



ERASMUS FACT SHEET 2018-2019

University of Amsterdam

College of Communication

Incoming exchange students of the College of Communication are placed in the *Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Social Sciences*. This programme is organised by the College of Social Sciences in co-operation with the College of Communication.

Important Websites:

- www.uva.nl/exchange-communicationscience
- <http://student.uva.nl/ess>

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Nomination deadlines for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

First Semester (3 September 2018 - 1 February 2019): 15 April 2018

Full year (3 September 2018 - 28 June 2019): 15 April 2018

Second Semester (4 February 2018 - 28 June 2019): 15 September 2018

Student Application Deadlines for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

First Semester (3 September 2018 - 1 February 2019) 1 May 2018

Full year (3 September 2018 - 28 June 2019) 1 May 2018

Second Semester (4 February 2018 - 28 June 2019) 1 October 2018

For admission to the *Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Social Sciences* we require:

- At least two years of academic training in a relevant field or 120 EC.
- 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) You are kindly requested to nominate your selected students first by email to s.dejong2@uva.nl before the nomination deadline;
- 2) Your selected students have to apply online by using the online application form www.uva.nl/exchange-communicationscience > application and admission. They are asked to upload their transcript and a photocopy of the identity page of their passport;
- 3) For non-native speakers of English: the official English test report can come in later (sent to us directly by the testing organization).

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



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar:

First semester: 3 September - 1 February

First Block: 3 September - 26 October

Second Block: 29 October - 21 December

Third Block: 7 January - 1 February

Second semester: 4 February - 28 June

First Block: 4 February - 29 March

Second Block: 1 April - 31 May

Third Block: 3 June - 28 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.

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

- Communication and Media
- Conflict, Cultural Diversity and the Law
- Development Studies
- Dutch Society
- Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Global Health, Care and Society
- International Relations and Globalisation
- Politics, Governance and Democracy
- Society, Culture and Modernity
- Urban Studies

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 can take Bachelor's courses from the *Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Humanities*, with whom the faculty of Social Sciences collaborates. However Social Sciences students will have second priority in these courses so participation cannot be guaranteed.



Updated programme information and course descriptions are available at the Communication Science exchange website after June 1:

www.uva.nl/exchange-communicationscience > courses

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

Our grading table is available at: <http://student.uva.nl/ucp/az/item/grading-scheme.html>

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

General information for incoming students, including Visa and Insurance information:

<http://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 <http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/student-support/student-support.html>

Housing

The *Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Social Sciences* will apply for student housing at the UvA Housing Department, but we cannot guarantee a room.

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 *Amsterdam Exchange Programme – Social 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:

<http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/practical-matters/start-appointment/start-magazine/start-magazine.html>

Orientation period

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

- The *Amsterdam Exchange Programme - 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 <http://student.uva.nl/ess> for more information.



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