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WHY STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS?
This introduction to studying in the Netherlands will explain why studying in the Netherlands is an excellent choice for international students, and provide important information on admission requirements, procedures and finances, useful websites and contact details for universities across The Netherlands.

Universities in the Netherlands now offer over 1700 English-taught programs. This is not a recent development: the Netherlands was the first non-Anglophone country to start teaching in English.

Outside the classroom English is widely spoken across the country, and The Netherlands is home to a very international population therefore students will not experience a language barrier when studying in Holland.

Education in the Netherlands tends to be interactive and focused on the students’ needs. Students are expected to participate actively in discussions, workshops, presentations, in-class simulations and individual research. In addition, they have the opportunity to do (academic) internships, go on exchange to other universities around the world, take part in honours/excellence programmes, participate in community and more.

Dutch Universities are well-represented in international higher education rankings, such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, the QS World University Rankings and the Academic Ranking of World Universities. This is important for your future academic career and your world-wide network. With relatively low tuition rates, education in the Netherlands is a great value!

Ideally located in the heart of Europe, The Netherlands offers students the opportunity to experience many cultures at their doorstep. International students have many services on-campuses to help them feel welcome, such as orientation weeks/days, international advisors/coordinators, counselors, social groups, committees – the list is long! Dutch higher education institutions are well-equipped to give you the best student experience possible.

VALUE OF A DUTCH DEGREE
Dutch higher education has a binary system, which means that students can choose between two types of degrees:
• research-oriented, offered by research universities;
• professional, offered by universities of applied sciences.

At a Research University students will focus more on academically-oriented work. Logically, the focus is on research, but professional skills and settings are also a part of most programmes. These programmes are 3 year bachelor’s programmes leading to 1-2 year master’s programme, also at a Research University.

At a University of Applied Science students can choose a more practically oriented program to prepare them for a specific career. These are 4 year bachelor's programmes, leading to a master's programme at a University of Applied Science. As such, Universities of Applied Science usually have lower admission requirements than Research Universities. Because all universities in the Netherlands are publicly funded, they are obliged by law to be accredited by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). Some universities additionally hold international accreditations.

The degree conferred upon graduating students is that of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) or Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Most students who have obtained a bachelor's degree go directly into master's program. Many graduates from Dutch university programs pursue a master's and/or Ph.D. at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, MIT and other top-notch international universities.

ADMISSIONS
There is no one general admissions requirement/procedure package that applies to all Dutch universities. What follows here is an overview of some general principles. Please make sure to check specific admissions requirements with the individual institutions.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
• Diploma requirements may differ, but Dutch universities will always ask international applicants for an IB/EB Diploma, or an American Diploma with 3-4 AP’s, or 3 A-Levels, or one of many other national university preparation diplomas from countries across the globe.
• Usually Dutch universities do not request a specific GPA; this is a consequence of the streaming that takes place in Dutch secondary schools.
• Usually there is no selection of students, and applying means an automatic admission. There are exceptions!
• Certain programs may require specific subjects (e.g. mathematics or physics).
• Sometimes there are additional requirements (e.g. a mathematics proficiency, letters of recommendation, standardized exams).
• Specific performance requirements often apply in the first year, and this is called Binding Study Advice.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE
• All students who want to study in the Netherlands must register in ‘Studielink’, which is the Dutch government student registration system.
• In addition, in many cases, students must apply directly to the university and programme of their choice. The specific guidelines for application are always explained on the university website.
• Application deadlines fall between January and June.
• Some universities have rolling admissions.
• All universities have a September intake, and some universities have a February intake.
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FINANCES
In the Netherlands, tuition fees are set by the state and are thus the same for all universities. For the Academic Year 2016-2017 the fees are as follows:
- EU/EEA Students: € 1,984 per year
- Non-EU/EEA* Students: from € 6,000 to € 14,000 per year
Some institutions (such as the University Colleges) are allowed to request a higher tuition fee. These additional fees differ per institution.

