

GLOBAL EXCHANGE

Courses & Faculty Criteria



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:

- 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 should have taken courses in any of the following subjects for at least a full academic year:
 - Sociology
 - Cultural Anthropology
 - Communication Science
 - Human Geography
 - Planning and International Development Studies
 - Political Science
 - Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

Incoming exchange students in these disciplines are placed in the **Undergraduate Certificate Programme for Social Sciences** where they can take courses from the following thematic clusters: Asian Societies and Cultures, Conflict, Cultural Diversity and the Law, Development and Planning, Dutch Society, Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism, European Society, Gender, Sexuality and Society, International Relations and Globalisation, Media and Communication, Politics, Governance and Democracy

- For courses in **Psychology**, students should have taken courses in psychology for at least a full academic year.
- For courses in **Pedagogical and Educational Sciences**, students should have taken courses in Pedagogical and Educational Sciences for at least a full academic year.
- 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.
- The **Law** programme is intended for advanced law students who have completed at least two full academic years in Law courses.

- **Future Planet Studies** is an interdisciplinary Bachelor's programme with English-taught courses on the themes of Food and Water. Both natural and social sciences play an important role in these courses. Students with a natural sciences background can apply if they have taken one semester's worth of courses in social sciences, economics, human geography, spatial planning, or political science. Alternatively, students with a social sciences background should have taken one semester in natural sciences courses such as Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Ecology, or Climatology.
- The **Liberal Arts and Sciences** programme (**Amsterdam University College**) is a selective programme with a great variety of courses in the sciences, social sciences or humanities. Students can already apply with one and a half years of academic training (instead of the regular two years), preferably with a focus on the sciences or humanities. Due to demand and space constraints, Amsterdam University College has limited access and therefore reserves the right to review applications on motivation, background, study progress and GPA.
- 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 is only open to students of partner institutions of this programme. There are a limited number of places 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.
 The general entrance requirement is a Bachelor's degree in Social Science with a GPA of at least a 7.5 (out of 10) (equivalent to a B+/A- according to US credits system). For a complete list of entrance requirements see:
<http://coursecatalogue.uva.nl/xmlpages/page/2014-2015-en/search-programme/programme/1152/139504>
 Students accepted into the RM Urban Studies can only choose courses within this programme. All other Master courses offered at the Graduate School of Social Science are **not open** for exchange students.



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.

How to find courses / course descriptions

An overview of the various academic departments at the UvA is listed below. For each department a link is provided to their course schedule or information on how to find courses:

Amsterdam University College – Liberal Arts & Science: [courses](#)

Child Development and Education: [courses](#)

Economics & Business: [courses](#)

Humanities: [courses](#) (see left side menu for specific clusters)

Law: [courses](#)

Psychology : [courses](#)

Social Science / Communication Science: [courses](#) (see left side menu for specific clusters)

Science – Interdisciplinary Studies (Future Planet Studies): [courses](#)

Department of Research Master Urban Studies: [courses](#)

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