

# **Semester Abroad Guide**

Fall 2021  
and  
Spring 2022



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# Foreword

Why study at UCM? Because you want to be “educated” of course, which literally means “being guided out of” (a state of insufficient insight, a narrow point of view, a limited skill set). Education is liberating. The curriculum we have put together at UCM is all about removing biases (and seeing the world anew), freeing you from fears (to engage with experts in other disciplines), and working across borders (be they cultural, national, or methodological). But no eye opener is quite as effective as studying abroad, no single course quite as enriching, no skills training quite as adventurous. I am speaking from experience.

We are very fortunate at UCM that we can bring part of the globe to UCM itself. The Nieuwenhof is probably the most international academic site within Maastricht University. Nevertheless, there is still a difference between encountering scholars and students hailing from different foreign countries at UCM, and living and studying yourself in a foreign country. Hence, UCM is proud to offer an extensive semester abroad program that will enable you to reside a full semester at one of the more than fifty universities around the world with which UCM has exchange agreements. We strongly encourage you to explore our semester abroad opportunities. Our IRO team is standing ready to assist you, discuss various options, and navigate the added complexities that COVID-19 is currently generating.

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# IMPORTANT

## Special announcement regarding the outbreak of COVID-19

At the time of publishing this guide (September 2020) a lot is still unclear about the semester abroad possibilities in 2021-2022. Depending on the circumstances, it might be that exchange programs will be cancelled. We therefore advise you to stay updated and to get in touch with UCM's IRO office should you have any question.

Your privacy is important to Maastricht University and UM therefore treats your data with care. You can find UM's privacy statement here:

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/international-relations-office-internship-office-privacy-statement](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/international-relations-office-internship-office-privacy-statement)

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# List of partner universities 2021-2022

## Obtaining information on your host university

Information is available from a variety of sources and it is worthwhile to investigate these well in advance of your departure:

- Websites  
The most current and up-to-date information is available on the relevant university websites. It is advisable to study these carefully and note important dates such as academic calendars, course descriptions and availability, orientation periods etc.
- Brochures  
More and more universities have their information about course offerings, course descriptions and so on, on the internet only. However, a few still send brochures and other printed material. If so, it is available in the IRO office.
- UCM students  
Who are currently abroad, or reports from the students who have been at your host university. These reports are available digitally. You can send an email to [ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl) to request reports. Students currently abroad will provide many useful tips and 'inside' information that may save you time when you arrive at your host university. There is also a Facebook group called 'Maastricht University UCM semester abroad' that many past and present exchange students have joined.
- Exchange students currently at UCM  
As UCM is also receiving students from the universities to which you will be going, it would be worthwhile to make contact with these students. You might meet them in your tutorial group, or at Universalis events, but, of course, you can also ask the IRO how to contact them.

## Availability

Please note that some exchange programs are limited to students within a specific concentration. In addition, the availability of places for student exchange is subject to change and depends on the overall exchange balance between the participating institutions.

Available places will be allocated on a competitive basis (according to PR, GPA and letter of motivation).

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**You should under no circumstances whatsoever contact the university with your questions until you are given permission to do so.**

## UCM's partner universities outside Europe

Country	University	City	Language of instruction	Page number
Australia	Monash University	Melbourne	English	24
Australia	The Australian National University	Canberra	English	25
Australia	The University of Adelaide (not available in 21-22)	Adelaide	English	25
Australia	The University of New South Wales	Sydney	English	25
Australia	The University of Queensland (not available in 21-22)	Brisbane	English	26
Australia	The University of Sydney (not available in 21-22)	Sydney	English	26
Australia	The University of Western Australia, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts	Perth	English	27
Botswana	The University of Botswana	Gaborone	English	27
Brazil	Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro	Portuguese	28
Canada	Queen's University, Faculty of Arts and Science	Kingston	English	29
Canada	Simon Fraser University, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Sciences (not available in 21-22)	Vancouver	English	30
Canada	L'Université de Montréal	Montréal	French	30
Chile	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	Santiago	Spanish	31
China	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	English	32
China	The City University of Hong Kong, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	Hong Kong	English	33
Ecuador	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Quito	Spanish	33
Japan	Waseda University, School of International Liberal Studies	Tokyo	English	34
Mexico	Universidad Iberoamericana, Philosophy, Psychology and Political Science and Public Administration	Mexico	Spanish	35
Mexico	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Monterrey	Spanish	36
New Zealand	The University of Waikato (not available in 21-22)	Hamilton	English	37
Peru	Universidad del Pacífico	Lima	Spanish	37
Singapore	Singapore Management University	Singapore	English	37
South Korea	Korea University	Seoul	English	38
South Korea	Seoul National University	Seoul	English	39
South Korea	Yonsei University	Seoul	English	40
Taiwan	National Taiwan University	Taipei	English	40



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USA	American University	Washington D.C.	English	42
USA	Babson College	Babson Park, Massachusetts	English	42
USA	The University of California, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campus		English	43
USA	The George Washington University (not available in 21-22)	Washington D.C.	English	44
USA	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Geneva, New York	English	44
USA	University of Connecticut, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Connecticut	English	45
USA	University of Maryland / Honors College / Gemstone Program	College Park	English	46
USA	University of Richmond	Virginia	English	47
USA	University of Vermont, Honors College	Burlington	English	48
USA	University of Washington, Honors Program (not available in 21-22)	Seattle	English	48

## UCM's partner universities within Europe

Country	University	City	Language of instruction	Page number
Denmark	University of Aarhus / School of Business & Social Sciences	Aarhus	English	49
Finland	University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences	Helsinki	English	49
France	L'Institut d'Études Politiques / Sciences Po	Lille	French	50
France	l'Institut d'Études Politiques / Sciences Po	Toulouse	French	51
Germany	University College Freiburg	Freiburg	Germany	51
Germany	Double Degree Program with University College Freiburg	Freiburg	Germany	52
Italy	LUISS Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli	Roma	Italian / English	52
Norway	University of Oslo, Faculty of Social Sciences	Oslo	English	53
Poland	University of Warsaw, Faculty of "Artes Liberales"	Warsaw	English / Polish / German	53
Slovak Republic	Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts	Bratislava	English	54
Spain	Universidad Carlos III, School of Humanities and School of Law and Social Sciences	Madrid	Spanish	55
Spain	Universidad de Granada, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología	Granada	Spanish	55
Spain	Universidad de Salamanca, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales <b>(not available in 21-22)</b>	Salamanca	Spanish	56
Turkey	Bilkent University, Department of Political Science and Department of International Relations	Ankara	English	56
Turkey	Boğaziçi University, Department of Sociology and the Department of Western Languages and Literature	Istanbul	English	57
United Kingdom	King's College London, Department of International European Studies <b>(not available in 21-22)</b>	London	English	57
United Kingdom	University College London, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences	London	English	58
United Kingdom	University of Exeter, Flexible Combined Honours programme	London	English	58
United Kingdom	Leeds University, School of Politics and International Studies	Leeds	English	59
United Kingdom	University of Sussex	Brighton	English	60
United Kingdom	University of York	York	English	60

## Semester abroad: exchange or study abroad

There are two ways to organize your semester abroad. Either you take part in one of the exchange programs set up by UCM, or you can organize your semester abroad yourself. This means that you are called either an "exchange student", or a "study abroad student".

Both as an exchange or a study abroad student you need to remain registered at UCM while you are on your semester abroad. Therefore, you pay your tuition fee to Maastricht University and consequently you will have access to academic advising and all other regular services provided by the various offices of the university.

Exchange students do not have to pay a tuition fee to the host university abroad. Study abroad students usually will only be accepted by a host university after payment of a tuition fee to that university. Normally this fee is called a study abroad fee and you will be accepted by that university as a study abroad student, not intending to graduate at that university.

If you would like to arrange your own semester abroad program, please contact the International Relations Office well in advance as well. By phone: 043-3885475, or by e-mail: [ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

All requirements, rules and regulations mentioned in this Semester Abroad Guide and those set by the UCM Board of Examiners and published in the UCM Student Handbook, refer to both exchange and study abroad students.

## Study abroad / free mover

Students who wish to organize their semester abroad on their own are called Study Abroad Students, or sometimes free movers. UCM fully supports these students but you should be aware that, as just said, all rules and regulations for spending a semester at a foreign university under UCM's Semester Abroad Program apply to you as well.

Being a Study Abroad student absolutely means that you will have to invest more time (and money) in your semester abroad. You will spend copious hours online researching and trying to find out which university will suit you best. Perhaps you already know to which university you want to go to, but the necessary paperwork might be overwhelming.

Just keep in mind that you can always turn to the IRO for any help. Ina, Suzanne and Sylvia are there to help you.

Once you have selected the university or a few universities you are interested in, you are advised to make an appointment with Ina to discuss the following items:

- course load, credit conversion and grade conversion
- how to deal with a possible semester overlap
- the documentation needed for the Board of Examiners to approve of your plans. The Board of Examiners will decide whether the university you have selected can be compared with the level of UCM's other exchange partner universities.

As soon as your study abroad is approved of by the Board of Examiners, you follow the usual UCM procedure for students going abroad on exchange programs. With the approval of the Board of Examiners, you also qualify for a UCM-scholarship. This scholarship covers only a small part of your extra expenses and will never cover the tuition fee that you will have to pay at your host institution now that you are not going as an exchange student. In order to receive this scholarship, it is necessary that you inform the IRO about your plans preferably at least 6 months before you intend to leave.

Study abroad applications are of course dependent on the host institutions' deadlines and consequently you do not have to apply for UCM's Semester Abroad Program as described in the next paragraphs.

## Where to start?

Going on a semester abroad requires a lot of preparation. From the time of application until you arrive at your destination and still some paperwork after you have returned to UCM for your last semester(s). On pages 62 and 63 you will find overviews of all the steps that are involved for going on a semester abroad in fall 2021 or spring 2022. These overviews will give you an idea about the procedure.

You can start researching your exchange options at any time. Consult our partner universities' websites for subject areas, academic calendar, etc. Do not forget to check whether the university might have a YouTube channel on which you might find a lot of information. Talk to your Academic Advisor about your ideas and possibilities and meet with the International Relations Officer. You can either drop by the office to make an appointment (room 1.032), or contact through Email: [ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl). You should under no circumstances contact our partner universities directly until you have been allocated to a university and you have been given permission to do so.

Initial research for a host university should be based upon your academic interest and whether offered courses fit into your concentration at UCM. Sometimes it may be difficult to find detailed course information at host universities. Keep in mind that certain universities offer specific courses for exchange students. For example, if you are interested in Criminology, you should not apply to Aarhus School of Business & Social Sciences/Aarhus University in Denmark, whereas if you are interested in Marketing and Management Communication, Aarhus would be a perfect place for you!

You are strongly advised to select a university that offers a substantial wide variety of courses you are interested in.

In other years, the IRO office organizes a few special in house events to help you to gather as much information as possible about the university or universities you are interested in. Because of the measurements taken to prevent further outbreak of COVID 19, these events are organized differently and not in person.

First of all the **Orientation Lecture**. This one is usually organized in the Lecture Hall, but this fall you can check out the presentation on MyUCM. Go to Semester Abroad (top of the page) and scroll down to the heading: Overview.

Instead of the **annual Semester Abroad Fair**, the IRO has asked students who have studied at one of these partner universities, or who are students at these universities and have studied at UCM on exchange, to be so kind as to allow the IRO to publish their names and email addresses on MyUCM. You will find that overview when you scroll even further on the same page as mentioned in the earlier paragraph. This overview will be available until November 10<sup>th</sup>, so only until the deadline of submitting your application for fall 2021.

# Application and allocation procedure

The application procedure for the **Fall 2021** and **Spring 2022** starts with reading this guide from cover to cover.

The deadline and time schedule for the **Fall 2021** procedure is as follows:

- Submitting the online application forms via the StudentPortal:  
**deadline 2 p.m. on Monday 9 November, 2020**
- Preliminary allocation for Fall 2021 will be announced before Christmas
- Participants need to confirm their allocated place before  
**2 p.m. on Monday 4 January, 2021**
- Registration at host university will start from January 2021 onwards
- Submit the Semester Abroad Study Plan three months before departure
- Depending on the circumstances, a pre-departure information session will be held at the end of January and a Meet & Greet event is scheduled for March 2021

The deadline and time schedule for the **Spring 2022** procedure is as follows:

- Submitting the online application forms via the StudentPortal:  
**deadline 2 p.m. on Monday 22 March, 2021.**
- Preliminary allocation for Spring 2022 will be announced mid April
- Participants need to confirm their allocated place by late April
- Registration at host university will start from June 2021 onwards
- Submit the Semester Abroad Study Plan three months before departure
- Pre-departure information session and a Meet & Greet event are scheduled for October 2021

## ► Important – FEBRUARY ENTRY

If you started your UCM-program in February 2020 you should apply for the **Fall 2021** semester if you want to go abroad during your 4<sup>th</sup> semester, by the 9 November application deadline. If you want to go abroad in your 5<sup>th</sup> semester, you need to apply for the **Spring 2022** semester, and you should submit your application on Monday 9 November 2020 as well.