A quick calculation shows that, on average, living as a student in the Netherlands costs around 900 euros a month. Of course, this may vary per location.

EXPENSES | EXPLANATION | COSTS
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**Accommodation** | Furnished, including utilities, individual/ shared, etc. | € 250 - 800 p/month
**Living Expenses** | Food, clothes, personal services, public transport, etc. | € 350 - 450 p/month
**Insurance** | Health, personal liability, etc. | € 40 - 100 p/month
**Books/Study Materials** | Depends on the degree program | € 65 - 85 p/month
**Visa and permits** | Depends on your nationality | € 0 - 300 (once)
**Contingencies** | Bicycle, higher phone bill, financial setback, etc. | € 500 (once)

There are several ways for students to get help in financing their studies in the Netherlands.
- For Dutch passport holders, there is a grant provided by the government.
- For Dutch passport holders, a free student travel card is available.
- The Dutch government provides tuition fee loans for EU/EEA students.
- In addition to government funding, some universities offer scholarships for both EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA students.
- Students can work part-time alongside their studies. Most universities have a career service office which aids students in finding a job. There are no restrictions for EU/EEA students in obtaining a job; for non-EU/EEA students there are some restrictions related to permits and working hours. More information can be found on the NUFFIC website (see important websites).

IMPORTANT WEBSITES
- **Nuffic**: As an independent, non-profit organization based in The Hague, Nuffic supports internationalization in higher education, research and professional education in the Netherlands and abroad, and helps improve access to higher education worldwide. On their website you can find an overview of all study programs in the Netherlands that are taught in English.
  www.studyinholland.nl
- **Studielink**: All students have to register with the Dutch ministry of education. The place to do so is ‘Studielink’.
  www.studielink.nl
- **Duo**: Information about tuition fees, student grants and diploma assessment.
  www.duo.nl
- **Grantfinder**: An overview of scholarships available for different students and studies.
  www.grantfinder.nl
- **New to Holland**: Students who come to the Netherlands to live, work or study, are likely to have some questions about the arrangements they need to make. This site will guide them to the government organizations they may have to deal with.
  www.newtoholland.nl
- **Public transportation in the Netherlands**: The Netherlands has an extensive train network as well as elaborate bus networks throughout the country. Recently, a digital ticket system in the form of a chip-card has been introduced.
  Non-Dutch students can purchase a discount card which will allow 40% off their travel tickets.
  For more information about trains and train times: www.ns.nl
  For more information about public transport and door-to-door advice: www.9292ov.nl
  Transport cards: www.ov-chipkaart.nl

*EEA: European Economic Area
University Colleges were introduced to the Netherlands in 1997. They took their inspiration from both the Liberal Arts and Sciences programs in the United States, with their strong emphasis on student community, as well as from the college structure found at for instance Oxford University in the United Kingdom. The idea was to create a small-scale learning environment, where both faculty and students would feel part of and contribute to the community.

Dutch research universities established their University Colleges in response to a growing demand for a more holistic type of education. Students at University Colleges would not only study Liberal Arts and Sciences, they would live it. They would study, live and work together with students from different cultural backgrounds and different disciplinary interests.

The University Colleges, as honors programs, offer a small-scale education with a wide variety of courses in the Arts, Humanities, Science and Social Sciences. With support of their personal academic advisor, students choose or compose a multi- and interdisciplinary curriculum. Classes are small and interactive and all courses are English-taught. Additionally, there is a strong emphasis on international community, often in the form of a residential campus, with many on and off-campus options for extracurricular activities.

The Perfect Student for University College
University Colleges are intended for highly motivated students who have a diverse interest, know what they want, and do not want to limit themselves to the perspective of one academic discipline. Such students are academically strong, intellectually curious, and passionate to acquire new knowledge in various fields of study. Our students have a desire for both intellectual challenge and personal growth, and are interested in getting socially involved and contributing to the student community. Students are open-minded and excited to live amongst international peers and learn from exchanges with various cultures.

