



Fact Sheet for Erasmus Partner Universities College of Social Sciences 2021/2022



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 2021-2022 Academic Year

First Semester (6 September 2021 - 28 January 2022): 15 April 2021

Full year (6 September 2021 - 24 June 2022): 15 April 2021

Second Semester (31 January 2022 - 24 June 2022): 15 September 2021

Student Application Deadlines for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

First Semester (6 September 2021 - 28 January 2022): 1 May 2021

Full year (6 September 2021 - 24 June 2022): 1 May 2021

Second Semester (31 January 2022 - 24 June 2022): 1 October 2021

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 88
 - 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 new 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) your students will receive an email 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 letter of motivation, 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 Monday 2 August 2021.

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

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar:

First semester:	6 September - 4 February
First Block:	6 September - 29 October
Second Block:	1 November – 24 December
Third Block:	10 January – 4 February

Second semester:	7 February - 1 July
First Block:	7 February – 1 April
Second Block:	4 April - 3 June
Third Block:	6 June – 1 July

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.. 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 • Communication and Society • Body and Culture • Religion • Power and Identity • Economic and financial geography • Political Geography • Urban Studies • International development Studies • Global Health, Care and Society • Global Migration • Global Youth Studies • Gender and Sexuality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Studies • European Politics and Global Change • International Relations • Middle Eastern Studies • Political Economy • Political Theory • Cultural Sociology • Work and Organisational Psychology • Brain & Cognition • Social Psychology • Psychological Methods • Clinical Developmental Psychology • Clinical Psychology
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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 at <https://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/disability-or-chronic-illness/disability-or-chronic-illness.html>

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 package

Accepted students receive an **Information Package** from the International Office Social Sciences approximately 2 months before the start of the programme. The Information package contains:

- Practical information about studying in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences*
- Instructions for course registration
- Information about Dutch language courses at the University of Amsterdam.

The Office for International Student Affairs publishes the UvA START Magazine, including practical information on studying in The Netherlands and at the UvA:

<https://magazines.uva.nl/magazine/start-international/cover/>

Orientation period

The **International Student Network** (ISN) of the Universiteit van Amsterdam organizes an Introduction period previous to the start of the semester: <http://isnamsterdam.nl/>

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. See <https://student.uva.nl/social-sciences> (information will become available later).

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