

Factsheet for Erasmus Partner Universities Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences 2026/2027



Incoming exchange students of the Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences are placed in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences*. This faculty-wide programme is carried out by the Faculty International Office in cooperation with the four faculty departments: the Department of Social Sciences; Child Development and Education; the Department of Communication Science and the Department of Psychology.

Please find the most important information about the Exchange Programme here:

- www.uva.nl/exchange-social&behaviouralsciences

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Nomination deadlines for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

First Semester (31 August 2026 - 29 January 2027):	15 April 2026
Full year (31 August 2026 - 25 June 2027):	15 April 2026
Second Semester (1 February 2027 - 25 June 2027):	15 September 2026

Student Application Deadlines for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

First Semester (31 August 2026 - 29 January 2027):	1 May 2026
Full year (31 August 2026 - 25 June 2027):	1 May 2026
Second Semester (1 February 2027 - 25 June 2027):	1 October 2026

Entry requirements for Bachelor students

- Having completed 90 EC with a C average (ECTS system) in a relevant discipline before starting in the Exchange Programme – Social and Behavioural Sciences.
- Please note that for advanced courses having completed 120 EC will be required.
- A GPA 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 scores:
 - TOEFL* (International) TOEFL iBT **0 - 120**: minimum total score 92;
 - TOEFL* iBT **1 - 6**: minimum total score 4,5;
 - *please note that these criteria are subject to change
 - IELTS 6.5
 - Cambridge International Education: C1 advanced 180. Or C2 Proficiency 180
 - Language Placement test in the Erasmus Mobility Tool (Online Language Support): minimum B2 ECFR

- Language assessment by the Language Institute of your university: minimum B2 ECFR (for Erasmus students)
 - We encourage Erasmus students to use the Erasmus Language tool.
- NB. For universities in non-English speaking countries: If the degree of the students that you are sending is fully taught in English and the language requirements for admission to this programme are at least B2 English, you can request an institutional waiver for the English language requirements. If you are interested in applying for this waiver, please e-mail us your request to international-office-fmg@uva.nl with proof that the degree programme is fully taught in English and a link to the admission criteria mentioning the language requirements for English.

Entrance requirements for Master students

- Having completed a bachelor's degree in a relevant field.
- English language test for master level students equivalent to:
 - level C1 in the CEFR:
 - TOEFL iBT **0 - 120**: minimum total score 100; minimum score for the reading test 24, listening test 22, writing test 24 and speaking test 25.
 - TOEFL iBT **1 - 6**: minimum total score 5; minimum score for each test component: 5.
 - IELTS (minimum score 7.0, with a minimum of 6.5 for each test component)
 - Cambridge International Examination (C1 advanced 190, C2 proficiency))
 - *sent directly by the testing organization to the Universiteit van Amsterdam (TOEFL reporting number =9011)*

Application Procedure

- 1) We are using a nomination and application portal. We kindly request you to nominate your selected students using the information and 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 sent to your students with instructions:
 - a. to activate their University of Amsterdam account.
 - b. to log in to the University of Amsterdam's application portal and to submit their application, which consists of:
 - uploading a photocopy of the identity page of their passport,
 - uploading their transcript
 - if applicable, submitting their English language test result.
- 4) *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 1 August 2026.*

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

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic calendar:

First semester:	31 August	- 29 January
First Block:	31 August	- 23 October
Second Block:	26 October	- 18 December
Third Block:	4 January	- 29 January
Second semester:	1 February	- 25 June
First Block:	1 February	- 26 March
Second Block:	29 March	- 28 May
Third Block:	31 May	- 25 June

Courses

Most courses are 6 ECTS (one block, 8 weeks) or 12 ECTS (two blocks, 16 weeks) and are offered mainly 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 third-year courses (final bachelor year). The exchange programme also offers more introductory level courses that serve as a starting course in one of the minors. Next to these courses, students can pre-register for courses at another faculty, for example from the BSc Future Planet Studies, elective courses of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies and of the *Exchange Programme College of Humanities*. Please note that students from the own faculty have priority, which means that it is much harder to get into courses of other faculties.

Placement in courses always depends on the educational 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 will discuss options with the students individually before the start of the semester. Please note that we cannot guarantee placement in specific courses as the allocation in courses is done via a lottery system. If a student needs a specific course as requirement we can try to accommodate, only when the partner university confirms this is the case. .

The courses offered in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences* are organised around the following research priority areas of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

• Child Development and Education • Anthropology of the Body • Anthropology of Religion • 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 • Sustainability • Computational Social Science	• 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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The courses offered in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences* are part of one of the study programmes taught at the faculty:

- Child Development and Education
- Communication Science
- Psychology
- Cultural and Social Anthropology
- Human Geography and Urban Planning
- Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Computational Social Science

Updated programme information and course descriptions are available in the [course catalogue 2025-26](#)

Transcripts will be sent to the home institution within five 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 can be found on our website: [Practical information](#).

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

Amsterdam faces an ongoing housing crisis and securing accommodation can take several months. Finding permanent housing often requires considerable time, effort and costs. The UvA cannot guarantee housing or help for incoming students as the housing crisis goes beyond our capacity. However, the UvA has a certain amount of rooms available for incoming exchange students. After acceptance, in June (for semester 1/full year) and in November (for semester 2) the student will receive an email about the application procedure for student housing (lottery). 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).

More information on UvA International Student Housing can be found on uva.nl/housing.

Please note that the chances to find a room are significantly higher in the spring semester.

We recommend students to withdraw their exchange if they cannot find a place to live before they arrive.

Information email

Accepted students receive an extensive **information email** from the faculty International Office approximately two months before the start of the programme. This email contains:

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

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

Orientation period

The Erasmus **Student Network** (ESN) of the Universiteit van Amsterdam organises an Introduction period before the start of the semester: [click here](#)

The *International Office- Social and Behavioural Sciences* organizes an introduction period for international students including an orientation meeting, an *Official Welcome* meeting with drinks, a midterm meeting, library skills workshops, and a goodbye meeting. Exchange students will receive an invitation to register for these sessions and on our Canvas page they may find updated information about these meetings.

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- Prospective students are kindly asked to contact us by using the [digital contact form](#).