



Utrecht
University

INFO SHEET 2023/2024

International Office
Faculty of Science

General information student mobility

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Academic Calendar & Important Deadlines

Utrecht University

Semester I

4 September 2023 - 2 February 2024

Semester II

5 February 2024 - 28 June 2024

EXAMINATIONS PERIOD(S)

Examinations are based on course work, attendance and exams during the semester.

WARM WELCOME WEEK

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.

Nomination deadline

Full year or Semester I
15 April 2023

Semester II
15 September 2023

Application deadline

Full year or Semester I
1 May 2023

Semester II
1 October 2023

EARLY EXIT > *possible option to finish before Christmas*

The Faculty of Science offers a few following early-exit courses. These courses are only open if you need to return to your home institution for the second semester before the end of our first semester.

The following courses have the early-exit possibility:

Chemistry: SK-BVAOP, SK-BASSM

Computer Sciences: INFOB3TC, INFOB3CC, INFOB3APML

Physics: NS-352B

Pharmacy: FA-CPS370, FA-CPS221



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



Study Areas & Course Levels

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.

www.uu.nl/en/organisation/faculty-of-science/education/international-office/exchange-students

Semester 1		Semester 2	
(Block) Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Course 1	Course 3	Course 5	Course 7
Course 2	Course 4	Course 6	Course 8
Sept-Nov	Nov-Jan	Febr-April	April-June

Each course will be scheduled according to a specific timeslot:

Time slot model					
day	Mo	Tu	Wed	Thurs	Fri
time					
09.00-10.45	A1	B1	A4	C6	D4
11.00-12.45	A2	B2	A5	C7	D5
13.15-15.00	C1	C4	D1	B3	D6
15.15-17.00	C2	C5	D2	B4	D7
17.15-19.00	C3	A3	D3	B5	(D8)
19.15-22.00	E1	E2	E3	E4	

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.

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 at Utrecht University, students will need to have obtained at least one year of full-time study (e.g. 60 EC).

Master's:

depending on student's academic level, prerequisites and approval (differs per department).

Mathematics:

You may also join courses of the national Mastermath programme. Please check the following website: 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. Changes in courses after arrival are difficult.

Transcripts of Records

The Faculty of Science will produce a Transcript of Records 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

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
- Grades 7 = GPA 3,0 and ≥ 8 = GPA 4.0
- More info: [UU / grading tables](#)



Language Requirements

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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

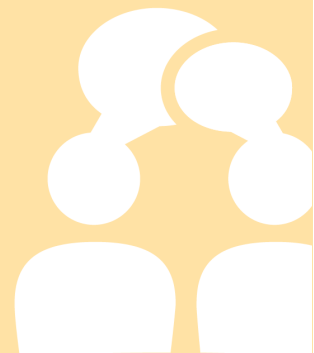
If a language test certificate is not available, we ask you to fill in the language proficiency form. This form will be provided by the Science International Office.

Preparatory Dutch Language course for incoming students:

UU offers an online Getting to know (the) Dutch.

More info:

www.uu.nl/en/education/welcome-to-utrecht/prepare-your-stay/learning-dutch





Housing

For new international Erasmus+/Exchange students who meet the requirements, Utrecht University does offer a Re-served Accommodation Programme. This housing is reserved for new international UU students via organisations like SSH Short Stay. The housing offered through this program-me 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



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).

STUDYING WITH A DISABILITY AT UU

Find all the information on studying with a disability here: www.uu.nl/en/education/exchange-and-visiting-students/studying-with-a-disability

General health facilities: upon arrival students receive information about doctors, dentists and pharmacies, student psychologists services