Applying to University College
As University Colleges are looking for students who would thrive in such a specific environment, they are allowed to be selective in their admissions processes as opposed to most other Dutch Bachelor programs. While the general admissions requirements and procedures outlined in the section on page 4 apply to University College applications, there are some further details to keep in mind.

• University Colleges are selective programs, meaning that they may require a minimum GPA and often require the submission of further documents (such as motivation letters and/ or recommendation letters and interviews). What is needed and how to go about applying still differs per University College. Please refer to the individual college pages for specific criteria and procedures.

• University Colleges in the Netherlands tend to have a holistic approach towards the application procedure. While grades are an important part of the application package, attention is also given to personal interests, general motivation and extracurricular activities.
The largest of its kind in the Netherlands, Amsterdam University College (AUC) enrolls up to 900 students who live and study together on the international campus in Amsterdam. AUC is a joint initiative of the University of Amsterdam and VU University Amsterdam, two major European research universities, both highly ranked worldwide. AUC offers an engaging academic and social context, supported by small class sizes, a residential college setting and state-of-the-art facilities. AUC aims for a strong and varied community by offering scholarships, through the AUC Scholarship Fund and other programs, which encourage our values of ‘diversity’ and ‘excellence’. What sets this LAS program apart is a particular emphasis on the Sciences, which is not only of great interest to Science majors (AUC enrolls up to 50% science majors), but also permeates the other fields of study through our interdisciplinary classrooms. It is with good reason that AUC is based in Amsterdam Science Park: a juncture of education, high-quality research and knowledge-intensive businesses.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
Students at AUC can choose to major in the Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities - within their major students can choose from many concentrations:

**Sciences**
- Information
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Earth & Environment
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical
- Health

**Social Sciences**
- Health
- Anthropology
- Environmental Economics & Policy
- Economics
- Law
- Political Science
- International Relations
- Sociology
- Cognition

**Humanities**
- Literature
- Film
- Philosophy
- History
- Culture
- Communication
- Art

AUC students enrich their major by taking courses from the academic core, which offers a wide range of core modules and languages. A typical AUC student will have intellectual prowess and a thirst for knowledge, strong motivation and commitment, and a lot of energy. You like to work hard, and you care about your environment and about society in general. Your interests go beyond the boundaries of subjects, cultures and languages. You are someone who wants to contribute to the debate on important scientific and social questions, preferably at an international level. In short, you are someone who wants to make a difference!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
To be admitted to AUC, you must undergo a selection procedure. AUC enrolls up to 300 students in September and up to 30 in February. In order to be eligible for admission, you will need to meet the following general minimum requirements:
- a secondary school diploma equivalent to the Dutch VWO*
- very good written and spoken English
- good mathematics skills

In addition, the AUC Admissions Committee looks for students with the following characteristics:
- academic excellence: you must demonstrate your ability to meet the academic demands of the AUC programme
- motivation and ambition to study an intensive and broad programme
- commitment to contribute to AUC’s international student community and campus life

* Exact admissions requirements can be found on the website.

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS
EU/EEA: € 4.154
Non EU-EEA: € 11.745
Accommodation is estimated at € 4.370 per year.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
1 October 2016, for entry in spring 2017
1 November 2016, ‘early bird’ deadline for entry in autumn 2017
1 February 2017, regular deadline for entry in autumn 2017
Erasmus University College

Erasmus University College (EUC) is the international honours college of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). EUR is consistently ranked in the top 100 of major global university rankings (#71 Times Higher Education Ranking 2016), and is known as a centre of excellence for health, wealth, governance, business and economics. Students at EUC compose a unique curriculum from a wide offering of courses spanning four departments: Economics & Business, Humanities, Life Sciences and Social & Behavioural Sciences. EUC is small-scale, with average class sizes of 10-15 students. Active participation in class is commonplace and students take the lead in problem-based learning.

EUC is situated in the city centre of metropolitan Rotterdam, Holland’s second largest city, with a residential campus provided for first year students. There is plenty of academic and personal guidance on-site in this tight-knit academic community.

