

BSc Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE)

Fact Sheet¹

Academic Year 2025-2026

General Information	
Name of institution	UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM (UvA) NL AMSTERD01
Name of department/faculty	Exchange Office PPLE Address: University of Amsterdam PPLe College Roeterseiland Campus Building P Plantage Muidergracht 24 1018 TV Amsterdam The Netherlands
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Websites	• General information PPLe programme • General information for exchange students at UvA • Course Catalogue

Facts & Figures	The University of Amsterdam (UvA) was established in 1632. It is a comprehensive research university consisting of 7 different faculties located on several city campuses in Amsterdam, accommodating over 40,000 students. UvA has an excellent international reputation, it is ranked in the Top 100 of universities worldwide and is one of the most international university in the Netherlands (QS 2019). The majority of its Master's programmes are English-taught, as well as a number of Bachelor's programmes, e.g. PPLe. PPLe is an interdisciplinary undergraduate programme that is unique in the Netherlands. It is small-scale and selective, with a limited annual intake of students. Its student body is diverse, approximately 65% of students are international. After the first year of academic core and interdisciplinary courses, PPLe students choose their major from 4 different specialisations: Politics, Psychology, Law or Economics and Business.
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Academic information

Courses open to exchange students	Second and third-year major courses are open to exchange students in the PPLE programme on the condition that students have completed an introductory course in the specific discipline before. ➔ In all cases, priority will be given to PPLE students who need to complete degree requirements. The regular (full-time) study load is 30 ECTS per semester. Students can choose to enroll in the first or second semester (or, in some cases, for a full-year exchange). One semester is composed of three blocks. Students must take at least 3 PPLE courses during their semester exchange and 6 PPLE courses during a full-year exchange.
Restrictions	Exchange students are <u>not</u> allowed to take Research Lab, the Bachelor's thesis and PPLE core/'shared programme' courses.
Entrance requirements PPLE programme	• To study in the PPLE programme, students should have completed at least 2 full academic years of courses and have obtained at least 30 ECTS in two or more of the 4 PPLE disciplines. • Exchange student must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent. • Exchange students must meet the same language requirements as regular PPLE students, see: https://pple.uva.nl/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/english-proficiency-requirements/english-language-requirements.html
Course registration	Exchange students will be contacted by the PPLE exchange office in order to register for courses.
Course placement	If a course attracts more students than there are places, PPLE degree students will have priority.
Electives outside of PPLE course offering	In principle, exchange students can only take courses from the PPLE curriculum. We can facilitate registering for a course at a different faculty upon request (dependent on capacity as well).
Academic calendar	First semester: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 30 January 2026 Second semester: Monday 2 February 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026 Each semester contains 3 academic blocks. For more information on the academic calendar, please see our website.

Academic Introduction	Introductory meetings will be planned to take place in the first week of the semester. Students will be informed of the exact date and time after they have been accepted as an incoming PPLE exchange student.
Intro programme for exchange students	Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam (ESN) https://esn-amsterdam.nl/ See website for introduction programme dates.
Nomination deadline for partner universities	Partner universities will be sent an email with a link to the online nomination form when the nomination period opens. Nomination deadlines: • First Semester: 1 April 2025 (starting September 2025) • Second Semester: 15 September 2025 (starting February 2026) Exchange students from partner universities have to be nominated by their home university.
Application deadline for students	First semester: 1 May 2025 (starting September 2025) Second semester: 15 October 2025 (starting February 2026)

Practical Information

Approximate costs of living	During their stay in Amsterdam, students can expect to spend between €935 and €1.500 per month on living expenses. Costs are roughly as follows: • visa/residence permit (if not EU national): €210, one-time fee • accommodation: €650 - €1.200 per month • general living expenses: €400 - €500 per month • insurance: €35 - €100 per month • books: €50 - €100 per month • public transport (optional): €40 - €100 To compare living costs between the home university and Amsterdam, you can make use of this website for a comprehensive overview: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp
Housing	Accepted students will be invited to apply for housing via the UvA's Housing Office. Housing is allocated on the basis of a lottery system. Due to the severe housing shortage in Amsterdam, the UvA is unable to guarantee housing for all incoming exchange students. Students who do not receive housing from the UvA must find their own accommodation on the private market. More information can be found on the UvA's Housing Office website.

Immigration	Incoming exchange students who require a residence permit for their stay in Amsterdam will be invited to apply after receiving their acceptance to the PPLE Exchange Programme. More information on the immigration procedure can be found here: https://www.uva.nl/en/education/practical-information/visas-and-permits/visas-and-permits.html
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Grading & Transcripts	
Grades	The Dutch grading system applies a scale of 1-10; 6 being sufficient and 10 being highest. A grade of 10 is exceptional and rarely awarded. Refer to: https://www.uva.nl/en/education/studying-at-the-uva/educational-style-grading-and-credits/education-style-grading-and-credits.html After students have completed their courses, their grades will be published in SIS, the student administration system. Students can view their grades in SIS, provided they have an UvANetID and password: https://www.sis.uva.nl/
Transcripts	The PPLE Exchange Office will send the transcripts by mail to the student and the exchange coordinators /partner universities.