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Welcome to our college

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Erasmus University College (EUC) is the international undergraduate honour's programme of Erasmus University Rotterdam. EUC offers an intensive three-year Bachelor programme (BSc) in Liberal Arts and Sciences, taught entirely in English. Our programme is designed for those who seek an academic challenge and offers an exciting opportunity to develop yourself both intellectually and socially. You will gain critical, analytical, and communication skills preparing you for an active role in today's society.

We offer a broad and diverse curriculum in which you explore multiple academic disciplines and develop an interdisciplinary outlook, whilst also gaining in-depth knowledge in a particular field by selecting a major.

Studying Liberal Arts and Sciences at a University College

University Colleges were first introduced to the Netherlands in 1997 in response to a growing demand for a more holistic approach to higher education. University Colleges offer a broad curriculum based on the Liberal Arts and Sciences tradition.

Our students are encouraged to think beyond traditional disciplines. Our programme is about

more than simply gaining knowledge; there is a focus on both academic and personal growth. No matter what path you choose, the skills, international perspective, and friendships you develop at EUC will be a solid foundation for your future.

Residential and small-scale

As a residential college located in the heart of vibrant and cosmopolitan Rotterdam, EUC is home to a diverse student body and faculty who work together to create an open and stimulating environment.

Our programme is based on small-scale, active learning and on interaction with faculty who are passionate about their fields. We offer both academic and professional guidance, and a variety of extracurricular activities to ensure you are part of the community.

With its central location and state-of-the-art facilities, EUC is an inspiring place to interact and learn, both in and outside the classroom.

Facts and figures

Liberal Arts & Sciences:

Small-scale, intensive and interdisciplinary



3 year bachelor
programme (BSc)



Interdisciplinary
education



On-campus housing
in the 1st year

12:1

Student to faculty ratio



Active learning



English language
programme



Diverse
environment



In Times Higher
Education

Curriculum overview

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Our programme offers an inspiring combination of flexibility and structure: flexibility to explore different academic fields, with structure to ensure that the knowledge you gain is specific and valuable for further studies and careers.

Our programme is divided between an Academic Core, a major (including a capstone), and electives which can be selected from our course offering. Finally, you have the option to go on an exchange programme or take off-campus courses (including minors offered by Erasmus University).

Year 1: Academic Core

In the first year you will take twelve courses, of which nine make up the Academic Core. The Academic Core consists of five disciplinary courses, which will broadly introduce you to several fields of study, as well as four skills courses, centred on academic writing, methodology and research design. The remainder three courses are electives.

At the end of the first year you will declare a major (for a complete list of majors, see p.8)

Years 2 & 3:

EUC offers a wide variety of majors within the fields of Economics & Business, Humanities, Life Sciences and Social & Behavioural Sciences. Your major will allow you to explore the field of your choice in greater depth.

You can complement your curriculum with a combination of electives. This allows you to gain insights from a discipline other than your major, tailoring your course combination to suit your interests (more information on p.8).

During your third and final year, you will complete a capstone (Bachelor thesis), demonstrating your mastery of a certain topic related to your major. The capstone is the culmination of your journey of becoming an independent researcher.

In your third year, there is also the opportunity to enrol in off-campus courses or study abroad at one of our many partner universities throughout the world (more information on p.12).

Build your profile:

combine disciplines and broaden your education

Sample Curriculum

Academic Core (45 ECs), Major (75 ECs), Electives (60 ECs)

Year 1 (60 ECs)	Big History	Core Economics	Man & Society	Modernity
	Brain & Behaviour	Research Methods & Design	Basic Statistics	Project Development
	Academic Writing & Presenting	Elective	Elective	Elective
Year 2 (60 ECs)	Major course	Major course	Major course	Major course
	Major course	Major course	Major course	Major course
	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Year 3 (60 ECs)	Off-campus courses* / Exchange*		Capstone	
			Major course	Major course
			Elective	Elective
	Quad 1	Quad 2	Quad 3	Quad 4

Academic Core (incl. skills courses)

Major course

Elective

*Optional

Binding Study Advice

EUC follows the Dutch system of Binding Study Advice (BSA) to make sure students are on track academically. This means you need to obtain full credits (at least 60 ECs) by the end of the first academic year in order to continue your studies. EUC offers study advice; if there are concerns about BSA you will work on a corrective study plan with one of our Student Counsellors.