## Eligibility requirements

Eligibility criteria for a semester abroad are:

- You must be enrolled as full-time student at UCM (so see to it that your UM-registration is valid and that you have paid your tuition fees!!)
- You must go abroad during your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester
- Students planning to go abroad in their 4<sup>th</sup> semester should have a minimum PR of 0.80 at the time of application; students planning to go abroad in their 5<sup>th</sup> semester should have a minimum PR of 0.85 at the time of application ;
- All students need to have a Progress Rate of at least 0.85 three months prior to departure as well as just before leaving;
- Before you go abroad, you must have passed:
  - SKI1008 Introduction to Academic Skills I
  - SKI1009 Introduction to Academic Skills II
  - PRO1010 Introducing Academic Communication
  - SKI1004 Research Methods I
  - SKI1005 Research Methods II
  - PRO1012 Research Proposal Writing
- Approval from the Board of Examiners
- You must fulfill the language requirements of the host institution
- You must have at least one semester yet to complete at UCM on return, and
- You must be aware that other eligibility criteria may apply for a host university at the time of application, but also during the host university's application procedure.

## Transfer students

In order to graduate with a UCM degree, you have to follow at least 120 ECTS at UCM. No exceptions are made.

Transfer students are only allowed to go abroad if 30 ECTS or less are transferred.

Do not forget that transfer credits do not count towards your UCM GPA and PR.

## Language requirements

A large number of the courses at host institutions are offered in the local language therefore you will have to meet any proficiency requirements. Do not underestimate these proficiency requirements. Some host institutions will evaluate your level upon your arrival and based on that intake, they decide whether you have to take additional language courses. This might result in a higher course load. It is your responsibility to meet the language requirements of our host institutions. Therefore you should submit a proof of language proficiency (**at least intermediate level [=B2 on CEFR scale]** at the time of application) together with your application for participating in the Semester Abroad Program. For proof of language, please contact the language center at UM, who are willing to assist you. You should bear in mind that if your language proficiency appears to be insufficient, the host university has the right to exclude you from the exchange program.

More and more UCM partner universities offer courses in English and you might not need the local language to follow classes. However, you still need to meet the local language requirements, as UCM wants you to also do courses in the local language, as it does not make sense to go to that country if you are not fluent in the local language. This especially counts for French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese speaking locations.

According to the Regulations set by the Board of Examiners, published at the student portal, you can take language courses as study skills to a maximum of 5 ECTS. Credits for language training during your semester abroad exceeding 5 ECTS can appear on your transcript, but do not count towards the 180 ECTS you need for graduation.

Depending on your native language, some host institutions require a TOEFL test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) for courses in English despite the fact that you are enrolled in a program taught in English. Check this (see relevant information per partner university in this guide) as soon as you are selected, since you should register and take the test well before you leave. For more information and the registration procedure, see: [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). The fee for the TOEFL test is \$255.

## Exceptional circumstances

Unfortunately, your planned semester abroad may become impossible because of exceptional circumstances. Sometimes the host university rejects your application. It might be a language requirement (for instance, if your language proficiency appears to be insufficient) or an entrance requirement for a certain course.

Furthermore, a host university has the right to withdraw acceptance when there is an imbalance in the number of exchange students between the two institutions. If this happens, you will have priority in the re-allocation of available places.

There might also be exceptional personal circumstances that may play a role in your semester abroad plans. Do not hesitate to inform either the Board of Examiners or the International Relations Office so that it can be taken into account.

For your safety, you are not allowed to study at a host university when there is a negative travel advice (codes orange and red) for that country as issued by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. See:

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/support/during-your-studies/studying-abroad/guidelines-study-trips-risk-areas>

## Academic calendar

Academic calendars elsewhere vary from UCM's calendar. The American academic year, in most cases, runs from September to early May, and at most institutions it is divided into two semesters, but sometimes in three terms. In Australia, New Zealand and Latin America, the academic year usually starts in February, there is a winter break in July, and the second semester ends in November. These differences in academic calendars will influence your decision on when to go abroad and how these dates fit into your UCM calendar. Please also note that the opportunities to spend a semester abroad at one of UCM's partner universities, sometimes differ per semester. Some universities, like the University of Washington in Seattle, are only on offer for students who like to go in UCM's spring semester.

## Deadlines

When you have decided to participate in the application procedure for a semester abroad period in **fall 2021**, you should submit the online application form before:

**2 p.m. Monday 9 November 2020**

When you have decided to participate in the application procedure for a semester abroad period in **spring 2022**, you should submit the online application form before:

**2 p.m. Monday 22 March 2021**

The online application form is to be found via the StudentPortal. Applications submitted after the 2 p.m. deadline will not be dealt with!

## Allocation

From 9 November 2020 onwards, the allocation procedure starts. Eligible students will be allocated based on:

- specific requirements set by the host universities
- GPA
- Progress Rate (PR), and
- letter of motivation

It is important that you check whether you are eligible for a semester abroad. You can find the eligibility requirements on page 11. One of these requirements is a PR (Progress Rate) of 0.80 or 0.85 as a minimum. If more eligible students have applied for the same location, the combination of the GPA, PR and letter of motivation will become the decisive factor.

You are requested to list 4 universities on the application form, which will give us the opportunity to allocate you to a university you want to go to. You may list more or less universities, giving you more or less alternative choices.

It is important that you mention in your letter of motivation in what academic area you would like to take courses and why you selected the courses you listed. If there are any personal circumstances that have played a role in your academic performance, than do not forget to mention that in your letter as well. There is no need to specify the circumstances.

In the interest of exchange agreements, UCM reserves the right to assign students to a different host institution than requested by the student. Of course, we will discuss an alternate allocation with you.

Publication of allocation:

- For students who want to spend their semester abroad in fall 2021 the allocation will be published before Christmas 2020.
- For students who want to spend their semester abroad in spring 2022 the allocation will be published mid-April 2021.

After you have been assigned to an exchange location, you will receive a confirmation form. Only after you have returned this confirmation form your allocation will be final (provided that the host university will accept you at a later stage as well; see next paragraph).

Please note that students who are applying to go abroad in their 5<sup>th</sup> semester have preference over students applying for their 4<sup>th</sup> semester. This has to do with the limited number of places available and the possibility of the latter students to apply for their 5<sup>th</sup> semester in a later stage again.

After the "Fall 2021" students have confirmed their offer, a list of available places for "Spring 2022" students will be published on the Student Portal by mid-January 2021.

## Host University application procedure

After you have handed in your confirmation that you accept the offered place, the next step is that UCM nominates you to the host university. Most host universities have their own application form that you must submit before their deadline. If this is the case, the IRO will give this form to you or will inform you where to find it on the internet (almost all universities have an on-line application procedure). Please note that the host university has the final authority to accept or reject UCM nominees.

From the moment that you have submitted your confirmation form, you have to decide upon the courses you want to take at your host university.

You should pay careful consideration to possible pitfalls. Some courses run a whole year, others are offered in either the fall or the spring semester. Some courses might not be offered in even calendar years. You should try to make sure that you make the right choices. For some host universities it will be easier to get this information than from others.

After you have done this, you should discuss your course selection with your Academic Advisor. Once your Academic Advisor and you agree upon your selection, you have to submit your Semester Abroad Study Plan at the Board of Examiners for approval. You will receive information about this procedure automatically four to five months before you leave. The Board of Examiners will decide how your semester abroad will be valued in UCM credits before you leave. You should apply for credit and have your semester abroad course selection approved by the Board of Examiners **before** you begin your studies abroad. Retroactive credit will not be granted.

For more information, check the "Academics" section below.

## Withdrawal

Until you have submitted your confirmation form, you can withdraw from the semester abroad procedure without any consequences.

However, if you withdraw after you have submitted your confirmation form, you must pay € 150 administration fee and you are excluded from future participation in the exchange programs offered by UCM. There might be personal circumstances that force you to withdraw. If so, the Board of Examiners will decide upon the administration fee and upon opportunities for future participation.

# Academics

## Courses

The courses you take at the host university in your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester should be carefully selected so as to fit well into your program of study at UCM. These courses might affect your choice of UCM courses (or vice versa). Hence you should talk about course choices with your Academic Advisor at an early stage. For example, you should know which courses you may take while abroad in order to fulfill requirements at UCM. Together with your Academic Advisor, you should make sure that the selected courses will satisfy all requirements.



Such pre-departure planning helps to assure that you receive the maximum academic credit for the work you do abroad. It is up to you to make sure that the courses undertaken at the host university will be granted as credit towards your UCM degree.

To assist in planning your course selection abroad you should consult the host institutions' websites. Before you discuss your choices with your Academic Advisor, you should do the following:

- identify the normal full-time study load at the host university (see this guide from page 24 onwards)
- prepare a short-list of potential courses for your advisor to consider
- obtain course descriptions and/or outlines, and
- identify the assessment requirements.

Please note that the four compulsory **core courses** must be taken at UCM and hence cannot be part of the semester abroad.

It goes without saying that you also need to do the Capstone at UCM during your last semester.

Most of our American partner universities work on a two-semester system. These semesters do not last as long as at UCM. They last 16 weeks in total, where UCM's semester lasts 20 weeks. That means that if you want to do a full load (30 ECTS) at your host, you will have to work really hard. The Board of Examiners has decided that if you want to take a lesser study load, you can do so, but you will have to come back to UCM to do the project at the end of the same semester to make up for your missing credits. You should ask for approval before you leave.

At the University of California (except for Berkeley) the terms last only 12 weeks. You cannot receive more than 25 ECTS for course work at one of these UC destinations and therefore you will have to come back to UCM earlier to catch up on missing credits.

Please note that the equivalence of 30 ECTS is the maximum number of credits for a semester abroad that will be granted towards your UCM degree.

## Language courses

According to the Regulations set by the Board of Examiners published at the student portal, you can take language courses as study skills to a maximum of 5 ECTS. Credits for language training during your semester abroad exceeding 5 ECTS can appear on your transcript, but do not count towards the 180 ECTS you need for graduation.

## Semester Abroad Study Plan

On the online "Semester Abroad Study Plan" (which information will be emailed to you well before you leave) you indicate which courses you plan to take during your semester abroad. Together with this Study Plan, you hand in course descriptions of the courses you plan to take and your updated UCM Matrix Form on which you indicate how these courses abroad fit into your UCM-program. For your information: the foreign academic load of 30 ECTS replaces 4 courses, 2 skills and 1 project.

Do not forget that you should apply for credit and have approval by the Board of Examiners approximately three months before you begin your studies abroad. Retroactive credit will not be granted, and as a consequence, your semester abroad will not be part of your UCM-degree and you will not be eligible for any semester abroad scholarship.

## Course registration

Some host universities require that you register for courses before you arrive (though this does not imply the course selection is binding). At other universities, you register for your selected courses upon arrival.

Given that the courses you have so carefully chosen are not always available, you are asked to fill out alternative courses on the Semester Abroad Study Plan. If it turns out that you will have to do one of these alternatives instead of your first choice, you do not have to do anything.

If you are required to enroll in a course that you did not originally receive approval for, you should contact your Academic Advisor and re-submit the semester abroad study plan via MyUCM. You only need to indicate the changes. The Board of Examiners will approve or deny your new course changes via email. Please keep copies of all enrolment changes.

It is advisable that you take home syllabi, completed work, exams and other course information (e.g. number of contact hours, course format, course outline and reading list, or any other information on the level of the course). This information helps the Board of Examiners to evaluate the course work you completed, and it might also be important material for your portfolio.

If you have extra time at your host university beyond the approved study program, you may be able to enroll in additional courses, that is, if the host university allows you to. If you are interested in taking additional courses you should discuss this with your Academic Advisor. Please note that the equivalence of 30 ECTS is the maximum number of credits for a semester abroad that will be granted towards your UCM degree.

## Credits and grades

At the end of your time abroad, an original hard copy transcript (or an encrypted electronic version) from the host institution must be sent to UCM. It is your responsibility to see to it that UCM receives your transcript. UCM credit is awarded for all pre-approved courses taken and passed. UCM will convert course work you took abroad into UCM curriculum requirements, course levels, ECTS credits and grades. Thus, a student's UCM transcript is the complete and only official record of that work.

The UCM Board of Examiners has already evaluated foreign grades which can be transferred to UCM grades. You will find this Grade Conversion Table in Appendix 3. These converted grades will count towards your GPA.

The maximum number of transferable ECTS obtained abroad is 30 (equal to one semester) which is a normal full-time study load. If you want to transfer more or less credits than 30 ECTS for your semester abroad period, you have to add a motivation letter to the Semester Abroad Study Plan.