Humanities
- Art
- Double Degree with Performing Arts
- History
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE)

Social & Behavioural Sciences
- International Law
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Urban Geography

Economics & Business
- Entrepreneurship
- International Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Marketing
- Microeconomics
- Strategic Management

Life Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Global Health
- Medical Science
- Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Neuroscience

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
Programme is taught entirely in English
Liberal Arts and Sciences BSc. (3 years, 180 ECTS)

Students compose a curriculum focusing on at least two disciplines. They can choose from:

ADMISSIONS
Applicants to EUC must pass through a selection process. Each year EUC selects approximately 200 students from a larger pool of applicants. Students need to submit a motivation letter, a grade transcript and attend an interview in their application. Common application requirements are as follows:
- British System: GCSE plus at least three GCE A-Levels with minimum grades of A B B (including Mathematics).
- International Baccalaureate (IB): Minimum of 33 points (including TOK, EE, CAS); AND minimum of 5 for Math Studies or 4 for Math SL/HL; AND minimum of 5 for English A SL
- American High School: Minimum GPA of 3.0 AND at least 4 AP exams with minimum scores of 3 (including AP Calculus AB or BC). SAT test (total score ≥ 1100, math score ≥ 550) can substitute AP Calculus.
- For other diplomas please go to: www.eur.nl/euc

FINANCE
Tuition fees (2016-2017)
EU/EEA Students: € 3,900
Non EU/EEA Students: € 11,750
EUC has a few partial scholarships for non EU/EEA students.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Autumn Semester (September 2017 intake)
- 15 February, 2017 (early bird)*
- 1 May, 2017 (regular)

* Recommended for students who will require a residence permit (Non-EU/EEA)

Spring Semester (February 2017 intake)
- 15 November, 2016 (for non EU/EEA)
- 1 December, 2016

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Leiden University College is the honours college of Leiden University, the oldest university in The Netherlands (1575), and top 100 in the world (Times Higher Education Ranking). LUC is located in the vibrant and international city of The Hague, home to many international organizations and 10 minutes outside of Leiden, and 45 minutes outside of Amsterdam. LUC offers a 3-year Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor programme, focusing on today’s Global Challenges: Diversity, Prosperity, Sustainability and Peace and Justice. 6 Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science majors are offered centered around the Global Challenges. LUC is home to 600 students from over 45 different nationalities, offering an opportunity for talented and ambitious students from all over the world. Students are required to live and study together for the first two years at LUC. Individual studio apartments are available for all 1st and 2nd year students in our modern, and central 21 story high building in the middle of The Hague. This residential concept ensures for a close-knit community, and a very active student body, offering many activities, clubs and committees for students to participate in.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
Students follow an introductory programme in their first year, where they get to sample the different Global Challenges, the themes of the different majors: Diversity, Prosperity, Sustainability and Peace and Justice.

At the end of their first year, students can select a major to pursue for the following two years

Bachelor of Arts:
- Human Diversity
- World Politics
- International Justice

Bachelor of Science:
- Global Public Health
- Earth, Energy and Sustainability
- Governance, Economics and Development

Students can additionally follow a minor at LUC or at Leiden University. Additionally, there is the opportunity to go abroad for one semester in the last year. All students culminate their studies writing a capstone project (research thesis) on a subject within their major.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCES
LUC has a selective admissions process. Students need to submit the online application form, as well as the following documents:
- Transcripts from the last 2 years
- Recommendation letter
- Motivation Letter
- Proof of English proficiency
- €50 application fee

Students can then be invited for an interview with a faculty member as part of the selection process. LUC accepts 200 students on a yearly basis.

ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS
- IB International Baccalaureate: Minimum a 30 without bonus points
- At least 3 academic A-levels with a C or higher (minimum requirement)
- US High school degree with a 3.5 GPA, and any of the following:
  - At least 3 AP's with a 3 or higher
  - SAT (at least 650 on each component or top 10%)
  - ACT (at least 28 composite score)
- For other diplomas, please go to www.lucthehague.nl

DEADLINES
Applicants wishing to start in the Fall semester (September intake) can apply by:
- January 1, 2017 (Early-Bird)*
- April 1, 2017 (Regular)
* Recommended for students who will require a residence permit (Non-EU/EEA)

A February intake may happen depending on space available only.

