after acceptance by UU.

**Housing options**

International student housing/ Dutch student housing/private landlord. Info: [www.uu.nl/exchange/housing](http://www.uu.nl/exchange/housing)

**Housing application**

The housing offer will be open for reservation about 3 months before the semester/ academic year commences. Register as soon as possible, because rooms are allocated on first come first served base.

**Cost - estimated per month (averages)**

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In Euro: €870 + personal expenses (excluding visa costs)

**Additional fees to pay**

Dutch language classes; optional.

**Student jobs available/allowed?**

Yes, but non-EU/EEA students require a work permit and are restricted a maximum of 10 hours per week OR 3 months fulltime in the summer (June – August). The work permit must be applied for after the residence permit has been approved, which takes approximately two months.

**Comparable health insurance from abroad allowed?**

Yes, if it is comparable to ‘ICS Complete’ of AON [https://www.aonstudentinsurance.com/students/en/](https://www.aonstudentinsurance.com/students/en/). Separate personal liability insurance highly recommended.

**Health facilities at the university**

Academic hospital, student psychological service. Students usually visit a general practitioner first. Upon arrival students receive information about doctors, dentists and pharmacies.

**Last update of this information**

January 2015

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* All students with the Chinese nationality (this does not apply to students with a passport from Hong Kong and Taiwan) must register with Nuffic for a ‘Nuffic Certificate’ before their visa application can be submitted. This includes taking an IELTS or TOEFL test. For more information see [www.nuffic.nl/nuffic-certificate](http://www.nuffic.nl/nuffic-certificate)