What if you fail a course? The Board of Examiners will only award credits for courses that you have successfully completed.

## Finances

### Costs of health insurance, travel and living

Obviously, the costs of your semester abroad will depend on the country you go to and length of your stay. Available grants will only cover a (small) part of your expenses so you should expect to spend additional personal savings and/or to receive parental support. Furthermore, the costs for visa and/or residence permits can be very high. In general, you could say that a semester abroad (maximum 5 months) will set you back at least between € 6.000 - € 10.000 (especially Washington D.C. is expensive), depending on your destination and your pattern of spending.

Most universities in the USA and in Canada, require you to buy their obligatory health insurance. You are advised to always check whether you can get a waiver so that your own health insurance is accepted and you do not have to pay the one from the university. This might be a hassle to arrange, but worthwhile. The Australian study visa will only be issued if you buy the Australian Overseas Student Health Cover insurance. You will be informed by your host university about these procedures once you are accepted. Remember that universities in other countries might also require you to buy their health insurance (like South Korea).

Many universities in the US will also ask students to document compliance with immunization requirements and tuberculosis screening.

More and more universities also ask a fee to attend the compulsory introduction week. Costs differ from 100 US\$ up to 320 US\$ (UC Berkeley).

**DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE ALL COSTS.** Best thing to do is to compile a proper and realistic budget. Check international exchange rates and align these with the local standard of living. You can find more information on: [www.wilweg.nl/english-information/funding](http://www.wilweg.nl/english-information/funding) . Another website to get an overview of the costs, is: <https://www.vsbfonds.nl/studiebeurzen/beurs-aanvragen/kosten-en-ervaringen> (unfortunately only in Dutch). Or google: "study and living expenses in .....".

## Financial aid

While you are not required to pay tuition fees at your host institution as an exchange student, you will be responsible for all other expenses. To cover a part of these, depending on the kind of exchange program, you will receive either an Erasmus+ grant (in general for within the EU-countries) or a UCM grant. Please note that if you do not meet the conditions under which these scholarships are granted, you will have to return the money.

### Erasmus+

The Erasmus+ program is an EU-funded education program, designed to encourage students to expand their university education by spending a period of study in another EU member state. The funds are provided ONLY for formally organized student exchange programs involving specific universities with which UCM has signed a Bilateral Agreement. As an Erasmus student you will receive an allowance to cover the additional travel and living expenses of your stay abroad: the Erasmus+ grant. The amount of this grant is determined on an annual basis by Nuffic and is related to the number of days you spend abroad in the context of your studies. The standard amount is linked to your country of destination.

### UCM grant for Semester Abroad

UCM also has exchange agreements with universities in countries outside the European Union. Students who are going to one of these host institutions will receive a UCM Semester Abroad grant.

You do not have to apply for these grants separately from your application procedure. As soon as you have returned the student contract that you will automatically receive for your semester abroad, UCM will see to it that you will receive 70 per cent of this grant –if possible- before your departure. The remaining 30 per cent will be transferred to your account upon receipt of all required documents you have to hand in when you return, and after your courses, grades and credits have been processed by the Board of Examiners.

## Dutch "Studiefinanciering" and public transport student card (OV-card)

For those of you who receive the Dutch "Studiefinanciering" it is important to know that if you are registered as a full-time student at UCM and your semester abroad is recognized as part of your UCM program, your "studiefinanciering" will continue while you are abroad. Unfortunately, this does not apply to non-Dutch students who receive their studiefinanciering based on the numbers of hours they work in the Netherlands. These students will not receive studiefinanciering while on their semester abroad.

It is possible to discontinue your public transport student card while abroad. You need to fill out the relevant DUO - IB-form called "Aanvraag OV-vergoeding buitenland/Verklaring onderwijsinstelling". This form can be downloaded from the DUO-IB-groep website: [www.duo.nl](http://www.duo.nl). It has to be signed by the IRO office.

## Other scholarships

Students who study at UCM on another financial aid program (other than the Dutch Studiefinanciering), should inform their sponsor about their semester abroad plans well in advance. They should talk to their bursar about what can and cannot be applied to a semester abroad program.

## Other grants for studying abroad

Sometimes there are additional grants available for studying abroad. Information can be found at the university's "Informatiecentrum voor Studie en Loopbaan" in the Bonnefanten building (Student Service Center). Information can be found on their website: [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl); go to 'Support' then 'During your studies' and then 'Grants for outgoing students'. Most of these grants, however, are for graduate studies or for medical internships.

## Accommodation

Some universities have on-campus accommodation available for exchange students. Normally you need to complete application forms in advance for these places. Information on this and forms are usually received in the information packs from the host university. In some cases, you may be required to pay a deposit which you are encouraged to pay as quickly as possible, as most on-campus accommodation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Most universities have a housing department that will assist you and give you advice about finding a place to live. With early planning, most students generally do not have any major problems in finding accommodation.

UCM is not responsible for your accommodation abroad – this is ultimately your responsibility. Remember to contact students who are currently studying at your host university, or students from your host university currently studying at UCM, for advice on accommodation. The UCM Semester Abroad Facebook group is a great way to check for rooms. Be extremely **careful** with paying upfront for rooms offered on the private market through internet! You are advised not to pay anything until you have actually seen the room in person.

## Legal issues

### Passport

Make sure it will remain valid for at least six months after the completion of your semester abroad. Remember that if you are going outside the EU, you need a passport. An EU identity card will NOT be accepted as a valid travel document. Therefore, if you do not have a passport and you are going abroad outside the EU, you should apply for a passport at an early stage, as the vast majority of our partner universities require a copy of the identifying pages as part of the application procedure.

### What happens with your Dutch residence permit?

You are allowed to spend a maximum of 8 months abroad during your UCM-program without jeopardizing your Dutch residence permit. All you need to do is to inform the Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Services (IND) well in advance (a minimum of two months before you leave for your semester abroad). This is really important. If you do not inform them, it may result in losing your residence permit.

### Municipality of Maastricht

You do not have to deregister from the municipality of the Dutch city you live in, as long as you are no longer away than 8 months. But if you de-register from the municipality it means that you do not have an official address in the Netherlands anymore. In that case, you need to request a postal address at the Maastricht City Hall. There is a legal fee of about € 20 for this registration.

As said before: if you do NOT de-register, you do not leave the Netherlands for more than 8 months and your official address stays the same, there is nothing you have to do, just make sure that someone is checking the mail in your mailbox at home.

## Visa/Residence permit for your host country

Depending on your nationality, you may need a visa for the country of your host institution. Whatever nationality you hold, a residence permit for studying in their country is always a necessity.

Rules and regulations differ per country depending on your nationality. Check this well in advance (applying for a visa can take up to 6 months!) at a consulate or an embassy of your nationality in the country where your host university resides ([www.embassyworld.com](http://www.embassyworld.com)). Do not take anything for granted in immigration matters.

If you intend to travel beyond your host country, it is advisable that you find out about visa requirements for those other countries you plan to visit before you leave Maastricht.

In addition you should also realize that the costs for an entry visa or a residence permit will differ per country and can be expensive. Do not underestimate these costs.

In order to obtain a visa, both the USA and Australia require you to prove that you have enough financial resources to cover all costs for your semester in their country. Your source of financial support can be e.g. a bank statement, scholarship or a loan, or a combination of these sources.

In general, (a copy of) the following documents are necessary to obtain a visa/residence permit (but each country has its own list of required documents):

- a valid passport
- a financial statement from your bank or from your parents
- a certificate of health insurance
- a certificate of liability insurance
- a number of passport photographs, and
- a birth certificate

## Travel and Health Insurance

Make sure that your **travel insurance** meets your anticipated needs and that you purchase enough travel insurance to cover your exchange and a little extra for travel and extension of stay. Please note that travel insurance is not the same as health insurance. Some travel insurance packages will offer additional health coverage but you should be clear about the details of your coverage before you purchase these packages.

Some host universities require you to purchase their compulsory **health insurance**. Others accept the health insurance you have purchased here. Make sure that the insurance is recognized by the host institution. For your information: many universities in the US will also ask students to document compliance with immunization requirements and tuberculosis screening.

It is important to know the extent of your coverage, such as, medical repatriation, access to medical specialists, etc. Also, make sure you know what the claim procedures are. Do you have to pay up front, what percentage is covered etc.

There is company that offers packages especially for students who are going abroad for a semester. For information:

AON Consulting  
Den Haag  
Tel. 070 – 3306010  
[www.aonstudentinsurance.com](http://www.aonstudentinsurance.com)

You should take with you a detailed letter from your doctor explaining any ongoing/existing medical conditions and **medication** you carry with you as this may be demanded by custom's officials. Include both the chemical and commercial names of any medication. Leave personal medication in original packing. Check with consulates and embassies before you leave whether it is legal to bring the type and quantities of medication you need into a country.

## Power of Attorney

Giving a family member or trusted friend power of attorney while you are abroad is a good idea. Power of attorney gives that designated person the power to act on your behalf in case a legal document requires your signature while you are away and an electronic version of your signature does not suffice.

## Elections in your home country

Elections might take place in your home country while you are on a semester abroad. Do not forget to arrange for you to vote anyway while you are away. Contact the embassy of your home country well in time to see how this should be arranged.

# Checklist before departure

## Practical stuff

A short list of practical things you should think of:

- approval of the Board of Examiners through the Semester Abroad Study Plan (Remember: you should apply for credit and be approved by the Board of Examiners approximately 3 months before your departure. Retroactive credit will not be granted.)
- re-registration at Maastricht University
- passport, visa, residence permit
- insurances
- prescriptions/medicines (if applicable)
- vaccinations (if applicable; and remember that you nowadays have to proof you took specific vaccinations when you go to the USA!)
- travel tickets
- DUO - Informatie Beheer Groep (if applicable)
- language preparation (if applicable)
- grant authorization to someone you trust for necessary paperwork (e.g. bank account, mail)

## Pre-departure session and Meet & Greet Semester Abroad

A few months before you leave, you will be invited for a pre-departure session. In this session you will get more detailed information about everything that has to do with your semester abroad. You are strongly advised to attend this session.

While the pre-departure session is an obligatory meeting because you will learn about all the academic and organizational issues you have to deal with, the IRO office also organizes a rather informal Meet & Greet. You will get an invitation for this meeting and it gives you the opportunity to get in touch with students who have been to or who are from the university you are going to.

## Facebook

If you are on Facebook, you may want to become a member of 'Maastricht University UCM Semester Abroad'. It is a place where you will find your peer students on their semester abroad, or get in touch with students from your host university who might be at UCM.

## While abroad

### Residence permit

Depending on the country you are going to, you should report to the local Immigration Authorities within three to eight days upon arrival. This also counts for EU-residents who intend to study longer than three months in one of the other EU-countries. Do not forget to do this!

### Statement host institution

If you are on a so-called "Erasmus" exchange, you need to see to it that the "Learning Agreement" and the "Statement host institution" is signed and stamped. Upon return to Maastricht, you will have to submit these forms as well (together with the Student Report) to the IRO before the remaining grant can be transferred to your account.

### Housing

Housing arrangements vary depending on the host. At some host institutions, room and board will be an integral part of the housing arrangements. Others may offer external campus housing (like in Maastricht). Some host universities provide housing; others only assist in finding a room. Make sure you know what type of accommodation facilities is provided. This includes location, limitations and whether you are sharing a room with one or more students, such as in a dorm room.

If housing is not arranged you could book temporary accommodation for a few nights in a youth hostel or motel well in advance. This is especially important if you arrive on a weekend or public holiday.

### Course registration

While abroad, you should not forget to register for the courses the upcoming UCM semester. Registration for fall semester should be taken care of late May; registration for spring semester should be taken care of in early November. Contact your Academic Advisor well in advance to discuss your course registration.

### Safety abroad

No matter where you are, it is your responsibility to keep yourself safe. At home it is easier since you know your friends, neighborhood and city. In your new home, you will need to take on new safety measure. Familiarize yourself with emergency service numbers. Memorize your new contact details and how to get back to your new home. During the pre-departure session, you will receive more information from IRO about safety matters. Nevertheless, it might also be a good idea to already now make some kind of risk management plan so that if anything happens, you know what to do. While it may be impossible to avoid all uncertainty or prevent setbacks, it is important to be prepared.

### Emergency information

For assistance with an urgent situation while studying abroad, contact the International Relations Office at: [ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

You will receive a response during regular office hours. At the pre-departure session you will be given a 24-hour UCM emergency number you can call while abroad.

### Representational role

Exchange students should be aware that they are ambassadors for University College Maastricht. Your conduct while in the host country will have a bearing on the reputation of UCM. Consequently, exchange

students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic achievement and personal conduct while participating in an exchange program.

Also, host institutions may from time to time call upon UCM students to represent UCM in exchange related events. You are expected to participate in these events.