TUITION FEES & FINANCIAL AID
Non-EU students: € 12.484 (2016/2017)
* There is limited financial aid available students can apply for. If interested, it is recommended to apply by the Early Bird deadline.
University College Groningen is the youngest faculty of the University of Groningen, one of the world’s top 100 universities. We are proud to have developed UCG’s curriculum to meet the needs of motivated, broadly oriented students who want to engage with the urgent and complex issues of our time.

Our program is attracting curious, ambitious students from around the globe. We offer an international educational environment in one of Europe’s most dynamic student cities. The combination of an open, coherent curriculum, innovative teaching methods, and vibrant community life, allows our students to develop their potential in all directions, while making a meaningful contribution to addressing the grand challenges we face today.

University College Groningen provides a wonderful environment for today’s broadly engaged and motivated students to learn, live and - more than that - thrive. We look forward to welcoming you to Groningen.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
Running throughout the three years of your degree, is a project-based learning line that enables you to integrate knowledge from diverse domains in interdisciplinary teams. It has a strong focus on collaboration and creativity in addressing complex societal problems. You’ll work together in groups to combine and apply your diverse knowledge in innovative ways. In addition you will learn to understand and reflect on your individual and group development and contribution to the community.

In your second year, you’ll have the chance to study one of five majors in one of the three major disciplines (Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities).

In addition to your major courses, you will continue to do integrative projects with students from the other majors, putting your discipline’s theory into practice in an interdisciplinary setting. Additionally, you will continue with the Research and Methodology program.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCES
Our minimum requirements are:
- Dutch diploma - VWO - Avg grade 7.0 or higher
- UK - Three A-levels - Avg grade B or higher
- US - American High School diploma + 4 Advanced Placement Tests - Grade 4 or higher
- IB - 32 points or higher

In addition to meeting the minimum admission requirements you must demonstrate that you fit the specific profile UCG is looking for. That profile can be described in five traits:

- You are bright and curious
- You have an interest in a broad learning environment
- You are creative and like to think out-of-the-box
- You have great communication skills
- You have an interest in research

APPLICATION DEADLINES
We offer a yearly intake in September. Deadlines to apply:
- June 1st, 2017 for EU/EEA students
- May 1st, 2017 for Non-EU students

TUITION FEES:
EU/EEA students: € 4.000 (2016/2017)
Non-EU students: € 12.000 (2016/2017)

A limited number of scholarships are available, please check our website for the latest information:
http://www.rug.nl/ucg/scholarships.
University College Maastricht is a Liberal Arts and Sciences Honours College that provides small-scale and individualised bachelor’s education. As a department of the most international university in the Netherlands, Maastricht University, students are part of a truly international community, working and socialising with students from more than 50 countries. With the support of our committed staff, students can choose from more than 150 different courses in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences to build an academic profile that helps them meet their goals.

Courses at UCM are taught using Problem-Based Learning (PBL). By using a combination of small-group work and individual research, students are in control of their own education. The PBL format helps students retain information better, teaches them to think about problems independently and allows them to develop their interpersonal skills. All teaching at UCM happens in small groups of no more than 12 students. With a 95% student satisfaction rate (Keuzegids, 2015), UCM prides itself in being a close-knit academic community in which students socialise, engage in extracurricular activities, and pursue shared passions.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

UCM has an open curriculum, and offers a course catalogue containing more than 150 courses, skills trainings and projects. Students pick the courses that they find interesting and useful for their future studies, thereby creating their own academic profile.

Students choose one of our three concentrations: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. Students may focus on a particular discipline (e.g. psychology, economics, history, biology) or instead opt for courses around a combination of themes or disciplines.