Counselling and study guidance

At the start of your studies, you will be assigned a Student Counsellor who advises you on academic development, assists you in planning your curriculum, and provides general support. You can also meet with your Student Counsellor for confidential advice, guidance and support on personal and practical matters, from dealing with stress to family problems. You can contact the Residential Officer about any housing related questions.

Majors and minors

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Major

Each student chooses a major as a central component of their curriculum. During your second and third years, you follow courses within the major which will build a solid foundation in a particular field.

You will conclude your major with a capstone project, exploring a topic of your choice under the guidance of a supervisor.

Majors

Business
Cultural Analysis
Economics
Economics, Business & Society
Humanities
International Law
Life Sciences
Molecular & Cellular Biology
Neuroscience
Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Political Philosophy & Critical Theory
Political Science & International Relations
Pre-Med
Psychology
Public & Global Health
Sociology
Sustainability

Minor

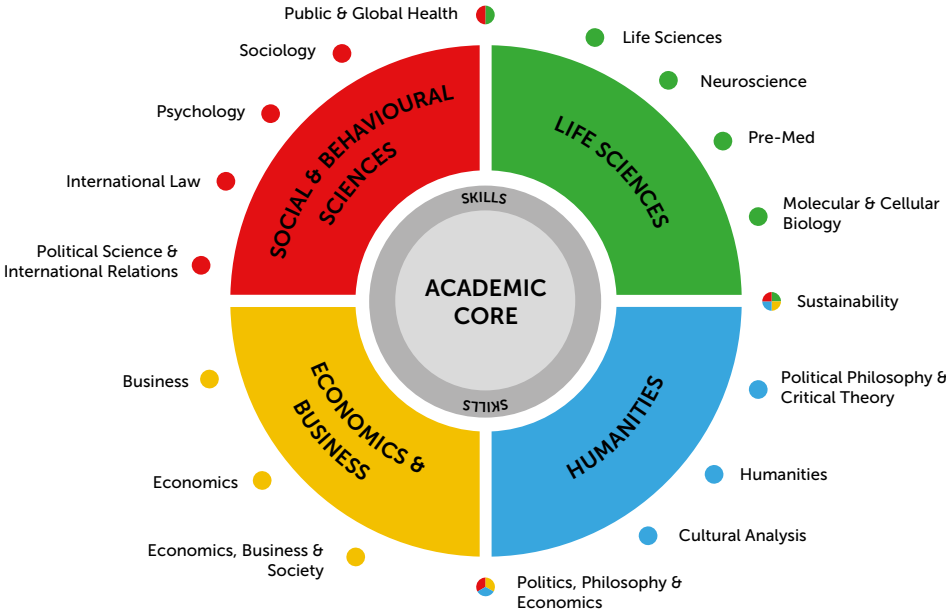
To gain more knowledge in a field other than your major, you can choose to take a minor, which is a set of six related courses offered by EUC. Imagine the interesting possibilities for shaping your own curriculum!

Minors

Arts, Culture & Society
Biological Aspects of Global Health
Biomedicine
Business
Economics
Global History & International Relations
International Law
Life Sciences
Neuroscience
Political Philosophy & Critical Theory
Political Science & International Relations
Psychology
Sociology
Sustainability
Visual Cultures & Media Literacy

For our full curriculum catalogue, see:
eur.nl/en/euc/education/curriculum

Programme offering





Active, small-scale learning

EUC's approach to education is that of small-scale, interactive and empowering learning environments. Working in groups of 12 to 15 guided by a tutor, students engage and contribute to the learning process.

A main focus at EUC is the student-centred educational method of Problem Based Learning (PBL). In a PBL session students are presented with a 'problem' which they discuss and analyse

together as a group. From the analysis, the students formulate research questions to answer in their self-study and report their findings in the following meetings.

