

**FACT SHEET FOR ERASMUS+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES 2019-2020***University of Amsterdam**College of Communication*

Incoming exchange students of the **College of Communication** take part in the **Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences**. All courses in the English taught programme are on advanced undergraduate level in one of the Bachelor's programmes of the College of Social Sciences; the College of Communication; the College of Child Development and Education and the College of Psychology (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; Cultural Anthropology; Sociology; Political Sciences; Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies; Communication Science; Child Development; Education; Psychology). For most courses a strong background in one of these disciplines is required; this is indicated as such in the course description.

Important Websites:

- www.uva.nl/exchange-communicationscience (prospective students)
- [Exchange programme Social and Behavioural Sciences](#) (current students)

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Nomination deadlines for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

First Semester (2 September 2019 - 31 January 2020): 15 April 2019

Full year (2 September 2019 - 26 June 2020): 15 April 2019

Second Semester (3 February 2020 - 26 June 2020): 15 September 2019

Student Application Deadlines for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

First Semester (2 September 2019 - 31 January 2020): 1 May 2019

Full year (2 September 2019 - 26 June 2020): 1 May 2019

Second Semester (3 February 2020 - 26 June 2020): 1 October 2019

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

- At least two years of academic training in a relevant field or 90 EC (Please note that for advanced courses having completed 120 EC will be required).
- The GPA should be equivalent to at least a C (ECTS-system).
- Non-native speakers of English have to submit one of the following English proficiency tests with the following minimum score
 - TOEFL (International) IBT 88
 - 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 by using the [online nomination form](#)
- 2) Your selected students have to apply online by using the online application form. They are asked to upload their transcript and a photocopy of the identity page of their passport. The instructions for application are available here: www.uva.nl/exchange-communicationscience > application and admission
- 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: 2 September - 31 January

First Block: 2 September - 25 October

Second Block: 28 October - 20 December

Third Block: 6 January - 31 January

Second semester: 3 February - 26 June

First Block: 3 February - 27 March

Second Block: 30 March - 29 May

Third Block: 1 June - 26 June (re-sits until 17 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 can take Bachelor's courses from the Exchange Programme - Humanities, with whom the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences collaborates. However, Communication Science students will have second priority in these courses so participation cannot be guaranteed

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 Science • 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 • Urban 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 • Migration • Cultural Sociology • Organisational Psychology • Brain and Cognition • Social Psychology • Psychological Methods • Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology • Clinical Psychology
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Updated programme information and course descriptions are available in the [Course Catalogue](#) after 1 June.

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:

<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 Exchange Programme will send students information on the housing procedures early June and early November. In the past years we were able to accommodate the majority of our incoming students, but unfortunately not all. Housing for incoming exchange students 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 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: <http://student.uva.nl/en/content/az/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 *Exchange Programme* 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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- Prospective students are kindly asked to contact us by using [the digital contact form](#)