In addition to the courses in the concentration, every student needs to complete the ‘academic core’ which consists of four courses that provide the fundamental knowledge that any academic should have. These courses are about the principles of scientific research, the major political issues of our time, historical developments in the world over the last 70 years, and why abstract concepts and models are vital in science. Students will also choose four courses outside of their concentration. This ensures that students are able to think from different perspectives and understand how people in other academic areas think and work.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCES

UCM strives to attract highly motivated students with a genuine academic interest. Therefore, UCM has a selective admissions process that is designed to help the Board of Admissions assess whether there is a match between your academic interest and what UCM has to offer. There are 200 spots available for incoming students each year.

Students apply with their latest transcript, a letter of motivation and a proof of English proficiency. The Board of Admissions reviews and assesses the application and decides whether the applicant is invited for an interview. After the interview with two academic staff members, applicants will be informed of whether they have been invited to attend UCM.

ACCEPTED DIPLOMAS

- British system: The GCSE plus 3 A-levels
- International/European Baccalaureate Diploma
- For other diplomas, please visit www.ucm.nl

DEADLINES

February enrolment: October 1st, 2016
September enrolment: January 5th, 2017 (Non-EU/EEA nationals) / March 1st, 2017 (EU/EEA nationals)

TUITION FEES & FINANCIAL AID

EU/EEA students: € 3,280 (2016/2017)
Non-EU students: € 10,000 (2016/2017)

UCM offers five full scholarships for non-EU / EEA nationals as well as partial tuition fee waivers for EU/EEA nationals.
University College Roosevelt (UCR) is one of the international honors university colleges of Utrecht University in The Netherlands. UCR offers a 3-year Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor program which is completely English-taught. Students design their own program by choosing from more than 200 subjects in three departments: Arts and Humanities, Social Science and Science. The ideal UCR student is eager to learn, social, curious and broadly interested.

With small classes and intensive tutoring, UCR’s program is amongst the finest in Europe, as attested by the ‘label of excellence for the teaching and learning environment’ awarded by the NVAO.

Located in the south-west of The Netherlands, UCR boasts a unique inner-city campus by the sea with guaranteed housing for the full duration of the program. The close-knit academic community of no more than 600 students is an important aspect of life at UCR.

**CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

**English language program**

**Liberal Arts and Sciences:** BA or BSc (3 years, 180 ECTS)

Students design their own program by combining two or more of the following subjects:

**Academic Core**
- Education
- Methods and Statistics
- Rhetoric and Argumentation
- Languages (French, German, Spanish and Dutch)

**Arts and Humanities**
- Antiquity
- Arts and Design Practice
- Art History
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Music Theory
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Music Performing

**Science**
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Science
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Pre-medical program

**Social Science**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Human Geography
- Law
- Political Science and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

**ADMISSIONS**

UCR has a selective admissions process. Students need to send in a personal statement, grades lists and letters of recommendation. After a personal interview, 200 students are selected each year based on their motivation, curiosity and broad interests.

Admissions requirements are as follows:
- British system: The GCSE plus 3 A-levels (Grade A-B)
- IB / EB: International Baccalaureate or European Baccalaureate diploma (minimum 30 points)
- For other diplomas please go to www.ucr.nl

**TUITION FEES AND FINANCIAL AID**

EU/EEA Students: € 2,984 (2016/2017)
Non-EU/EEA Students: € 8,646 (2016/2017)

University College Roosevelt offers partial scholarships for non EU/EEA Students.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applicants who wish to begin in the Fall semester: April 1st* / May 1st.
Applicants who wish to begin in the Spring semester: October 1st* / November 15th

* The first deadline is for students who require a residence permit to study in the Netherlands, as this application process takes a little more time.
University College Twente is the international honours college of the University of Twente, founded in 2012. Our Technology and Liberal Arts & Sciences programme, ATLAS for short, is aimed at students who want to make a difference through science and technology. The programme is built around the challenges of modern society; challenges that cannot be solved by either technology or social interventions but require both social and technical perspectives. Our students learn to combine these perspectives and come up with radical new solutions. The ATLAS curriculum is a framework that invites you to choose your own path with a firm basis in engineering, physics, mathematics and social sciences. The programme is organized in six semesters, two per academic year. Projects are the basis for your learning. Each semester has a theme that is central in the project and courses.