In these sessions students develop complex problem-solving and argumentation skills, and learn to do so through collaboration. An active learning environment helps students to be independent and take ownership of their learning.

Dr. Marisela Martinez Claros


Senior Lecturer in Life Sciences

I have been working at Erasmus University College since 2013, and I feel privileged to be part of an institution that offers a unique learning experience to the students. Through small-scale, intensive education, we establish a safe environment where students can flourish.

In our classrooms, students don't hide in the crowd, there is plenty of interaction between the students and the faculty member who guides the session. This gives us (as teachers) significant responsibilities, too. We have to work

with group dynamics, and we must be able to identify the needs of the individual.

We teachers are, just like our students, a very particular group. We love our work, and we care about our students. If you are passionate about what you do, it shows, and that will affect students to be equally passionate. In the sessions, I see myself just like another student (with a little bit more experience). My main goal is to inspire students to be lifelong learners.

A portrait of Dr. Marisela Martinez Claros, a woman with dark hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a black scarf and a patterned jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

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Extracurricular

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In addition to your curriculum, you will have opportunities to explore and develop yourself through extracurricular activities. Two selective programmes are offered by EUC that run alongside the regular programme for the duration of an academic year.

Arts & Culture Programme

The Arts & Culture Programme (ACP) involves a small group of students exploring the relationship between art and science. The need for greater interdisciplinary cooperation to address complex issues of today (such as climate change and the refugee crisis) has resulted in a growing number of arts/sciences collaborations.

ACP aims to be at the forefront of educating students in combining different types of knowledges to approach complex issues. Students are exposed to several artistic disciplines (film, dance, literature, visual art, design), explore arts/sciences collaborations, and work on merging their own academic practices with artistic ones.

The students also organise a series of events for the community to disseminate art while developing organisational and collaborative skills.

Leadership Programme

The Leadership Programme offers students a hands-on experience in the world of leadership. With a combination of theoretical training, group projects and inspiring guest speakers, this programme fosters learning and critical thinking.

The co-creative nature of the Leadership Programme allows students to tailor the programme to their needs and interests under the guidance of the coordinator(s). As such, students play an active role in driving the programme and work towards the success of each session.



Arts & Culture Programme

[eur.nl/en/euc/
education/arts-culture-
programme](http://eur.nl/en/euc/education/arts-culture-programme)



Leadership Programme

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education/leadership-
programme](http://eur.nl/en/euc/education/leadership-programme)



Live in Rotterdam's city centre

eur.nl/en/euc/campus/housing



In your first year, you will live together with your peers. This is a requirement as it allows everyone to get to know each other and become part of our community. Living away from home can be challenging, but sharing this experience with your peers will create a sense of home.

Student housing

You will live at EUC's student housing, named LUCIA – a safe and modern student residence in the centre of Rotterdam. Conveniently located, it is a ten-minute walk from the EUC building and just five minutes from the central train station.

You will have a fully furnished studio with your own bathroom and kitchen. The residence comes equipped with common areas, a terrace, a bike storage and laundry facilities.

Rent: € 651,50 per month (students are eligible for rent benefit (huurtoeslag) of approx. € 190 a month from the Dutch government).

Deposit: 2 months' rent when booking your accommodation

One-time administrative fee: € 200

Municipal taxes: approx. € 45 per month*

** All amounts are valid only for the academic year 2019-2020*

For your second and third years, you will need to find housing of your own. Rotterdam has many diverse neighbourhoods, each with their own character. There are numerous websites, agencies and Facebook groups that are dedicated to finding housing in the city.

Discover a new city

A dynamic and vibrant city, Rotterdam is ready for you to explore. With restaurants serving food from all over the world, cozy cafés and large parks, Rotterdam has a lot to offer. Additionally, many international companies have their offices here, providing numerous internship and job opportunities.

The city also boasts a large and diverse cultural offering. Highlights include a major international film festival (IFFR), countless live music venues and festivals such as the famous North Sea Jazz, a plethora of theatres and cinemas (De Doelen, Lantaren Venster), world-class museums (Kunsthal, Boijmans van Beuningen), and a leading contemporary art scene (Witte de With, WORM).

