



Fact Sheet for Erasmus Partner Universities College of Social Sciences 2022/2023



Incoming exchange students of the College of Social Sciences are placed in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences* of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. This faculty wide programme is carried out by the International Office Social Sciences in co-operation with the department of Child Development and Education, the Department of Communication Science and the Department of Psychology.

Important Websites:

- www.uva.nl/exchange-socialsciences (prospective students)
- <https://student.uva.nl/social-sciences> (Website for students in Social Sciences)

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Nomination deadlines for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

First Semester (5 September 2022 - 3 February 2023): 15 April 2022
Full year (5 September 2022 - 30 June 2023): 15 April 2022
Second Semester (6 February 2023 - 30 June 2023): 15 September 2022

Student Application Deadlines for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

First Semester (5 September 2022 - 3 February 2023): 1 May 2022
Full year (5 September 2022 - 30 June 2023): 1 May 2022
Second Semester (6 February 2023 - 30 June 2023): 1 October 2022

For admission to the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences* we require:

- At least 1,5 years of academic training in a relevant field or 90 EC. *Note: for placement in 3rd year courses an academic training of at least 120 EC is required.*
- The GPA should be equivalent to at least a C (ECTS-system) or a “good”.
- Non-native speakers of English have to submit one of the following English proficiency tests with the following minimum score
 - TOEFL (International) IBT 92
 - TOEFL (International) PBT 570
 - IELTS 6.5
 - Language assessment in the Erasmus Mobility Tool: minimum B2 ECFR



NB: In some cases we can accept institutional tests. If in your opinion the English test reports of your institution should be accepted by us, please contact us. As a rule a test score is valid for a period of two years.

Application Procedure

- 1) We are using a nomination and application portal. You are kindly requested to nominate your selected students by using the information and the link to the UvA system that has been sent to you by email.
- 2) After having nominated your students, you will receive an email with a confirmation of your nomination(s).
- 3) After checking your nomination(s) an email will be send to your students with instructions:
- 4) - to activate their University of Amsterdam account.
- 5) - to log in to the University of Amsterdam's application portal and to submit their application.

They will be asked to upload a photocopy of the identity page of their passport, their transcript and – if applicable – their English language test result.

- 6) For non-native speakers of English: the official English test report can come in later (sent to us directly by the testing organization), but at the latest on Friday 5 August 2022

Students will be informed on their acceptance within 4 weeks after the application deadline.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar:

First semester: 5 September - 3 February
First Block: 5 September - 27 October
Second Block: 31 October – 23 December
Third Block: 9 January – 3 February

Second semester: 6 February - 30 June
First Block: 6 February – 31 March
Second Block: 3 April - 2 June
Third Block: 5 June – 30 June

Courses

Courses are mainly 6 ECTS (one block, 8 weeks) or 12 ECTS (two blocks, 16 weeks) and are mostly offered in the first two blocks of the semester. Students are expected to take a minimum of 24 ECTS per semester. A maximum of 36 ECTS per semester is allowed but not recommended since this is a very high workload for 16 weeks.

Students are expected to have an appropriate background in the field they choose. Most of the English taught courses are year 3 courses (final bachelor year); next to these courses there are some courses on a more introductory level as they serve as starting course in one of the minors. Next to these courses, students are allowed to register for a maximum of 2 courses at another faculty, for example from the *Exchange Programme - Humanities*, with whom the Faculty of Social

and Behavioural Sciences collaborates, or placement in courses of the BSc Future Planet Studies and in the elective courses of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies.

Placement in courses is in all cases dependent on the background of students and on places available. Students are strongly advised to have alternatives at hand during course registration. Changes in course registration after the course registration period will not be possible. When placement in courses of their choice is not possible we discuss options with the students individually.

The courses offered in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences* are organized around the following research priority areas and research focus points:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development and Education • Anthropology of the body • Anthropology of religion • Political anthropology • Anthropology of economy and ecology • Courses about a wide variety of regions • Communication and Society • Economic and financial geography • Environmental geography and planning • Political Geography • Urban Studies • International development Studies • Global Health, Care and Society • Global Migration • Urban Studies • Conflict studies • Gender & Sexuality studies • International Relations • Social Interactions and Interdependencies • Power, Culture, Identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society, Social Action and Inequality • Culture and Structure • Political Economy • Public Policy and Governance • Comparative Politics • Political Theory • Middle Eastern Studies • European Politics and Global Change • Work and Organisational Psychology • Brain and Cognition • Social Psychology • Psychological Methods • Clinical Developmental Psychology • Clinical Psychology • Intersectionalities (class, race, gender & sexualities) • Urban Places & Social Problems • Migration & Citizenship • Health & Society • Education & Work • Globalising Cultures
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Updated programme information and course descriptions are available in the [Course catalogue](#) after June 1.

Transcripts will be sent to the home institution within 5 weeks after the end of the semester.

Our grading table is available [here](#)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

General information for incoming students, including Visa and Insurance information:
<https://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/practical-matters.html>

Students with disabilities

Students with disabilities are advised to contact the International Office at an early stage in the admission process. [Information on services provided by the University of Amsterdam is available here.](#)

Housing

The *University of Amsterdam housing office* will send students information on the housing procedures by the end of May and early November. In the past years we were able to accommodate the majority of our incoming students, but unfortunately not all. Housing at the UvA is not guaranteed.

The rental periods are always fixed periods. Exchange students will automatically be assigned for one or two semesters (depending on the duration of the exchange).

Information email

Accepted students receive an extensive **Information email** from the International Office Social Sciences approximately 2 months before the start of the programme. This email contains:

- Instructions for course registration
- Save the date and preview of activities during introduction period

The Office for International Student Affairs publishes the UvA START Magazine, including practical information on studying in The Netherlands and at the UvA: at the UvA: [click here](#).

Orientation period

The **International Student Network** (ESN) of the Universiteit van Amsterdam organizes an Introduction period previous to the start of the semester: [click here](#)

The *International Office- Social Sciences* organises an introduction period for international student including a welcome meeting and drinks, academic meeting, lecture on plagiarism, and library skills workshops. Exchange students will receive an invitation to register on our Canvas page, for updated information about these meetings. See also <https://student.uva.nl/social-sciences>: A-Z list: Exchange students (information will become available later).

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