At University College Twente learning not only starts, but also ‘ends’ with you. Choosing your own path within courses can only work if the assessment evaluates the goals you have set out for yourself. We don’t believe that standardized tests and grades help you in your learning or stimulate you in developing your talents. Instead - you are in the lead when it comes to evaluating your development. Show us the evidence that proves you have met your learning goals.

University College Twente is a residential college. All students live and work together. Learning is not confined to the classroom. Working, sports, eating and relaxing together with other students alternate with your interaction with lecturers. This makes University College Twente an engaging and motivating learning environment. A true learning community.

**CURRICULUM INFORMATION**
- Technology and Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Main disciplines: Engineering, physics, mathematics and social sciences
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- 3 years (180 ECTS)
- Project lead and student driven learning
- Assessment without grades
- Personal pursuit is part of the curriculum
- Residential College on the campus of a research university

**ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS**
Admission to the programme is selective. To be eligible for admission you need to meet the following requirements:
- A high school diploma equivalent to the Dutch WWO (such as British A-levels or the International Baccalaureate)
- High final marks in English, Mathematics and at least one other Science subject, preferably physics
- For non-native English speakers: proof of proficiency in English (IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 iBT, Cambridge CPE or Cambridge CAE)

The selection procedure comprises two rounds:
1. First, we will assess your overall academic background, foundation in math and science, your English language proficiency, your personal interests and your motivation for choosing UCT.
2. Next, we will invite you to take part in a Selection Day at UCT. This involves team assignments with other applicants and interviews with staff and students. If you can’t make it to a Selection Day, we may invite you to engage with some of our staff and students in a Skype interview.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
Our academic year starts in September. We accept applications all year round. Selection Days are scheduled monthly. Details can be found on our website.

**TUITION FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS**
The UCT tuition fees for students starting in September 2016 are as follows:
EU/EEA nationals: € 3,968
non-EU/EEA nationals: € 10,734

ATLAS has limited options for scholarships please refer to our website.
University College Utrecht (UCU) is one of the international honours colleges of Utrecht University (Times Higher Education Ranking 2016 #62). UCU offers an honours level undergraduate education in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Together with their academic tutor, students compose their own curriculum choosing from over 200 different courses across Humanities, Science and Social Sciences. The UCU approach is personal: Classes are small with a maximum of 28 students, and participation is actively encouraged. The 760 students, 50% of them international, live and study at a residential campus. The campus is located in Utrecht, a historic and medieval city in the heart of The Netherlands. All classes taught at UCU and all social activities on campus are in English.

We look for students that would thrive studying Liberal Arts and Sciences in such a tight knit academic and social community. Admission is competitive, and students are selected for strong academic performance, international focus, civic engagement and extracurricular pursuits.

**CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

Bachelor programme taught in English:

Liberal Arts and Sciences, BA, BSc

Students compose their own curriculum focusing on at least two disciplines. They can choose from:

**Humanities:**
- Art History and Museum Studies
- Chinese Language and Culture
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature and Classics
- Performing Arts
- Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

**Social Sciences:**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- Law

**Science:**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environment
- Mathematics
- Medical Science
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Physics
- Pre-medical programme

**Academic Skills**
- Qualitative & Quantitative Research Methods
- Language & Culture
- Research Methods of the Humanities
- Laboratory Modules
- Creative Writing
- Journalism

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To be accepted at UCU applicants must undergo a selection procedure. Each year UCU selects about 260 students from a considerably larger pool of applicants. About 220 students start in September, about 28 in February.

Candidates must meet a set of minimum requirements and fit a general profile to be accepted.