With its own international airport, excellent train connections to Dutch and European cities, and Amsterdam Schiphol airport just a half an hour away, Rotterdam has unsurpassed connections with the world.



"Part of what attracted me to EUC was the promise of the city. After only a few weeks I felt like I truly belonged here"

Eva Aarts

Student, Major in Sustainability

While studying at EUC I was already passionate about the climate crisis and debate around the subject. Two courses in particular, The Climate Crisis and Biobased Economy, have provided me with the tools and motivation to become an active member in the climate movement.

Whilst following the Biobased Economy course, which is part of the 'Think Green' minor offered at EUC, we visited BlueCity in Rotterdam. This innovative hub aims to rethink business models for a more sustainable and circular future. Our trip to BlueCity motivated me to participate in a six-week challenge, in which, along with three others, I created a business model for alternative uses of the waste stream dredged

sediments. A year later, we created our very own start-up which develops circular building materials from dredged sediments. Since then, we have won an innovation contest and started several pilot projects.

Part of what attracted me to EUC was the promise of the city. After only a few weeks I felt like I truly belonged here. Studying at EUC and being in the heart of Rotterdam allowed me to put theory into practice. The stimulating and reflective environment of this college, along with the support and enthusiasm of both the students and faculty members, has and continues to inspire me to play an active and contributing role in society.

Student life

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Get involved!

Life at a University College is about more than just studying. Student-run organisations at our campus organise events and activities, allowing you to discover new interests and passions while connecting with others and developing life-long friendships.

The Erasmus University College Student Association (EUCSA) is the umbrella organisation that together with over a dozen committees organises activities and events for the EUC community. Before the year starts, EUCSA and EUC work together on the introduction programme. During this programme incoming students attend a series of events to get to know the programme, the city and each other.

The Student Academic Affairs Council (SAAC) represents the interests and voices of the students at EUC. SAAC organises various events, such as workshops and information sessions, providing opportunities for professional development and academic guidance.

The committees

Becoming active in student bodies allows you to develop organisational skills and gain experience. EUCSA has numerous committees, including the Charity Co. which organises fundraising events, the Music Co. which sets up jam sessions, the LGBTQ+ Co. which organises events to raise awareness and aims to create safe spaces for the community.



A group of five female students are posing inside a large, ornate, gold-colored picture frame. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The frame is held up by blue poles. In the background, movie posters are visible on a wall decorated with red string lights. One poster clearly shows the text 'LEANIA INTO THE' and another shows 'JAN BENT MIJN VRIEND'.

"Being in a committee allowed me to meet lots of people with whom I might otherwise not have come in contact with."

Elise Chalcraft

Student, Major in Sociology

At EUC, there is a lot of flexibility to create your own events and traditions! Introduction Week is the first student experience most first years will have, and it was a fantastic, jam-packed week of activities which helped me to get to know everyone. Living together in the first year really helped to create strong bonds with my fellow classmates and also encouraged me to join events I may have never thought of approaching before. I was a member of the Graduation Team and the Charity Co. where we organised events such as the Graduation Week, a potluck dinner with refugees, Christmas clothing swaps and a Butler Auction.

Being in a committee allowed me to meet lots of people with whom I might otherwise not have come in contact with, from different years and majors.

Being a student at EUC means you become more independent. Finding a balance between academics and social life can be tricky at times. That is why being in a committee can effectively structure your time. It helped me keep a really nice balance between the two.

After EUC

eur.nl/en/euc/organisation/alumni-community-euc



A Liberal Arts and Sciences degree opens a lot of doors. As an EUC graduate, you will hold an internationally recognised Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree from Erasmus University Rotterdam. You will be eligible for Master programmes worldwide in a variety of fields. Depending on your major the options are wide open!

Postgraduate studies

Through the different majors at EUC, we prepare our students for the entry requirements to a wide variety of Master programmes, both at Erasmus University and at other universities, in the Netherlands and around the world. Some programmes, such as specialised Master programmes, may require a pre-Master before enrolment.