## **Your transcript**

Please note that it is your responsibility that UCM gets an original transcript in order to process your courses, grades and credits. Nowadays many universities sent the transcript digitally; they can use the following email address: [ucm-iro@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-iro@maastrichtuniversity.nl). The transcript needs to be sent to this email address and not to your student email.

If they still sent hard copies, the address is:

University College Maastricht  
International Relations Office  
PO Box 616  
6200 MD Maastricht  
The Netherlands

Order as many transcripts as you think you will need for later graduate school applications. It is always much easier to order a transcript in person than to try to order one afterwards. Make certain that you have paid all of your bills at your host university. You alone are responsible for making sure that you have paid your housing bills, your power bills, your phone bills and any other bills to your host university before you depart. UCM does not tolerate its students leaving unpaid balances at their host institutions, and may prevent your graduation if you leave unpaid bills at your host institution.

## **Upon your return**

### **Completion of Student Report**

Upon your return to UCM, you will be required to write a student report on your experiences as an exchange student. These reports will assist future students applying to participate in the exchange program, as well as providing the Academic Advisor with useful information for planning purposes. If you would like to be contacted by prospective semester abroad students, you can list your E-mail address. If not, your E-mail address will not be listed. Your comments about your semester abroad experience are invaluable to your peers and to UCM staff, who advise on semester abroad. If you are an Erasmus exchange student, see section "While abroad", you should also hand in the signed and stamped "Learning agreement" and "Statement Host Institution" to the International Relations Office.

### **Academic Advisor**

Meet with your Academic Advisor to review your Semester Abroad Study Plan, syllabi and the papers you completed while abroad.

### **Re-entry Shock**

Culture shock on arrival in your host country is something that many students prepare for. You expect differences and mentally prepare for these.

"Re-entry" or "reverse" culture shock is not something that most students expect when they return home and yet this lack of expectation can make it more stressful.

It is important for you to realize that coming home can be a challenging experience. While you were away, things may have changed back home. All the "moving on" can result in your feeling a little disjointed or out of place at home.



## Unpacking your semester abroad experience

One of the positive benefits often attributed with participation in semester abroad programs is the importance employers place on this activity during the recruiting and hiring process. It is intuitively obvious that having an international experience benefits students moving to globally competitive organizations (or Master's programs).

However, the impression recruiters often gain from hearing students describe their semester abroad experience can best be summed up as "academic tourism". Students' presentations are like travel blogs: highlighting the cool places you have visited with a little academic work thrown in the mix. The inability to translate the study abroad experience into a framework recognizable to employers and admission officers often results in flunking your hiring or admission interview.

So, what skills do employers value from employees who have studied abroad?

- Interacting with people who hold different interests, values, perspectives
- Understanding cultural differences in the workplace;
- Adapting to situations of change;
- Gaining new knowledge from experiences;
- Undertaking tasks that are unfamiliar;
- Applying information in new or broader contexts;
- Identifying new problems/alternatives/solutions.

But don't forget that simply going abroad does not guarantee that these skills or competencies are actually utilized and developed. The value of the semester abroad depends on how well you can reflect on your experience. Successfully articulate the skills gained and how these skills/competences can apply in the workplace. Critical reflection and being able to articulate one's skills with meaningful examples from the semester abroad experience, is essential to ongoing professional development.

Don't forget that posting videos of yourself drinking and partying during your semester abroad on Youtube or Facebook may frustrate your career plans.

The American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) publishes a student guide to Study Abroad & Career Development on their website [www.aifsabroad.com](http://www.aifsabroad.com). UCM highly recommends their students going on a semester abroad to read that guide thoroughly.

# UCM partner universities outside of Europe

## Australia - General remarks

<b>Housing</b>	Some universities offer on-campus housing. Check Special Remarks sections.
<b>Visa / costs</b>	<p>Visa is required.</p> <p>Length of process and documentation required depends on your nationality, so make sure to research the specifics. There is a possibility there might be some difficulties and additional requirements (such as health checks) depending on where you are from, so start applying for a visa as soon as possible.</p> <p><a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study</a></p>
<b>Living costs</b>	The living expenses in Australia are extremely high. In addition to costs of visa and mandatory health insurance ( ~\$900 altogether), on-campus and off-campus housing, plane tickets, as well as general prices of food, alcohol, tobacco, and public transport are extremely high. All students are recommended to save money before the semester abroad, as the UCM grant will only cover a fraction of the costs.
<b>Health insurance</b>	<p>There is a mandatory health insurance for students (OSHC).</p> <p>Find more information here:</p> <p><a href="https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/private-1">https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/private-1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-consumers-deed.htm">https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-privatehealth-consumers-deed.htm</a></p>

Australia	Monash University, Melbourne	
Number of students	6 students; each 1 semester	
Fall semester	July – November	
Spring semester	February – July	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	4 courses (each course representing 6 local credit) equals 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	XXX1XXX
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	XXX2XXX
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	XXX3XXX
	The first numeric character will indicate the course level at which the unit is primarily offered.	
Language of instruction	English - no TOEFL required	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.monash.edu">www.monash.edu</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/study-options">www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/study-options</a>	
Course restrictions	regular course requirements	
Faculties	Art, Design & Architecture	Arts (including Law courses)
	Business & Economics	Information Technology
	Sciences, including geographical and environmental science	
	Medicine, especially for psychological & biomedical sciences	
	<u>Faculty of Law is NOT open to UCM exchange students</u>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/life-at-monash/accommodation">www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound/life-at-monash/accommodation</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.border.gov.au/">www.border.gov.au/</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/ handbook	<a href="http://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound">www.monash.edu/study-abroad/inbound</a>	

Australia	The Australian National University, Canberra
Number of students	8 students, each 1 semester
Fall semester	July – November
Spring semester	February – July
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	4 courses (each course representing 6 local credit) equals 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to course codes 1000 – 1999
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to course codes 2000 – 2999
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to course codes 3000 – 3999
Language of instruction	English - no TOEFL required (at least 2 years of English tertiary education)
Homepage	www.anu.edu.au www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/applying-for-exchange-at-anu
Course offerings	<a href="https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/">https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/</a>
Course restrictions	regular course requirements
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts and Social Sciences</li> <li>- Asia &amp; the Pacific</li> <li>- Medicine, Biology and the Environment</li> <li>- Engineering and Computer Sciences</li> </ul> <p><u>Not open to UCM students:</u> Law, Crawford School of Public Policy, and the School of Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physical Sciences</li> <li>- Business and Economics</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation/advice-procedures/how-to-apply-for-student-accommodation">www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation/advice-procedures/how-to-apply-for-student-accommodation</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.border.gov.au/">www.border.gov.au/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.anu.edu.au/files/guidance/Inbound%20Student%20Guide%20for%20website.pdf">https://www.anu.edu.au/files/guidance/Inbound%20Student%20Guide%20for%20website.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Course scheduling can be difficult</p> <p>Lower academic level in tutorials   Mostly lecture-based   Experienced professors</p> <p>Campus housing very expensive   Advice to find off-campus accommodation (co-op)   Some students advise on-campus accommodation due to the social benefits it offers</p> <p>Upfront payment when accepting accommodation offer (within 48h)</p> <p>Finding a job ASAP is recommended by students</p>

Australia	The University of Adelaide, Adelaide (not available)
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

Australia	The University of New South Wales, Sydney
Number of students	1 student, for 4.5 months
Fall semester	<p>August – December:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tailored Term August (in which you need to take 1 course out of a limited offer; offer will be published as soon as possible; if you wish to have an idea about the kind of courses that will be offered in August, you need to email: <a href="mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl">ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl</a>)</li> <li>2. Plus Term 3; September – December (in which you take 3 courses out of the complete offer for incoming exchange students).</li> </ol>

Spring semester	January – May: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tailored Term January (in which you need to take 1 course out of a limited offer; offer will be published as soon as possible; if you wish to have an idea about the kind of courses that will be offered in January, you need to email: <a href="mailto:ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl">ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl</a>)</li> <li>2. Plus Term 1 February – May (in which you take 3 courses out of the complete offer for incoming exchange students).</li> </ol> <p>If you go in spring, you will have to come back in June, to catch up for the missing project period in January.</p>
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale) English – No TOEFL (at least 1 year of full time study at UCM)
Study load	24 credits equal 30 ECTS Most courses are worth 6 credit points, so you should enroll for 4 courses
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to
Language of instruction	English
Homepage	<a href="http://www.unsw.edu.au">www.unsw.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/study-abroad-at-unsw">www.international.unsw.edu.au/study-abroad-at-unsw</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au">www.handbook.unsw.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.timetable.unsw.edu.au/current/subjectSearch.html">www.timetable.unsw.edu.au/current/subjectSearch.html</a>
Course restrictions	Students cannot take courses from the Faculty of Medicine. Courses beginning with these codes are also restricted: GLST, INST, MDCM, MDIE, EDST, Zxxx, MARK6xxx, GBAT and JURD, online courses, PG psychology, dance, music courses and any courses that are part of an honors program are restricted. Students must meet pre-requisites for courses.
Faculties	<a href="http://www.unsw.edu.au/gen/pad/faculties.html">www.unsw.edu.au/gen/pad/faculties.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts and Social Science</li> <li>- Built environment</li> <li>- Engineering</li> <li>- Science</li> <li>- Business</li> <li>- Fine Arts</li> <li>- Law</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.housing.unsw.edu.au/">www.housing.unsw.edu.au/</a> <a href="http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/accommodation/">www.international.unsw.edu.au/accommodation/</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/study</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.international.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/unsw_studyabroad_digital_guide_2021_v3j.pdf">https://www.international.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/unsw_studyabroad_digital_guide_2021_v3j.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Big difference between course levels Working along studies recommended Lecture-based   Less readings and lower workload than at UCM, but more assignments

Australia	The University of Queensland, Brisbane
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

Australia	The University of Sydney, Sydney
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

Australia	The University of Western Australia, Perth Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Sciences	
Number of students	1 student, 4 months	
Fall semester	July – November	
Spring semester	February – June	
Special requirement	GPA at least 6.5 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	4 courses (each course representing 6 local points) equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	1000
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	2000
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	3000
Language of instruction	English (no TOEFL required provided you successfully completed the first two full years at UCM, or min. 8,0 on Dutch VWO, or min 3 on German Abitur <a href="http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/english">www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/english</a> )	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au">www.uwa.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/study-abroad-and-student-exchange/Completing-exchange-at-UWA">www.uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/study-abroad-and-student-exchange/Completing-exchange-at-UWA</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/">www.uwa.edu.au/study/</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements at the specific faculties.	
Faculties	Faculty of Arts: <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/able/home">www.uwa.edu.au/able/home</a> Faculty of Sciences: <a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/science/home">www.uwa.edu.au/science/home</a>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/student-life/accommodation">www.uwa.edu.au/study/student-life/accommodation</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.uwa.edu.au/study/international-students/moving-to-perth/student-visas">www.uwa.edu.au/study/international-students/moving-to-perth/student-visas</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/#2">http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/#2</a> UWA offers 1 scholarship per semester for all incoming exchange students, called Gerald Frank Brown Scholarship to the value of AU\$2,000. UCM students are eligible to apply.	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Highly varying academic level within courses (lower quality of teaching in tutorials, but good lectures)   Traditional teaching methods (lectures)   Strict prerequisite requirements Working alongside studies recommended	

Botswana	The University of Botswana	
Number of students	2 students, each 4 months Please note that because of an imbalance in student numbers, currently UCM students can only go to the University of Botswana as fee paying students. In 2019 the fee, including housing, was about € 2600 for the whole semester.	
Fall semester	Early August – late November	
Spring semester	January – May	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	18 credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	100 course codes
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	200 course codes
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	300 and 400 course codes
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.ub.bw">www.ub.bw</a>	

Course offerings	<a href="https://www.ub.bw/study/programmes/undergraduate">https://www.ub.bw/study/programmes/undergraduate</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements.
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business                      - Education</li> <li>- Engineering                - Science</li> <li>- Social Science</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.ub.bw/discover/faculties">https://www.ub.bw/discover/faculties</a>
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.ub.bw/experience/campus-life/accommodation-and-dining">https://www.ub.bw/experience/campus-life/accommodation-and-dining</a>
Visa information	Upon arrival students will be informed about the residence permit application procedure.
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.ub.bw/sites/default/files/2020-03/Guidelines_Booklet_ONLINE.pdf">https://www.ub.bw/sites/default/files/2020-03/Guidelines_Booklet_ONLINE.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Cultural differences – teaching staff must be shown respect (fine line between debate and disrespect)</p> <p>High quality of teaching, but academic level is low (student participation, grading)</p> <p>Establishing contacts within the school staff is helpful and advised</p>

