

GLOBAL EXCHANGE

Course & Faculty Criteria 2018-2019



Study programmes and courses

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 decided on a case-by-case basis and only if the student has a bachelor's/undergraduate degree in the desired field of study.

English-taught courses can be found in **Humanities, Social Sciences, Psychology, Business & Economics, Law, Natural Sciences, Pedagogical & Educational Sciences, Future Planet Studies, Earth & Environmental Sciences, and Geography, Planning, and Development Studies.**

Students can only be registered at **one** academic department. This means that you will have to select courses from that department. If you would like to take courses outside of the Faculty/Department you are applying to, you will have to discuss this with the department upon acceptance to that department. Once you have been accepted to a specific department or Faculty, you will be given contact details for your academic adviser at that Faculty.



Faculty Criteria / Entry requirements

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.

Faculty / Department specific requirements

A relevant background will be assessed by the following guidelines:

Global Exchange Programme for Bachelor's students

- For courses in **Humanities**, students should have taken courses in any of the following subject areas for at least a full academic year:
 - Art, Religion or Cultural Studies
 - Dutch Studies
 - History, Archaeology or Area Studies
 - Language and Literature
 - Media studies
 - Philosophy
- For courses in **Social Sciences** and **Communication Science**, students are expected to have taken courses in any of the following subjects for at least one full academic year:
 - Sociology
 - Cultural Anthropology
 - Communication Science
 - Human Geography
 - Planning
 - Political Science
 - Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.
- For courses in **Business & Economics**, 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.
- For courses in **Science**, students should fulfil the prerequisites as follows:
 - Mathematics- Application possible for 3rd year Mathematics students
 - Biology - application possible for 3rd year Biology students
 - Chemistry - application possible for 1,5 and 2nd year Chemistry students
 - Future Planet Studies / Earth Sciences - application possible for 2nd and 3rd year Environmental Studies (or comparable) students
 - Interdisciplinary courses - application possible for students of all study areas
 - Physics and Astronomy - application possible for 3rd year Physics and Astronomy students
 - Programming courses - application possible for Science students

- Psychobiology - application possible for students of all study areas, particularly interesting for students of Psychobiology, Psychology, Biology, and Bèta-Gamma
- For courses in ***Child Development and Education***, students should have taken courses in Child Development and Education for at least a full academic year.
- For courses in ***Psychology***, students should have taken courses in psychology for at least a full academic year.
- The ***Law*** programme is intended for advanced law students who have completed at least two full academic years in Law courses.
- At ***Amsterdam University College***, the UvA's honours college in Amsterdam East, students live on campus and study ***Liberal Arts and Sciences***. AUC offers a great variety of courses in the sciences, social sciences and humanities, and the programme is entirely English-taught. Half of the students in the programme are Dutch and the other half are international. Faculty and staff are also very international. Exchange students can apply to study at AUC with one and a half years of academic experience (instead of the regular two years minimum of the rest of the University of Amsterdam), but you must have a high GPA and strong motivation to take part in the intensive, small-scale Liberal Arts and Sciences programme. Average class size at AUC is 15-20, the maximum class size is 25. All courses are taught in English. Due to high demand and space constraints in their own dormitories, Amsterdam University College has relatively limited access and therefore reserves the right to review applications on motivation, background, study progress and GPA.

Global Exchange Programme for Master's students

Students with a degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor's degree can apply for courses at a Master's level.

- ***Humanities***
history, classics & ancient studies, archaeology, arts & culture, literary studies, European studies, media studies, linguistics, Middle Eastern studies, philosophy, western esotericism, modern European languages (courses in target language).
- ***Social Sciences***
The Graduate School of Social Sciences organizes exchange opportunities for the programme Research Master Urban Studies. The Research Master Urban Studies is a selective Master's programme with a restricted number of places, meant for students with a thorough interest in the field of urban studies. This exchange **is only open** to students of partner institutions within this programme. A limited number of places are available for exchange students who have shown that they have the right qualifications and potential to conclude courses within the research-oriented graduate programme successfully.
- ***Economics and Business***
Accountancy & control, business economics, economics, econometrics, actuarial science & mathematical finance.

- **Child Development and Education**
Master Child Development and Education
- **Law**
European Private Law courses, European Union Law courses, European Union Competition Law & Regulation courses, International Trade & Investment Law courses, Public International Law courses.
- **Science**
artificial intelligence, biological sciences, biomedical sciences, chemistry, computational science, earth sciences, forensic science, information studies, life sciences, logic, mathematical physics, mathematics, physics & astronomy, software engineering, stochastics & financial mathematics, system & network engineering.

Course Selection

On the application form, students are asked to select courses that they intend to take during their exchange in Amsterdam. Courses have to be chosen for their desired host department/faculty. The official registration for courses will only 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. It is also 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 most recent academic year available. Students are expected to take the majority of their courses in their host department. Taking courses outside of the host department can only be arranged upon request by the host department.

Please note that **registering for Master's (graduate) courses is difficult and competitive**. The admission officer will evaluate on individual basis if the student has the required background. We advise all students to select courses that represent their current study level. Undergraduate students should select undergraduate (bachelors') courses.

Acceptance at a UvA department or faculty does not automatically make you eligible for a course through that department or faculty. Courses may have specific entry requirements or prerequisites. Please choose courses that reflect your current background. Also keep in mind that the course schedule and availability of courses will change, therefore it is best if your wish list of courses represents your intended course preferences / study field but not necessarily a definite list of courses you are set on taking.

Language requirements for Bachelor & Master Courses

GLOBAL EXCHANGE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS 2018-2019					
Department or Faculty	Level of Exchange	TOEFL	IELTS	CAE	Remarks
Child Development and Education	Undergraduate	88	6.5	C	
Child Development and Education	Graduate	100	7	C	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0
Amsterdam University College (Exchange)	Undergraduate	92	7	C	IELTS 7,0
Communication Science (Exchange)	Undergraduate	88	6.5	C	
Faculty of Economics and Business	Undergraduate	92	6.5	C	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0
Faculty of Economics and Business	Graduate	92	6.5	C	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0
Faculty of Humanities	Undergraduate	92	6,5	C	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0 / CAE C
Faculty of Humanities	Graduate	100	7	C	Sub: Toefl 22 / IELTS 7.0
Law Faculty	Undergraduate	100	7	C	Sub: Toefl 25 read & list 24 sp & wri
Law Faculty	Graduate	100	7	C	Sub: Toefl 25 read & list 24 sp & wri
Psychology	Undergraduate	88	6,5	C	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0
Psychology	Graduate	100	7	A	Sub: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.0
Faculty of Science	Undergraduate	90	6,5	C	Sub: IELTS 6.0
Faculty of Science	Graduate	90	6,5	C	Sub: IELTS 6.0
Social Sciences	Undergraduate	88	6,5	C	Subscore: Toefl 20 / IELTS 6.5
Social Sciences	Graduate	100	7	C	Subscore: Toefl 22 / IELTS 6.5

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How to find courses / course descriptions

An overview of the various academic departments at the UvA is listed on our [website](#). For each department a link is provided to their course schedule or information on how to find courses.