Our graduates have been accepted into Master programmes at universities including:

Bocconi University
Erasmus Medical Centre
Imperial College London
Johns Hopkins University
King's College London
London School of Economics
Oxford University
Rotterdam School of Management
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
Sciences Po Paris
University of Edinburgh
Utrecht University
Wageningen University

First career steps

You may also, of course, decide to pursue a career in the corporate world, work for a public organisation, or even create your own start-up.

Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates are in demand in a dynamic 21st century labour market because of their:

- Critical outlook on issues facing societies globally and willingness to tackle them;
- Versatility in approaching complex issues from multiple angles;
- Ability to translate their perspective into smart, creative and interdisciplinary solutions;
- Independence in conducting scientific research; and
- Cultural awareness and understanding, having worked and lived with individuals from different backgrounds.

Alumni Community of EUC

Being a part of our community extends even after your graduation. At EUC we value the importance of building long-lasting connections with our alumni.

ACES, founded in 2015, is the alumni community of EUC students which aims to create a network between graduates, current students and the college. ACES organises a series of networking events and reunions which allows our community to stay connected.



"I am enrolled in the 4Cities Master's programme, an Erasmus Mundus Master in Urban Studies, each semester taking place in a different city: Brussels, Vienna, Copenhagen and Madrid.

Only by taking electives next to my major, I found my passion in urbanism. I continued to push my boundaries and wrote my bachelor thesis on gentrification in Rotterdam. EUC truly nurtures ambition.

I am grateful for the skills I have learnt at EUC. Most of my fellow students at 4Cities have more experience in the field, but the way of working is familiar. Collaborating with people from different backgrounds, writing research papers and working in groups."

Marlo Barnard, Alumna

"My studies at EUC helped me discover my passion for research. However, given the endless research fields available nowadays, I decided to take a gap year to explore my options. Shortly after graduating from EUC, I started a one-year internship at a biotechnology company in San Francisco to get some work experience. Here I realised that, next to the strong academic foundation, studying at EUC has given me the tools to succeed. Being confident to ask questions, knowing how to work with different kinds of people, looking at issues critically – these are all skills that have helped me get to where I am now. I have been successfully admitted to a Ph.D. programme in Chemical Biology at the University of Michigan where I will start my career as a scientist."

Robert Benisch, Alumnus



Application and admission

eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions



Is EUC for you?

Are you eager to challenge yourself academically? Do you want to learn about more than just one subject? Do you want to make a positive change in the world?

If your answer to these questions is yes, EUC might well be the place for you!

Below you will find practical information about our admission requirements and application procedure.

General admission requirements

- Secondary school diploma that qualifies for university enrollment. A few examples: Dutch VWO, French *Baccalauréat*, German *Abitur*, International Baccalaureate and GCE A-Levels
- A grade average of minimum 70%
- Solid foundation in mathematics
- Proficiency in spoken and written English
- A desire to actively participate and engage in your studies
- A passion to learn in and outside the classroom

Selection procedure

EUC accepts 218 first-year students per year. As an academically challenging programme, we have strict selection criteria. Students

are selected on the basis of their grades, letter of motivation and CV. We evaluate candidates holistically, taking into consideration your academic record as well as your motivation for applying to EUC.

Application deadlines

All EUC students start in the fall, at the end of August. Begin your application process at least 10 business days before the application deadline, as some steps require a few days of processing on our side.

Regular deadline: 15 January 2020

Late deadline: 1 April 2020

Application procedure

The first step is to register with the Dutch student database Studielink (see www.studielink.nl, also available in English). Next, you will need to submit your grade list, curriculum vitae (CV) and motivation letter on our application portal. Applications that meet our minimum entry requirements will be reviewed. Candidates that pass the written part of the application procedure will be invited for an interview, in person or online.

