



# Exchange Factsheet

## Academic year 2024-2025

# About the University of Amsterdam and UvA Economics and Business

The **University of Amsterdam (UvA)** is ambitious, creative and committed: a leader in international science and a partner in innovation. The UvA is a top-100 university globally and one of Europe's 15 best universities. The UvA has close links with the city of Amsterdam; the four UvA campuses form an integral part of the city.

Amsterdam provides an ideal environment for academic studies. As the capital city, with a population over 900,000 inhabitants, Amsterdam is the financial, creative and cultural heart of the Netherlands. It is also home to numerous (international) companies, institutions and museums. The city boasts beautiful architecture and more than 150 canals, lending Amsterdam its unique and charming historical ambiance. The people of Amsterdam are easy-going and welcoming to foreigners and English is the city's second language.

In an international academic community, at **UvA Economics and Business (EB)** we bridge science and society. All our activities are linked to our academic strengths and the core values: Responsible, Critical, Analytical, Engaged and International. We are the proud bearer of the Triple Crown Accreditation, being AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB accredited.

## About the Exchange Experience

### International Character of the UvA and Amsterdam

Our strong international orientation is reflected in the curricula of our programmes and in the organisational culture. At the UvA, over 100 nationalities are represented among students and staff. Amsterdam is considered one of the most multicultural cities in the world, with at least 177 nationalities represented.

### Roeterseiland Campus

The Roeterseiland Campus is an open city campus, situated in a beautiful part of the city centre adjacent to the Plantage district. Besides UvA Economics and Business, the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the Amsterdam Law School are also located on this modern and vibrant campus. [Explore the campus and the city of Amsterdam on this interactive map.](#)



### The Dutch Way of Education

Our teaching style is interactive and student-centred providing students with the attention and the freedom they need in order to develop their own opinions and creativity. All about the [Dutch way of education](#).

### Student Life in Amsterdam

Besides the city of Amsterdam itself, [UvA student life](#) has a lot to offer, such as study associations, an international student network, sports facilities, and creative workshops.

### Programme Introduction and ESN Introduction

The UvA EB programme introduction provides exchange students with a kick start by offering important information about their study program and the opportunity to meet staff members and fellow students. The Erasmus Students Network (ESN) Amsterdam organises a [social introduction programme](#). Both aim to help the students make a smooth landing.

### Support and Advice

The UvA offers a wide array of [study guidance and counselling services](#), for example when students have a disability, chronic condition or dyslexia or are looking for study or career advice.

# About our Exchange Programme

Through our exchange programme, students can immerse themselves in our vibrant campus, gain global perspectives, build lifelong connections, access world-class education, and enriching cultural experiences. They are invited to join us to shape their future through international collaboration.

## Entry requirements

**English proficiency:** Both Bachelor's and Master's students should have a good English language proficiency. Required scores of one of the following tests:

- TOEFL: minimum total score of 92 with a minimum of 22 per section
- IELTS: overall band of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 per section.
- Cambridge: 180 overall and in each skill

**Bachelor's students:** completion of at least two full academic years of courses in economics, business or an equivalent field of study, including courses in mathematics and statistics and at least 90 ECTS obtained (or the equivalent in local credits) by the start of the exchange at the UvA.

**Master's students:** Bachelor's degree obtained and meeting the **entry requirements** of the Master's programme they wish to take courses from.

## Nomination and Application

Exchange students from partner universities will be nominated by their home university. After we have accepted the nomination by the home university, the student will receive a UvAnetID (student number) and an invitation to start the application. To all information about **nomination and application**.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Nomination deadline for Erasmus+ partner universities	15 April 2024	1 October 2024
Application deadline for exchange students from Erasmus+ partner universities	22 April 2024	8 October 2024
Application deadline for independent students	15 April 2024	1 October 2024

## Academic Calendar

- **Semester 1:** 2 September 2024 – 31 January 2025
- **Semester 2:** 3 February 2025 – 27 June 2025

Each semester consists of three study periods. The **Academic Calendar** contains more detailed information.



## Courses

The list of courses that we offer to exchange students can be found in the [UvA Course Catalogue](#). Please bear in mind that the Master's course offer is limited in semester 2; an exchange in semester 1 is a better option for Master's exchange students.

## Grades and Transcripts

**UvA Grading Scheme:** from 1 (lowest score) to 10 (highest score).

We will send the transcripts to the home university by e-mail. Independent exchange students (free movers) will receive the transcript themselves.

Transcripts will be sent:

- mid March for semester 1 students
- mid August for semester 2 and full year students

## Housing

The UvA housing service unfortunately cannot guarantee housing as there is a shortage of student housing in Amsterdam. Read all about [how to find a room in Amsterdam](#).

## Study visa and study residence permit

Students from outside the EU/EEA need to have a [residence permit and/or an entry visa](#). Students with a Chinese nationality have to meet the English language requirements in order to be eligible for a Dutch entry visa (even if you currently live/study outside China).

## Insurance

All international students are required by law to have appropriate health [insurance](#) for the duration of their stay in the Netherlands. A liability insurance is advised.

## Approximate Costs of Living

During their stay in Amsterdam, students can expect to spend between €975 and €1,600 per month on living expenses. Costs are roughly as follows:

- accommodation: €375 - €1200 per month
- general living expenses: €400 - €500 per month
- insurance: €35 - €100 per month
- books: €50 - €100 per month
- secondhand bike (optional): €100 - €200, [about cycling in Amsterdam](#)
- [public transport](#) (optional): €40 - €100 per month





## Contact Information

### Contacts for our partner universities

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Visit our [exchange website](#) to find details on how to ask your question digitally or contact the Exchange Office by phone or in person.

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