The following high school diplomas qualify for admission to UCU:

- GCSE plus 3 GCE A-levels. Scores A-A-B or higher are admissible.
- Scottish Qualifications Certificate with 2 Advanced Highers (plus 4 Highers).
- International Baccalaureate diploma, a minimum of 32 points not including Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay.
- High school degree with 4 Advanced Placement Certificates, in one of two combinations:
  - 2 AP language, of which one foreign language, 1 AP math / science and 1 AP elective
  - 1 AP foreign language, 2 APs Math / science and 1 AP elective. The AP exams are required, minimum score 3.

**FEES 2016 - 2017**

Tuition Fee € 3.770 (students from European Economic Area) / € 9.000 (non-EEA)

Room and Board € 8.034

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

September 15, 2016 for entry in spring 2017
February 1, 2017 for entry in fall 2017
January 1, 2017 (early bird) for entry in fall 2017
# University Colleges in The Netherlands

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<td>Amsterdam University College</td>
<td>Amsterdam</td>
<td>Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Yes, all three years</td>
<td>€ 4.154 / € 11.745</td>
<td>September (Fall) / February (Spring)</td>
<td>1 November (February intake) / 1 December (Early bird September intake) / 1 February (Regular deadline September intake)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Erasmus University College</td>
<td>Rotterdam</td>
<td>4 Departments: Humanities, Economics &amp; Business, Life Sciences, Social &amp; Behavioural Sciences. Multiple Majors in each department. Pre-Medicine program. Double degree in Performing Arts and Liberal Arts &amp; Sciences</td>
<td>225</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Yes, during the first year</td>
<td>€ 4.000 / € 11.900</td>
<td>September (Fall) / February (Spring)</td>
<td>EU/EEA September Intake: 15 February (early), 1 May (regular) / Non EU/EEA September Intake: 1 April / February Intake: 1 November</td>
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<td>Leiden University College</td>
<td>The Hague</td>
<td>World Politics; Human Diversity; International Justice; Global Public Health, Earth, Energy and Sustainability; Governance, Economics and Development</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Yes, the first 2 years</td>
<td>€ 4.119 / € 12.484</td>
<td>September (Fall)</td>
<td>1 January (Early Bird) / 1 April (Regular)</td>
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<td>University College Groningen</td>
<td>Groningen</td>
<td>Cognition &amp; Behaviour (Social Sciences), Philosophy, Politics &amp; Economics (Social Sciences), Humanities, Physics (Sciences), Health &amp; Life Sciences (Sciences)</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Yes, the first year</td>
<td>€ 4.000 / € 12.000</td>
<td>September (Fall)</td>
<td>Non-EU: 1 May / EU: 1 June</td>
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<td>University College Maastricht</td>
<td>Maastricht</td>
<td>Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Non-residential</td>
<td>€ 3.280 / € 10.000</td>
<td>September (Fall) / February (Spring)</td>
<td>February intake: Non-EU/EU: 1 October / September intake: Non-EU: 5 January / EU: 1 March</td>
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<td>University College Roosevelt</td>
<td>Middelburg</td>
<td>Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Yes, all three years</td>
<td>€ 2.984 / € 8.646</td>
<td>September (Fall) / February (Spring)</td>
<td>September Intake: Non-EU: 1 April / EU: 1 May / February Intake: Non-EU: 15 October / EU: 15 November</td>
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<td>University College Twente</td>
<td>Enschede</td>
<td>Engineering, Physics, Math and Social Sciences</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Yes, the first two years</td>
<td>€ 3.968 / € 10.734</td>
<td>September (Fall)</td>
<td>Admission on rolling basis final deadline: 1 June</td>
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<td>University College Utrecht</td>
<td>Utrecht</td>
<td>Science, Social Sciences, Humanities</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Yes, the first two years</td>
<td>€ 3.770 / € 9.000</td>
<td>September (Fall) / February (Spring)</td>
<td>September intake: 1 January (early bird) / 1 February / February intake: 15 September</td>
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Disclaimer: Please note that most up-to-date information can be found on each University College’s website.
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