Brazil	Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC Rio)
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	August – December
Spring semester	February – July
Special requirement	Portuguese A non-refundable US\$150 orientation/activities fee is charged upon arrival.
Study load	Six 4-credit courses (24 local credits) equal 30 ECTS
Course levels	Classification of course levels have to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
UCM 1000	
UCM 2000	
UCM 3000	
Language of instruction	<p>Portuguese (PUC Rio offers as a pre-term intensive language course for exchange students who are already fluent in Spanish).</p> <p>When visiting PUC you will likely have to do Portuguese language course. This course will take up 6 of the allowed 24 PUC credits. UCM will deal with the credits as follows: 7.5 ECTS will be put on your transcript. They will be labeled as language credits. However if you have followed a higher level Portuguese course (III and higher) you can use 2.5 of the 7.5 ECTS to fulfill the HUM requirement of your curriculum. 5 ECTS of the 7.5 ECTS will always and only be counted as language ECTS. Under no circumstance will UCM drop the requirement that you are allowed a maximum of 5 ECTS in languages in total for your curriculum. This means that if you have done a language course at UCM already and you want the PUC credits to help you complete the skills requirement you will have 2.5 ECTS extra in your skills requirement. 2.5 (UCM) + 5 (PUC) = 7.5 language credits of which you can only use 5 to fulfill the total requirement of 15 ECTS in skills at 2000/3000 level. It will mean that you will graduate with 182.5 ECTS instead of 180.</p>
Homepage	<a href="http://www.puc-rio.br">www.puc-rio.br</a> <a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/incoming/">www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/incoming/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/microhorario">www.puc-rio.br/microhorario</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements.
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical Science                      - Social Sciences</li> <li>- Theology and Humanities</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/incoming/housing.html">http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/incoming/housing.html</a>
Visa information	<p>Student visa is required. The visa must be obtained BEFORE arrival in Brazil. A tourist visa <u>cannot</u> be changed into a student visa inside the country. When the applicant is accepted, CCCI will send a LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE that will enable you to obtain a visa at a Brazilian Consulate.</p>

<p>Student exchange prospectus/handbook</p> <p>Special remarks / Student experiences</p>	<p><a href="http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/download/pre_departure_manual.pdf">http://www.puc-rio.br/ensinopesq/ccci/download/pre_departure_manual.pdf</a></p> <p>Course registration process can be difficult</p> <p>Staying with host families, at least in the beginning, is recommended</p> <p>Reproductive rather than analytical teaching methods (also lecture based)   High workload</p> <p>Costs of living are comparable to Maastricht</p>
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Canada	Queen's University, Kingston, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Number of students	10 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	September – December
Spring semester	January – late April
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	5 courses usually represent 15 local credits; 15 local credits equal 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 100 level
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 200 level
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 300 level
Language of instruction	English (no TOEFL required)
Homepage	<p><a href="http://www.queensu.ca/artsci">www.queensu.ca/artsci</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.queensu.ca/ipo/incoming-students/exchange">www.queensu.ca/ipo/incoming-students/exchange</a></p>
Course offerings	<p><a href="https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/programs-and-degrees">https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/programs-and-degrees</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.queensu.ca/academics/programs">https://www.queensu.ca/academics/programs</a></p>
Course restrictions	Most Arts and Sciences courses are open to exchange students provided that they have the appropriate pre-requisite course. The only exceptions are the School of Kinesiology & Health Studies and the Faculty of Law. Please note that availability is limited in some departments.
Faculties	Arts and Social Sciences
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Community Housing Landlord Listing Service (<a href="https://listingservice.housing.queensu.ca/index.php/rental/rentalsearch/action/search/">https://listingservice.housing.queensu.ca/index.php/rental/rentalsearch/action/search/</a>) lets you search for available listings by room, apartment or house– note that units that feature a tri-colour flag are part of our Landlord Contract Program, which means they are inspected by a third party to ensure compliance with the city's property standards by-laws.</li> <li>• The Queen's "Housing" Group on Facebook has listings, as well as postings from other students looking to share accommodations</li> <li>• Kijiji Kingston (<a href="http://www.kijiji.ca/h-kingston-on/1700183">http://www.kijiji.ca/h-kingston-on/1700183</a>) has a number of listings, many with photos or virtual tours of units. We recommend that you do not rent a room that you have not viewed in person</li> <li>• The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) provides information and support to international students who need to find a place to live during their studies at Queen's. Visit <a href="https://quic.queensu.ca/living-in-kingston/housing/">https://quic.queensu.ca/living-in-kingston/housing/</a></li> <li>• If you are arriving in late August, you are encouraged to reserve a temporary room on campus in Victoria Hall at <a href="http://eventservices.queensu.ca/accommodations/">http://eventservices.queensu.ca/accommodations/</a></li> <li>• The QUIC website also provides information for temporary housing to cover the August 29 – September 1 period: <a href="http://quic.queensu.ca/resources/housing-support/temporary-housing-options/">http://quic.queensu.ca/resources/housing-support/temporary-housing-options/</a></li> </ul>
Visa information	<p>If you are planning to study in Canada <b>for 6 months or less</b>, you may study under Temporary Resident Status as a visitor. <i>Depending on your nationality, however, you might need a visa.</i></p> <p><a href="https://quic.queensu.ca/arrival/permits-and-visas/">https://quic.queensu.ca/arrival/permits-and-visas/</a></p>

Health insurance	It's mandatory for students to have the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) <a href="https://quic.queensu.ca/uhip/">https://quic.queensu.ca/uhip/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.ipowww/files/files/pdf/QUIC%20-%20ISG.pdf">https://www.queensu.ca/ipo/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.ipowww/files/files/pdf/QUIC%20-%20ISG.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Students recommend asking Queen's Exchange Office for help with course registration (it can be confusing) Courses prioritized for home students, therefore exchange students are unlikely to get into their preferred courses

<b>Canada</b>	<b>Simon Fraser University, Vancouver</b> <b>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences</b>
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

<b>Canada</b>	<b>Université de Montréal, Montréal</b>
Number of students	2 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	September – December
Spring semester	January – April (conflict with project period 3; you need to come back in June to catch up for the missing project in January).
Special requirement	French proficiency on academic level
Study load	15 local credits = 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 1000 courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 2000 courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 3000 courses
Language of instruction	French
Homepage	<a href="http://www.umontreal.ca">www.umontreal.ca</a> <a href="https://international.umontreal.ca/english/home/">https://international.umontreal.ca/english/home/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.umontreal.ca/en/faculties-and-schools/">www.umontreal.ca/en/faculties-and-schools/</a> go to the different faculties to see their course offerings <a href="https://www.umontreal.ca/etudes/#c21542">https://www.umontreal.ca/etudes/#c21542</a>
Course restrictions	Exchange students will not be admitted in medicine courses. Also check this website to see which other programs are closed for exchange: <a href="https://international.umontreal.ca/fileadmin/international/documents/Mobilite/Programs_with_particularities2021.pdf">https://international.umontreal.ca/fileadmin/international/documents/Mobilite/Programs_with_particularities2021.pdf</a>
Faculties	Arts and Sciences <a href="https://fas.umontreal.ca/accueil/">https://fas.umontreal.ca/accueil/</a>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/mtl_logement.htm">www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/mtl_logement.htm</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/form_info.htm">www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/form_info.htm</a>
Health insurance	Mandatory <a href="http://www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/ass_couverture.htm">www.bei.umontreal.ca/english/ass_couverture.htm</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://international.umontreal.ca/english/international-students/frequently-asked-questions/">https://international.umontreal.ca/english/international-students/frequently-asked-questions/</a>



Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Limited range of available courses / issues with course selection-process</p> <p>Lecture-based   Workload is higher but academic level is lower</p> <p>Well-located accommodation and food can be very expensive</p> <p>Accommodation very difficult to find (start looking early)</p> <p>Difficulties with language (Quebecois)</p> <p>Obligatory health insurance</p>
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Chile	Pontifica Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago
Number of students	3 students, each one semester
Fall semester	July – December
Spring semester	March – July
Special requirement	<p>Spanish proficiency on academic level; minimum B2 on the CEFR scale.</p> <p>Students interested in courses in the Faculties of Economics and Administration and of Political Science should present their academic record and course selection in the office (RAI). These will be evaluated according to curriculum and level.</p>
Study load	40 local credits equal 30 ECTS
Course levels	Classification of course levels have to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
UCM 1000	
UCM 2000	
UCM 3000	
Language of instruction	Spanish
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uc.cl/en">www.uc.cl/en</a> <a href="https://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs">https://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://buscacursos.uc.cl/">http://buscacursos.uc.cl/</a>
Course restrictions	<p>regular course requirements</p> <a href="https://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs/undergraduate-exchange-program#restricted-programs-of-study">https://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/exchange-and-mobility-programs/undergraduate-exchange-program#restricted-programs-of-study</a>
Faculties	<div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agronomy and Forestry</li> <li>- Arts</li> <li>- Chemistry</li> <li>- Economics and Management Sciences</li> <li>- Engineering</li> <li>- History</li> <li>- Literature and Linguistics</li> <li>- Medicine</li> <li>- Physics</li> <li>- Theology</li> </ul> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Architecture, Design and Urban Studies</li> <li>- Biological Sciences</li> <li>- Communications</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Law</li> <li>- Geography and Political Science</li> <li>- Mathematics</li> <li>- Philosophy</li> <li>- Social Sciences</li> </ul> </div>
Accommodation	<a href="http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc/housing">http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc/housing</a> <a href="http://www.contactchile.cl/en/housing-chile.php">www.contactchile.cl/en/housing-chile.php</a> <a href="http://www.chileinside.cl/en/">www.chileinside.cl/en/</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc/visa">http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc/visa</a> <p>Foreign students who come to study at UC can only enter the country with a valid student visa. Students should take their acceptance letters to the Chilean consulate in their country in order to apply for the visa.</p> <p>More Information:</p> <p>Departamento de Extranjería y Migraciones</p> <p>Address: San Antonio N° 580, Piso 2° Oficina de Informaciones.</p> <p>Phone: (56-2) 32393 100</p> <a href="http://www.extranjeria.gob.cl">www.extranjeria.gob.cl</a> <p>3° Visas, Entrega de Permanencia Definitiva; Sanciones y Turismo.</p>

Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc-ucwww.puc.cl/drai">http://relacionesinternacionales.uc.cl/en/international-students/get-ready-to-arrive-to-uc-ucwww.puc.cl/drai</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Start with preparation ASAP (visa process can take a while)</p> <p>Once you get to Santiago, you need to go the PDI (Policía de Investigaciones) to get your visa registered, and then to another office to create a Chilean ID</p> <p>Course registration complex (sign up early)   Scheduling done by student</p> <p>Recommended not to book accommodation before arrival (see the place first)</p> <p>Expensive supermarkets (shopping at markets is recommended)</p> <p>Traditional teaching methods</p>

China	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Number of students	8 students (4 in Fall and 4 in Spring) each one semester
Fall semester	Late August – late December
Spring semester	Early January - May, 2020 (Conflict period 3; you need to come back in period 6 to catch up for project period 3)
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 Dutch grading scale
Study load	15 local credits (normally 5 courses) equal 30 ECTS
Course levels	Depending on the contents:
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 1000 level
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 2000 and 3000 level
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 3000 and 4000 level
Language of instruction	A large number of courses is offered in English.
Homepage	<a href="http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/">www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/</a> <a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/getting_started/">www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/getting_started/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/files/incoming/Timetable_Course_Desc.pdf">www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/files/incoming/Timetable_Course_Desc.pdf</a>
Course restrictions	<p>All regular courses at undergraduate level are open to IASP students, except:</p> <p>1) Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Education (except Physical Education and Sports Science (SPE)) and Faculty of Law courses.</p> <p>2) Courses with prefix: PHE (except those with an X after the course number)</p> <p>3) Student orientated teaching (STOT) courses. They are the courses which the first numeral in the course code is "o".</p> <p>**Only students affiliated to New Asia and Shaw colleges can take General Education courses offered by their own college, i.e. courses with prefix: GENC or GESC. Courses with prefix GECC and GEUC are not open to IASP (exchange) students.</p> <p><a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/files/incoming/course_exceptions.pdf">http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/files/incoming/course_exceptions.pdf</a></p>
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Medicine</li> <li>- Science</li> <li>- Business Administration</li> <li>- Engineering</li> <li>- Social Sciences</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/campuslife/">www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/campuslife/</a>
Visa information	<p>You need to apply for a student visa via CUHK.</p> <p><a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/beforeyouexchange/">www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/beforeyouexchange/</a></p>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/getting_started/">www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/getting_started/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Cheap accommodation (shared dorm rooms)</p> <p>Courses on a first come-first serve basis (make an effort with pre-registration; pay attention to schedule overlaps; 'taste' courses during add/drop period)</p> <p>Traditional teaching methods (lecture-based)</p>