For more information about the application procedure and admission requirements, see: eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions

Practical information

eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions/costs



Tuition fees

EUC tuition fees for the academic year 2019-2020 are set as follows:

- €4,200 for EU/EEA students*
- €12,000 for non-EU/EEA students

*The Dutch government reduced tuition fees for first-year students in higher education in 2019-2020. Tuition fees and potential reductions for the academic year 2020-2021 are to be determined.

Our Admissions Officer will help you with the application procedure, formal enrolment and advice on matters like immigration and insurance. The International Student Handbook gives you all the practical information you need. Download it here: eur.nl/welcome

Financial support

EUC offers a limited number of full and partial scholarships for students who require financial aid. Scholarships are offered after the student has been successfully admitted. For more information and eligibility criteria, see: eur.nl/en/euc/application-admissions/financial-support

Nuffic, the organisation that promotes higher education in the Netherlands, provides an

overview of worldwide funding available: studyinholland.nl/scholarships

Introduction programme

EUC organises an Introduction Week for you to get to know your peers and our college!

The Introduction Week is dedicated to fun activities to get you integrated into our community, as well as providing you with practical information about living in Rotterdam. You will also attend a welcome session by our faculty and staff who will formally introduce you to the programme.

Additionally, EUC organises a One-Stop-Shop where you will be able to open a Dutch bank account, register with the municipality, arrange health insurance and pick up a Dutch sim-card.

Visit us

eur.nl/en/euc/meet-us



If you feel this programme might be for you, we invite you to come and visit us! Meeting the students and faculty members and experiencing the space will help you to get a better sense of whether EUC is the right fit for you.

If you cannot visit in person, we can arrange a Skype meeting where you can talk with a current student and staff member to answer any questions you may have.

Open days

For a first introduction, come to one of Erasmus University Rotterdam's Open Days. EUC will be present along with all other Erasmus University Rotterdam Bachelor programmes. You will be able to meet some of our staff and students and attend information sessions that will explain our curriculum and what it is like to study in the Netherlands.

Experience Day

If you would like to learn more about our college and what it would be like to study at EUC, join us for an EUC Experience Day! We have four Experience Days throughout the academic year in which prospective students learn more about our programme, meet our staff and current students, and get a tour of our building and student housing.

Student for a Day

You can also visit us as a student for a day during most of the year. You will follow one of our student ambassadors and join their classes. You will get a glimpse of what the life of an EUC student is like and have the opportunity to ask our ambassadors about their experiences.

Visit the EUC campus online:

http://bit.ly/virtual_tour_euc_full

Open Days

- 19 October 2019
- 15 February 2020

Experience Days

- 2 October 2019
- 4 December 2019
- 29 January 2020
- 11 March 2020

"I would highly recommend doing an Experience Day at EUC"



Stefi Gubbels

Student, Major in Economics, Business & Society

I visited numerous University Colleges in my final year of secondary school, but when I first walked into EUC I knew I was in the right place. When speaking with the students and staff I felt right at home, and I was able to ask all the questions I had. Being there in person really helps you to know whether this is the right place for you. I would highly recommend doing an Experience Day at EUC for anyone who is interested in this programme.

The first year at EUC starts off quite broadly, which can be challenging, but it truly helped me discover my interest in Political Science. After finishing high school, I thought I wanted to focus on Business or Economics. During my first year I took courses from several fields to help me decide

which direction I wanted to go into. I decided to major in Economics, Business & Society and do a minor in Political Science & International Relations - which was the perfect combination for me. The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum allows you to combine different perspectives and approaches and not be restricted by one discipline.

During the Experience Day I also learned about the opportunity to go on exchange – I knew right away that that was something I wanted to do! In my final year I studied abroad at the City University of Hong Kong. Meeting new people, learning about a new culture, and most importantly being exposed to a non-Western academic perspective was an incredible experience that I will always cherish.

Is EUC for you?



Are you **curious** about multiple subjects and different perspectives?



Are you **motivated** to study intensively to reach your full potential



Are you **socially engaged** and wish to help make a change in the world?



Are you **eager to learn** from teachers and other students?

**Inclusive.
Inspiring.
Interdisciplinary.**



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Application deadlines

15 January 2020 (regular)

1 April 2020 (late)