

Information for Students on Exchange in AY2016/17

A. University	University of Amsterdam http://www.uva.nl/en/home
B. Country	Netherlands
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1: August to January Semester 2: February to June
iii) Exchange Duration	<i>One semester</i> For more information about the exchange programme, please refer to http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange
iv) Examination	Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.
v) Curriculum Structure	The UvA uses European Community Course Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Full study workload is 30 ECTS per semester. Most courses are either 6 or 12 ECTS. Courses are given in semesters of 21 weeks comprising self-contained units called modules. Classes meet once or twice a week for two or three hours. The UvA credit system is based on “student workload”. Student workload not only involves lectures and seminars, but also self-study. The Dutch grading system scale is from 1 to 10. A “6” means “sufficient”. Students hardly receive a 10. All other academic information varies depending on the programme in which the student is enrolled. Many European educational systems require from students a high level of individual responsibility and initiative. Developing an independent and critical way of thinking is strongly encouraged at UvA. For more course information, please refer to http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/global-exchange/courses/courses.html
vi) Entry Requirements	A minimum CAP of 3.0 out of 5.0 with no grade below C.

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>Non-native English speakers should provide proof of proficiency in the English language by means of the TOEFL test (score of 88 for the internet-based version) or an IELTS test (score of 6.5). The Faculty of Law asks for higher scores (internet-based TOEFL score of 100, or an IELTS 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.0 for writing, speaking, reading and listening). Amsterdam University College also asks for higher scores (internet-based TOEFL score of 92, or an IELTS score of 7.0 with a minimum score of 7.0 for writing, speaking, reading and listening).</p> <p>NUS students are waived from submitting English test results but are required to have equivalent English proficiency to participate in UvA exchange.</p>
viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amsterdam University College - Liberal Arts & Science (open to USP and FoS students only) • Child Development and Education • Communication Science • Economics and Business • Humanities • Law • Psychology • Social Sciences <p>USP students are required to participate in exchange at Amsterdam University College (AUC). It is not possible to combine AUC courses with courses from other departments in UvA. Admission requirement for AUC differs from UvA. Students need to fulfil admission requirement at AUC to apply for exchange at AUC.</p>
i) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Students must have completed at least 2 years of Bachelor level study prior to exchange semester at UvA.</p> <p>UvA Faculty of Science only accepts students with at least 3 years of bachelor level study, therefore, FoS students will participate in exchange at AUC.</p>
D. Application	
i) Procedures	<p>All NUS student has to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>

<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodations</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>UvA guarantees accommodation for Global Exchange students applying before the early bird deadline.</p> <p>The university provides international students with student rooms in the city of Amsterdam and its surrounding area. Various rooms are available, including shared rooms, private rooms with shared facilities and private rooms with private facilities. The rental prices range from approximately €1,900 to €3,500 per semester (5 months), depending on room size and location.</p> <p>Students renting accommodation through the UvA will be charged a fee to cover the UvA's expenses related to providing a housing service to international students. For one semester, the UvA fee is €285 - €340. For two semesters or a full year, the UvA fee is €475 - €555. Once you have been admitted to a programme at the UvA, you will receive an email with a link to an online application system for housing.</p> <p>Rental periods for UvA students are always fixed periods, with the maximum of one year. All students will be assigned for their period of stay. It is not possible to get a reduction for late arrival or early departure. It is not possible to end your contract before the end of a semester.</p> <p>Students going on exchange at the Amsterdam University College (AUC) are housed at AUC's student residences and are not able to use the UvA housing services.</p> <p>For more information on accommodation, please refer to http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/housing/housing-exchange.html</p>
<p>ii) Private Accommodation</p>	
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>Visa and residence permit requirements are dependent on nationality.</p>

	<p>Citizens of European Union member states, Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, and the USA do not need a visa to enter the Netherlands. All other students must apply for a visa, called “Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf” (MVV) in order to enter the Netherlands. Students with Chinese nationalities are required to register with Nuffic (the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education) in order to obtain a “Nuffic Certificate” before applying for the visa.</p> <p>All students (except citizens of European Union member states) are required to apply for a residence permit in order to study in the Netherlands for a period longer than three months. The cost of residence permit with or without entry visa is about €325.</p> <p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> <p>Visa application process could take up to 3 months to process. Your exchange at the host university depends on the clearance by the immigration of the host country.</p> <p>For more information about visa, please refer to http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/visas-and-permits/visas-and-permits.html</p> <p>https://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters/visas-and-permits</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</p> <p>All students are required, by Dutch law, to have appropriate health insurance for the duration of stay in the Netherlands. UvA does not have a mandatory health insurance plan but have special agreements for exchange students with certain insurance companies. For non-European Union students requesting a residence permit through the UvA, liability insurance is also mandatory.</p> <p>For more information on health and medical insurance, please refer to http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/insurance/insurance.html</p>

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