China	The City University of Hong Kong College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	
Number of students	1 student, one semester	
Fall semester	Late August – late December	
Spring semester	Early January - May, 2020 (Conflict period 3; you need to come back in period 6 to catch up for project period 3)	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 Dutch grading scale	
Study load	15 local credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	B2; undergrad courses year 1
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	B3; undergrad courses year 2/3
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	B4; undergrad courses year 3
Language of instruction	Courses are offered in English.	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.cityu.edu.hk">www.cityu.edu.hk</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.cityu.edu.hk/catalogue/ug/current/catalogue/catalogue_UC.htm?page=B/B_course_index.htm">www.cityu.edu.hk/catalogue/ug/current/catalogue/catalogue_UC.htm?page=B/B_course_index.htm</a>	
Course restrictions	Note: only the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences	
Faculties	- Asian and International Studies      - Media and Communication - Chinese, Translation and Linguistics    - Public and Social Administration - Applied Social Sciences	
Accommodation	You may take up to a maximum of two courses at one of the other Colleges. <a href="http://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/info/">www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/info/</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ies_stdvisa.htm">www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/ies_stdvisa.htm</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/info/">www.admo.cityu.edu.hk/exchange_visiting/exchange/info/</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Humanities/Social Sciences not the strongest academically More difficult for exchange students to get accepted into certain courses Traditional teaching methods (lecture-based, no participation)   Some courses offer PBL   Lower academic level and workload Save money before SA   Dorm rooms are affordable, but other arrangements and life generally are much more expensive	

Ecuador	Universidad San Francisco de Quito	
Number of students	4 students, one semester	
Fall semester	Late August – late December	
Spring semester	Early January - May, 2019 (Conflict period 3; you need to come back in period 6 to catch up for project period 3)	
Special requirement	Spanish proficiency on academic level. Students should have had at least two years (4 semesters, or 6 trimesters) of college-level Spanish prior to arrival.	
Study load	You will have to register for 20 local credits, in general 5 courses of 4 credits each (equal to 30 ECTS). As their transcript is based on the US system; these credits will appear on your transcript as 15 credit hours, leading to 30 ECTS.	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	t.b.a.
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	

Language of instruction	Spanish
Homepage	<a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec">www.usfq.edu.ec</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec/english/academic_programs/Paginas/undergraduate-admissions-2017.aspx">http://www.usfq.edu.ec/english/academic_programs/Paginas/undergraduate-admissions-2017.aspx</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development Administration</li> <li>- Architecture, Interior Design</li> <li>- Biological and Environmental Science</li> <li>- Polytechnic Science and Engineering</li> <li>- Law</li> <li>- Agriculture, Food and Nutrition</li> <li>- Liberal Arts</li> <li>- Health Science</li> <li>- Contemporary Communication and Art</li> <li>- Technologies</li> </ul>
Accommodation	USFQ does not have university housing and it is strongly recommended to stay with a host family. USFQ's Office of International Programs will assist in all aspects of staying with a host family, but does not assist with private independent housing for students.
Visa information	Students should contact the nearest Ecuadorian embassy or consulate for Visa application procedures as many consulates have implemented an online visa application process. More information: <a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/before_u_travel/visa_application_process.pdf">www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/before_u_travel/visa_application_process.pdf</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	UCM students are obliged to pay a \$275 International Programs administrative fee. <a href="http://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/international_students/Orientation_Manual_2016%28OPI%29.pdf">www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/international_students/Orientation_Manual_2016%28OPI%29.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Course registration is easier once you are there (ask for help from USFQ IRO)</p> <p>Host-family living not recommended by previous students (it is more expensive than arranging accommodation individually)</p> <p>Traditional teaching methods (lecture-based)   Lower workload</p>

Japan	Waseda University, School of International Liberal Studies, Tokyo								
Number of students	2 students								
Fall semester	mid September – early February (might have a conflict with spring semester)								
Spring semester	early April – late July								
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale), School of International Liberal Studies only!!								
Study load	18 local credits equal 30 ECTS								
Course levels	<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td><td>Courses numbered</td></tr> <tr> <td>UCM 1000</td><td>introductory is comparable to 200 – 299 (2 credits)</td></tr> <tr> <td>UCM 2000</td><td>intermediate is comparable to 300 – 399 (2 to 4 credits)</td></tr> <tr> <td>UCM 3000</td><td>advanced is comparable to 400 – 499 (2 to 4 credits)</td></tr> </table>		Courses numbered	UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 200 – 299 (2 credits)	UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 300 – 399 (2 to 4 credits)	UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 400 – 499 (2 to 4 credits)
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UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 200 – 299 (2 credits)								
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 300 – 399 (2 to 4 credits)								
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 400 – 499 (2 to 4 credits)								
Language of instruction	Courses are taught in English or Japanese. Check carefully. Please note that UCM students are not required to take Japanese language courses (opposed to all other exchange students at Waseda University).								
Homepage	<a href="http://www.waseda.jp/sils/en/index.html">www.waseda.jp/sils/en/index.html</a> <a href="https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange">https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange</a>								
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application">https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application</a> <a href="https://waseda.app.box.com/v/ImportantNotesforSP3">https://waseda.app.box.com/v/ImportantNotesforSP3</a> Students are allowed to take 1 course outside SILS.								
Course restrictions	Only with the School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) Regular course requirements.								

Faculties	School of International Liberal Studies
Accommodation	Exchange students can apply for the accommodation after they are admitted. Waseda University will arrange accommodation in one of the university's international student dormitories or government sponsored dormitory. <a href="http://wasedalife.com/?lang=en">http://wasedalife.com/?lang=en</a>
Visa information	SILS arranges your visa application, provided the student sends all necessary documents on time. <a href="https://waseda.app.box.com/s/dad1pdor4oipbdz13of7hy97q004iyxj">https://waseda.app.box.com/s/dad1pdor4oipbdz13of7hy97q004iyxj</a>
Student exchange prospectus or handbook	<a href="https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/practical">https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/practical</a> <a href="http://www.waseda.jp/cie/handbook/">http://www.waseda.jp/cie/handbook/</a>

Mexico	Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City Philosophy, Psychology, and Political Science and Public Administration	
Number of students	2 students, each 1 semester at the Department of Philosophy 2 students, each 1 semester at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration 2 students, each 1 semester at the Department of Psychology	
Fall semester	First week August- mid December	
Spring semester	Mid-January – mid-May 2020 (conflict with course period 3; you need to come back in project period 6 to catch up)	
Special requirement	Spanish on advanced, academic level	
Study load	6 courses (or 48 UIA credits) equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	Course levels will be decided upon based on the course description.
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	
Language of instruction	Spanish	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uia.mx">www.uia.mx</a> <a href="https://ibero.mx/international-students-en-intro">https://ibero.mx/international-students-en-intro</a>	
Course offerings	<b>Department of Political Science and Public Administration:</b> <a href="https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-ciencias-pol-ticas-y-administraci-n-p-blica">https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-ciencias-pol-ticas-y-administraci-n-p-blica</a>  <b>Department of Philosophy:</b> <a href="https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-filosof">https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-filosof</a>  <b>Department of Psychology:</b> <a href="https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-psicologia">https://ibero.mx/licenciaturas/licenciatura-en-psicologia</a>	
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements	
Faculties	See above at course offerings. Courses can be found at: <a href="http://www.uia.mx">www.uia.mx</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top of the page, click “Licenciaturas e ingenierías”</li><li>• Click on your chosen faculty</li><li>• Download the faculty factsheet by clicking on “Información de la licenciatura”</li></ul>	
Accommodation	<a href="https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/index.php/study-in-mexico/accommodation">https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/index.php/study-in-mexico/accommodation</a>	
Visa information	Depending on your nationality, you might need to apply for a visa before your arrival. Check: <a href="https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/index.php/study-in-mexico/application-process/visa-migracion">https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/index.php/study-in-mexico/application-process/visa-migracion</a> (English is below Spanish)	

Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/images/documentos/Study_Guide.pdf?_ga=2.13537461.349277348.1531823321-1731550605.1531823321">https://internacional.ibero.mx/en/images/documentos/Study_Guide.pdf?_ga=2.13537461.349277348.1531823321-1731550605.1531823321</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Low living costs Private university, therefore exclusive

Mexico	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	Early August – early December
Spring semester	Early January – mid May 2020 (conflict with period 3; you have to come back in period 6 to do the project)
Special requirement	Spanish proficiency on academic level
Study load	48 local units equal 30 ECTS; in general: 6 courses (each 8 local credits) equal 30 ECTS
Course levels UCM 1000 UCM 2000 UCM 3000	Classification of course levels have to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
Language of instruction	Spanish. Your level of Spanish is carefully checked upon arrival by means of a Spanish Placement Test and you will be registered for courses according to this test result. When insufficient, you are placed in a Spanish language course that might have consequences for the total number of courses you are allowed to take.
Homepage	<a href="https://tec.mx/en">https://tec.mx/en</a>
Course offerings	<a href="https://tec.mx/en/academic-programs">https://tec.mx/en/academic-programs</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements.
Faculties	Humanities and Social Sciences (Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales) Political Science (Ciencias Políticas) Law (Derecho)
Accommodation	<a href="https://tec.mx/en/tec-residence-halls">https://tec.mx/en/tec-residence-halls</a> Campus Monterrey offers three options: Residence Halls Host Family Program Independent Lodging Important note: some campuses do not offer the options of residence halls or host family program
Visa information	<a href="http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa">http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa</a> "REQUIERE VISA" (VISA REQUIRED) You need to ask for a VISA FOR NON-LUCRATIVE ACTIVITIES (VISA PARA ACTIVIDADES NO REMUNERADAS) at the Mexican Embassy in your home country. This process may or may not have a cost as it depends on the country in question. "EXENTO" (EXEMPT) For students coming to study for a semester or less (180 days or less), an FMM visa for non-lucrative activities will be required. On your arrival, immigration officials should give you a Multiple Migratory Form (FMM), marking the following options/boxes: Visitor without permission for lucrative activities (Visitante actividades NO remuneradas) and a validity of 180 days.
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://tec.mx/en">https://tec.mx/en</a> Useful links: Study in Mexico: <a href="http://www.studyinmexico.com.mx">www.studyinmexico.com.mx</a> Visit Mexico: <a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Academic level not very high (courses are very practical) Low costs of living

New Zealand	The University of Waikato, Hamilton
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

Peru	Universidad del Pacifico, Lima
Number of students	4 students, a semester each
Fall semester	Mid August – mid December
Spring semester	Late March – end July
Special requirement	Spanish proficiency on academic level
Study load	19 local credits = 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to t.b.a.
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to
Language of instruction	Spanish
Homepage	<a href="http://www.up.edu.pe">www.up.edu.pe</a> <a href="http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/">http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.up.edu.pe/Paginas/JER/Detalle.aspx?IdElemento=33">www.up.edu.pe/Paginas/JER/Detalle.aspx?IdElemento=33</a> click on one of the faculties mentioned below <a href="http://incoming.up.edu.pe/">http://incoming.up.edu.pe/</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements. Only courses in Spanish!
Faculties	- Administration and Accountancy      - Law - Economics                                      - Entrepreneur Engineering
Accommodation	<a href="http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/about-peru/life-in-lima-and-relevant-information/">http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/about-peru/life-in-lima-and-relevant-information/</a>
Visa information	From 2016 onwards all exchange students that are from Schengen countries will not need a visa and can enter as a tourist. Visa is required only for exchange students who are coming from countries outside Schengen countries. Visa application should be done in due time. <a href="http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/exchange-programs/information-about-the-visa/">http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/exchange-programs/information-about-the-visa/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/exchange-programs/requirements-and-enrollment-for-exchange-students/">http://ori.up.edu.pe/en/incoming/exchange-programs/requirements-and-enrollment-for-exchange-students/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Buddy program very useful (especially for administration, course selection, etc.) Don't underestimate taking courses in Spanish

Singapore	Singapore Management University, Singapore
Number of students	1 student, 1 semester
Fall semester	August – December
Spring semester	Early January – April 2020 (conflict with project period 3; but you can be back for period 6 to catch up)
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading system)
Study load	5 SMU credits = 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 100 courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 200 courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 300 and 400 courses

Language of instruction	English
Homepage	<a href="http://www.smu.edu.sg">www.smu.edu.sg</a> <a href="https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/international-students">https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/international-students</a>
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/academic-information">https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/academic-information</a> Carefully check the special way of course registration through a bidding system!
Course restrictions	Normal admission requirements
Faculties	- Accounting                      - Business - Economics                      - Information Systems - Law                                - Social Sciences
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/accommodation">www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/accommodation</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/immigration-matters">www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/international-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/immigration-matters</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/sites/admissions.smu.edu.sg/files/International%20Prospectus%202019%20%28Web%20Use%29.pdf">https://admissions.smu.edu.sg/sites/admissions.smu.edu.sg/files/International%20Prospectus%202019%20%28Web%20Use%29.pdf</a> or <a href="https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes">https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes</a> or <a href="https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/International-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/FAQ">https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/global-programmes/International-exchange/incoming-exchange-students/FAQ</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Bidding system for course selection (time-intensive, no guarantees) Strict prerequisites   Lecture-based   Difficult exams Very expensive day-to-day

South Korea	Korea University, Seoul
Number of students	6 students (3 in Fall and 3 in Spring)
Fall semester	August – December
Spring semester	February – June
Special requirement	GPA at least a 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	15 local credits = 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 100
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 200
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 300 and 400
Language of instruction	KU offers courses in English in various disciplines at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and the number is increasing every year. Please note that it is not guaranteed that the same list of courses is offered to students every year but normally there are only minor changes. It is important that you ensure that your intended courses will be offered in your registered semester. The course registration system at KU is very complicated and you have to be flexible with regard to your course choices.
Homepage	<a href="http://oia.korea.ac.kr/main.do">http://oia.korea.ac.kr/main.do</a>
Course offerings	The list of courses offered in English will be updated and available for you to check online from mid-December for the spring semester and mid-May for the fall semester on <a href="http://sugang.korea.ac.kr">http://sugang.korea.ac.kr</a> > click on English on the top left and then you can select the courses. <a href="https://gsc.korea.ac.kr/usr/exchange/overview.do">https://gsc.korea.ac.kr/usr/exchange/overview.do</a>
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements



Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law</li> <li>- Liberal Arts</li> <li>- Political Science and Economics</li> <li>- Engineering</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Art and Design</li> <li>- Journalism and Mass Communications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business</li> <li>- Life Sciences and Biotechnology</li> <li>- Science</li> <li>- Medical School</li> <li>- Health Sciences</li> <li>- Information and Communications</li> <li>- International Studies</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_3_1">http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_3_1</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_2">http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=cps_2</a>	
Health insurance	As of March 2021 it will be mandatory to apply for a national health insurance service	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=ecg_1">http://oia.korea.ac.kr/listener.do?layout=ecg_1</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Difficult course registration system (register as soon as the portal opens; no guarantees; sometimes necessary to find the teacher and ask for permission to take the course)</p> <p>Mostly teacher-oriented, passive</p> <p>Not a lot of information is provided by the KU exchange office (therefore a lot of research is necessary)</p> <p>Great opportunities for socializing</p>	

South Korea	Seoul National University	
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months	
Fall semester	Early September – Mid December	
Spring semester	Early March - Mid June	
Special requirement	GPA at least a 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	15 local credits equals 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	xxx.001 – xxx.199
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	xxx.200 – xxx.299
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	xxx.300 – xxx.399
Language of instruction	A number of courses in English is available.	
Homepage	<a href="https://www.useoul.edu/">https://www.useoul.edu/</a> <a href="http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php">http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.useoul.edu/undergraduate-programs">www.useoul.edu/undergraduate-programs</a>	
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements	
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Humanities</li> <li>- Natural Sciences</li> <li>- School of Law (only graduate level)</li> <li>- Engineering</li> </ul> <p>(note that Psychology &amp; Statistics are not offered in English)</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Sciences</li> <li>- Business Administration (limited offer and very hard to get in)</li> <li>- Human Ecology</li> </ul>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_housing.php">http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_housing.php</a>	
Visa information	<p>A student visa (D-2) is required to study in Korea if a student is not of Korean nationality. In most cases, exchange students can acquire their D-2 visa easily when they present their Certificates of Admission issued by the SNU to the relevant passport officials in their home country. Please contact your nearest Korean Embassy or consulate for more detailed information on the visa application process.</p> <p><a href="http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_immigration.php">http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/c_immigration.php</a></p>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php">http://oia.snu.ac.kr/page/exchange_program.php</a>	

Special remarks / Student experiences	Course load can be difficult   Limited range of courses in English   Lecture-based Dorm accommodation recommended Course registration can be stressful – prepare well in advance (research)
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South Korea	Yonsei University
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	Mid-August – End December
Spring semester	Mid-February - End June
Special requirement	GPA at least a 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	15 local credits equals 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 1000-2000
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 2000-3000
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 3000-4000
Language of instruction	A number of courses in English is available.
Homepage	<a href="http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr">http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr</a>
Course offerings	<a href="https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exCourse.asp">https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exCourse.asp</a>
Course restrictions	Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Music, MBA, Law School
Faculties	Liberal Arts                      Social Sciences Commerce and Economics      Human Ecology Business                          Sciences in Education Science & Engineering          International Studies Life System                        Korean Language(KLI) Theology
Accommodation	<a href="https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/campus/preHousing.asp">https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/campus/preHousing.asp</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/campus/preVisa.asp">https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/campus/preVisa.asp</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exApp.asp#">https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exApp.asp#</a> <a href="https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exOver.asp">https://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/intstd/exOver.asp</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	All students (domestic and exchange/visiting) register for courses at the same time through the online course registration system (called the Yonsei Portal system) and therefore getting a spot in some courses may be competitive.

Taiwan	National Taiwan University, Taipei
Number of students	4 students, each 4.5 months
	Please note: because of national regulations, this exchange is not open to students with a Chinese or Taiwanese nationality! Only if you have a non-Chinese/non-Taiwan passport you can participate in this exchange program.
Fall semester	September – mid January
Spring semester	February – late June
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	15 NTU equals 30 ECTS
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to first year courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to second and third year courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to fourth year courses

Language of instruction	English There is a limited number of courses offered in English. Carefully check whether these course offerings meet your wishes!
Homepage	<a href="http://www.ntu.edu.tw/english/">www.ntu.edu.tw/english/</a> <a href="https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student">https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://nol.ntu.edu.tw/nol/guest/index.php">http://nol.ntu.edu.tw/nol/guest/index.php</a>  -> select English (top right) -> choose ' <b>Courses conducted in English</b> ' (2nd in the central column)
Course restrictions	Exchange students are not allowed to enroll in Summer Courses, Teacher Education Programs and Distance Learning Courses, nor in any course in the College of Medicine or the Department of Anthropology.
Faculties	This destination is interesting for students in International Relations and in Economics. At this time, there are not enough courses taught in English in other academic areas.
Accommodation	<a href="https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student/2020_2021_Admission/application-exchange-students-20182019">https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student/2020_2021_Admission/application-exchange-students-20182019</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://www.boca.gov.tw/mp-2.html">https://www.boca.gov.tw/mp-2.html</a> <a href="https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student/2020_2021_Admission/before-arrival-exchange-students-20182019">https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student/2020_2021_Admission/before-arrival-exchange-students-20182019</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://oiasystem.ntu.edu.tw/upload/content_files/article/1004/Y2FzZTIwMTkwNjExIExp2EgZWRpdC3lt7Llo5PnuK4=.pdf">http://oiasystem.ntu.edu.tw/upload/content_files/article/1004/Y2FzZTIwMTkwNjExIExp2EgZWRpdC3lt7Llo5PnuK4=.pdf</a> <a href="https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student">https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/apply-to-ntu/incoming-exchange-student</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Course selection and registration can be difficult, but the add/drop period is helpful (requesting a 'student buddy' is helpful in these matters)   Possibility of taking graduate courses (smaller groups, open discussions) Large classes – not many discussions No possibility of working

## USA - General remarks

<b>Housing</b>	Many universities offer/require on-campus housing (sometimes together with meal plans) – these arrangements can be extremely expensive as they need to be paid up front, but in this case food and rent are taken care of for your entire semester. Check Special Remarks sections for University-specific information.
<b>Visa / costs</b>	Visa is required. Check the <a href="https://www.state.gov">U.S. Department of State</a> website for country-specific information and costs (usually ~€150-€300) You will have to make an appointment at the nearest embassy – in this case, make sure to check waiting times and to arrange appointments ahead of time. You can only make an appointment as soon as you have received the official DS2019 form from your host university. More universities ask fees for the obligatory introduction program. In addition, some universities charge extra fees for lab or tech related courses.
<b>Living costs</b>	Costs of living in the U.S. are generally higher than in Maastricht. It varies per city and state, but it is always recommended that you start saving up before your semester abroad, especially if you plan to travel.
<b>Health insurance</b>	There is a mandatory health insurance required by most US universities, costing up to €800. Sometimes it is possible for it to be waived – requirements vary, so check the online information for exchange students provided by the host university. Vaccinations are required as well – make sure to research whether you have the required vaccinations, and if you do not, arrange your doctor's appointment ahead of time (waiting times can be long).

USA	American University, Washington
Number of students	1 student, 4.5 months
Fall semester	mid August – late December
Spring semester	early January – mid May 2020 (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)
Study load	15 local credits equal 30 ECTS
Course levels	Depending on contents and prerequisites:
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to 100 and 200 courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to 200 and 300 courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to 300 and 400 courses
Language of instruction	English (TOEFL required)
Homepage	<a href="http://www.american.edu">www.american.edu</a>
Course offerings	School of International Service College of Arts and Sciences School of Public Affairs Kogod School of Business School of Communication  There are restrictions for: School of International Service Kogod School of Business School of Communication (see: <a href="http://www.american.edu/abroadatau/academics.cfm">www.american.edu/abroadatau/academics.cfm</a> )
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements. <a href="https://www.american.edu/abroadatau/academics.cfm">https://www.american.edu/abroadatau/academics.cfm</a>
Faculties	<a href="http://www.american.edu/abroadatau/Courseofferings.cfm">www.american.edu/abroadatau/Courseofferings.cfm</a>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.american.edu/abroadatau/housingdining.cfm">www.american.edu/abroadatau/housingdining.cfm</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.american.edu/ocl/isss/Applying-for-a-visa.cfm">www.american.edu/ocl/isss/Applying-for-a-visa.cfm</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://american.edu/abroadatau/">http://american.edu/abroadatau/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Washington D.C. is a very expensive city to live in High quality of teaching (communicative, engaged teachers)

USA	Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts
Number of students	1 student for 4 months
Fall semester	September – December
Spring semester	January – May (conflict with period 3; you have to come back in period 6 to catch up for missing period 3)
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale). Especially of interest for students in Economics/Business
Study load	15 credits equal 30 ECTS.
Course levels	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to
Language of instruction	English TOEFL requirement
Homepage	<a href="http://www.babson.edu">www.babson.edu</a>

Course offerings	<a href="http://www.babson.edu/Academics/undergraduate/concentrations/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.babson.edu/Academics/undergraduate/concentrations/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Course restrictions	Individual course prerequisites and additional selection procedures may be required for courses with limited enrolment.
Faculties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accounting and Law</li> <li>- Economics</li> <li>- Finance</li> <li>- Management</li> <li>- Math &amp; Science</li> <li>- Technology, Operations and Information Management</li> <li>- Arts &amp; Humanities</li> <li>- Entrepreneurship</li> <li>- History &amp; Society</li> <li>- Marketing</li> </ul>
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.babson.edu/student-life/living-on-campus/Pages/default.aspx">www.babson.edu/student-life/living-on-campus/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Visa information	<p>The International Student Scholar Services Team assists students who need a visa to enter the United States. Upon acceptance and completion of the necessary financial support documents, students will receive a Form DS-2019, which must be submitted to the US Consulate or Embassy in the student's home country, along with the visa application and other required documents needed to obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor Student Visa</p> <p><a href="https://www.babson.edu/admission/international-students/the-student-visa-process/">https://www.babson.edu/admission/international-students/the-student-visa-process/</a></p>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<p><a href="http://educationabroad.babson.edu/">http://educationabroad.babson.edu/</a></p> <p>go to: incoming exchange students; Getting started and click on: Undergraduate Exchange Fact Sheet</p> <p><a href="https://www.babson.edu/admission/international-students/">https://www.babson.edu/admission/international-students/</a></p>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Campus accommodation is more expensive, but preferable (short distance; social life) Expensive day-to-day

USA	<b>The University of California</b> Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz campus	
Number of students	20 students, each 3 or 4 months (depending on campus allocation)	
Berkeley Fall semester	August – December	
Berkeley Winter semester	January – May 2022 (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)	
Other campuses Fall quarter	September – December 2021	
Other campuses Winter quarter	January – March 2022 (conflict with project period 3, but you can be back for the start of course period 5 and consequently do a project in project period 6) NOTE: you cannot go in the Spring quarter (March-June) of these campuses!	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale) UC does not accept students with many failed grades (even when passed for the resits).	
Study load	Students going to UC Berkeley: 16 units equal 30 ECTS. Students going to any of the other campuses: 4 courses (typically equal to 16 local units –UCSC 20 local units) equal 25 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	lower division 01-99
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	dependent on content: upper division 100-199
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	dependent on content: upper division 100-199
Language of instruction	English Since Spring 2011 UCM students do not have to take the TOEFL test or any other English language proficiency test.	
Campus allocation	Campus allocation is done by the University of California (if possible, based on your list of preferred campuses).	
Homepage	<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements. In addition:	

	<p>Each campus has impacted areas or majors that are not open to exchange students! See: <a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation</a> Informatics/information studies not available on undergraduate level. Only at Irvine but space is limited. Major at UCI is impacted.</p>
Faculties	Each campus has many different faculties/departments. You are advised to carefully check out the offerings of the campus you would like to go to. Please note that it will be extremely hard to get into Business Administration or Economics courses when you do not have the right prerequisites!
Accommodation	<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/housing">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/housing</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/while-at-uc/arriving-at-uc">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/while-at-uc/arriving-at-uc</a> <a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-exchange/apply-undergraduate-programs/undergraduate-faqs">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-exchange/apply-undergraduate-programs/undergraduate-faqs</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>More and more campuses have a compulsory introduction program for which you will have to pay. For instance, UCB: \$ 320 (fee for fall 2017). Mandatory health insurance (€400-€800; sometimes possible to be waived) and vaccinations (<a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/insurance">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/insurance</a>) California is extremely expensive to live in Campus life at UC is usually very rich, with many social opportunities and activities</p> <p><b>Berkeley</b> Extremely wide range of courses (exchange students have lower priority, so a lot of research regarding course selection is required; registration process can be complex) Lecture-based   High academic level Extremely high living costs, unless applying very early for student co-ops; meal plan also helps lower costs   Sports facilities are free</p> <p><b>Davis</b> High academic level, range of courses, and quality of teaching (not all courses always available, prepare back-ups) Large classes (70-100 students) Huge price differences in accommodation (a lot of research necessary) Free campus facilities</p> <p><b>Los Angeles</b> Course registration can be difficult and not all courses always available - prepare back-ups Varying quality of teaching (check websites that offer course reviews, e.g. <a href="https://ratemyprofessors.com">ratemyprofessors.com</a>)   Mostly lecture-based Previous students highly advise to live in co-op housing</p> <p><b>Santa Barbara</b> Academic level lower than UCM   Engaging teachers   Lecture-based Active campus (a lot of opportunities for social and especially sports activities)</p> <p><b>Santa Cruz</b> Wide variety of courses   Lecture-based, large classes   Workload lower than UCM Arranged campus accommodation is possible</p> <p><b>San Diego</b> Wide variety of courses   Lecture-based, large classes   High quality of teaching</p> <p><b>Irvine</b> Wide variety of courses; mostly lecture based. Search for small classes. In general, workload lower than at UCM.</p>

<b>USA</b>	<b>The George Washington University, Washington D.C.</b>
	Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.

<b>USA</b>	<b>Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva (New York state)</b>
Number of students	8 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	August – December

Spring semester	January – May (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale) (this is a non-smoking campus)	
Study load	5 HWS credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		Depending on contents and prerequisites:
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	100 and 200
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	200 and 300
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	300 and 400
Language of instruction	English (no TOEFL required)	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.hws.edu">www.hws.edu</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.hws.edu/catalogue/">www.hws.edu/catalogue/</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements.	
Academic information	<a href="http://www.hws.edu/academics/index.aspx">www.hws.edu/academics/index.aspx</a>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.hws.edu/studentlife/resed.aspx">www.hws.edu/studentlife/resed.aspx</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.hws.edu/studentlife/guide/intl_basics.aspx">www.hws.edu/studentlife/guide/intl_basics.aspx</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.hws.edu/studentlife/pdf/international_handbook.pdf">https://www.hws.edu/studentlife/pdf/international_handbook.pdf</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Wide range of courses, scheduling courses can be difficult High quality level of teaching   Low participation from other students   High workload High living expenses (2-3x higher than Maastricht) Required campus accommodation	

USA	University of Connecticut College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	
Number of students	6 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	Mid-August – mid December	
Spring semester	Mid-January – mid May (conflict with project period 3; you need to come back for course period 6 in June to catch up)	
Special requirement	Minimum GPA 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	15 UConn credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	1000 coded courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	2000 coded courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	3000 and 4000 coded courses
Language of instruction	English. NO TOEFL required	
Homepage	<a href="https://abroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/">https://abroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="https://catalog.uconn.edu/directory-of-courses/">https://catalog.uconn.edu/directory-of-courses/</a> Not all courses will be open to you; you may need to obtain course permission numbers from professors via email. Note: UConn catalogues list all courses, some may not be available	
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements	
Faculties	Liberal Arts & Sciences	

Accommodation	<p>On-campus housing is guaranteed for exchange students. Students will complete the application for on-campus housing on-line after acceptance and upon receipt of their UConn NetID from the UConn Exchange Coordinator. Assignments will be made by Residential Life prior to the start of the semester.</p> <p><a href="http://www.reslife.uconn.edu">www.reslife.uconn.edu</a>  <a href="https://abroad.uconn.edu/admittedstudents/">https://abroad.uconn.edu/admittedstudents/</a></p>
Visa information	<p>International students receive the official DS-2019 form from UConn. This form is used to obtain the J-1 visa from the US Consulate/Embassy.</p> <p><a href="http://iss.uconn.edu/students/newstudents/new-students-what-type-of-visa-should-i-apply-for">http://iss.uconn.edu/students/newstudents/new-students-what-type-of-visa-should-i-apply-for</a>  <a href="https://abroad.uconn.edu/visaandimmigration/">https://abroad.uconn.edu/visaandimmigration/</a></p>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<p><a href="http://studyabroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/">http://studyabroad.uconn.edu/students/incoming/</a>  Download "Incoming Exchange Information Sheet"</p>
Special remarks / Student experiences	<p>Introduction activities highly advised  Lecture-based teaching methods   "Don't choose the course, choose the professor" – highly varying quality levels of teaching, use course-rating websites for advice (e.g. <a href="http://ratemyprofessor.com">ratemyprofessor.com</a>)  High living costs (one-time costs for on-campus accommodation ~€3300, and mandatory meal plan ~€2700)</p>

USA		University of Maryland Honors College / Gemstone Program	
<p>The Gemstone Program at the University of Maryland is a truly unique multidisciplinary four-year research program for select undergraduate Honors College students of all majors.</p> <p>UCM students are welcome to join one of these 4-year Gemstone research projects during one semester. Of course, the UCM students also need to take courses; the Gemstone program runs alongside the courses.</p> <p><b>From 2020/2021 onwards, the program is also open to UCM students who do not wish to take part in a research project and who wish to take courses outside the Honors College.</b></p>			
Number of students	1 student, for 4 months		
Fall semester	September – December		
Spring semester	Late January – mid May April (conflict with project period 3; you need to come back for course period 6 in June to catch up)		
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.5 (Dutch grading scale); <b>strong interest in research; an interview will be part of the application procedure.</b>		
Study load	5 courses (typically each 3 local credits) represent 15 local credits; 15 local credits equal 30 ECTS		
Course levels			
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	100 coded courses	
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	200-300 coded courses	
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	300-400 coded courses	
Language of instruction	English; no TOEFL required		
Homepage	<a href="http://www.gemstone.umd.edu">www.gemstone.umd.edu</a>		
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.gemstone.umd.edu/academics/curriculum.html">http://www.gemstone.umd.edu/academics/curriculum.html</a>		
	Course offerings from the entire University of Maryland schedule of classes will be available to UCM students (give appropriate prerequisites, etc.). Available courses ("Schedule of Classes") can be found at: <a href="http://www.testudo.umd.edu">www.testudo.umd.edu</a>		
	Registration Guide: <a href="http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/registration.html">http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/registration.html</a>		
Course restrictions	Typical course requirements apply.		
Faculties	Honors College		



Accommodation	<a href="http://reslife.umd.edu/">http://reslife.umd.edu/</a> (click on our housing)
Visa information	You will need a J-1 visa for the USA. See: <a href="http://www.international.umd.edu/ies/3671">www.international.umd.edu/ies/3671</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services/about-iss">http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services/about-iss</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Difficult course selection procedure (but there is an add/drop period) Mostly lecture-based   Wide variety of courses   High workload, but lower level of assignments High living costs - on-campus accommodation (~€700 per month) and meal plan recommended (~€2000) Possible to work along studies (approval required)

USA	University of Richmond, Virginia	
Number of students	6 students, each 4 months	
Fall semester	Mid August – mid December	
Spring semester	Early January – early May 2020 (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	5 units equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	1000
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	2000
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	3000 and 4000
Language of instruction	English (TOEFL not required)	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.richmond.edu">http://www.richmond.edu</a> <a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/index.html">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/index.html</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/why-ur/academics.html">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/why-ur/academics.html</a> go to: course catalog <a href="http://undergradcatalog.richmond.edu">http://undergradcatalog.richmond.edu</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements.	
Faculties	- Arts & Sciences - Leadership Studies - Business	
Accommodation	<a href="https://housing.richmond.edu">https://housing.richmond.edu</a> but there is also information about housing for exchange students here: <a href="http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=268#Housing">http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=268#Housing</a>	
Visa information	Detailed information is provided after a student is accepted to UR but here is some general information: <a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/prepare/immigration/index.html">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/prepare/immigration/index.html</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/index.html">https://international.richmond.edu/international-students/index.html</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Course registration is on first come-first served basis   Not all courses are available at all times (contact with teachers and AA at Richmond required) High quality of teaching   Engaging and communicative teachers   High workload Necessary to pay for campus accommodation, meal plan, and visa up front – around €6500 Rich campus life	

USA	University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont Honors College	
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months	
Fall semester	September - December	
Spring semester	Early January – early May 2020 (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	5 courses equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	001-099
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	100-199
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	200-299
Language of instruction	English; no TOEFL required	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu">www.uvm.edu</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://catalogue.uvm.edu/pdf/2020-21_undergraduate.pdf">http://catalogue.uvm.edu/pdf/2020-21_undergraduate.pdf</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements. In addition, as this exchange program is with the Honors College, UCM students are required to take one course at this College.	
Faculties	Arts & Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering & Mathematical Sciences, Environment & Natural Resources. See: <a href="http://www.uvm.edu/academics/majors_minors_and_graduate_programs">http://www.uvm.edu/academics/majors_minors_and_graduate_programs</a>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/reslife">www.uvm.edu/reslife</a> <a href="http://www.uvm.edu/oie/institutional-information">www.uvm.edu/oie/institutional-information</a>	
Visa information	You will need a J-1 visa. Information will be provided once accepted by the university.	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.uvm.edu/oie/institutional-information">www.uvm.edu/oie/institutional-information</a>	

USA	University of Washington, Seattle UW- Honors Program	
	Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

## UCM partner universities within Europe

Denmark	Aarhus University Business and Social Sciences
Number of students	1 student, 5 months
Fall semester	late August – December
Spring semester	late January - June (might conflict with period 3)
Special requirement	Students can take up to a maximum of 10 ECTS outside the Business and Social Sciences academic area.
Study load	30 ECTS (course load is published in ECTS, however sometimes in local credits, then: 15 local credits equal 30 ECTS)
Course levels	Classification of course levels has to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
Language of instruction	English
Homepage	<a href="http://bss.au.dk/en/">http://bss.au.dk/en/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://bss.au.dk/en/programmes/bachelor/">http://bss.au.dk/en/programmes/bachelor/</a> <a href="https://bss.au.dk/en/programmes/exchange-students/">https://bss.au.dk/en/programmes/exchange-students/</a>
Course restrictions	Check if courses are in English
Departments	- Business Studies                      - Economics - Communication
Accommodation	<a href="https://international.au.dk/life/locations/housing/auhousing/exchangefreemover/">https://international.au.dk/life/locations/housing/auhousing/exchangefreemover/</a>
Visa information	Citizens from outside the EU/EEA/Nordic countries will receive information on how to apply for a residence permit in the Welcome email from the AU International Centre. It is very important to start the application process as soon as you receive the application form. The relevant documents will be sent in an email and not by regular mail.
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://international.au.dk/education/admissions/exchange/">https://international.au.dk/education/admissions/exchange/</a> <a href="https://international.au.dk/life/studentscomingtoau/prepareyourarrival/">https://international.au.dk/life/studentscomingtoau/prepareyourarrival/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Accommodation very hard to find (if not arranged by University – not available to all students) High quality of teaching   Combination of lectures and tutorials (methods vary per course) Very expensive cost of living (working is recommended) Solid knowledge foundation in economics and business recommended

Finland	University of Helsinki Faculty of Social Sciences and Swedish School of Social Sciences
Number of students	2 students, each 4 months
Fall semester	September – December
Spring semester	January – May (conflict period 3; you may need to come back in period 6 to catch up for the missing project in period 3)
Special requirement	Participating faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences and Swedish School of Social Sciences
Study load	30 ECTS (course load is published in ECTS, however sometimes in local credits, then: 15 local credits, called CU, equal 30 ECTS, also called CR)
Course levels	Classification of course levels has to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
Language of instruction	English
Homepage	<a href="https://www.helsinki.fi/en">https://www.helsinki.fi/en</a>

Course offerings	<a href="https://weboodi.helsinki.fi/hy/opasopiskopas.jsp?Kieli=6">https://weboodi.helsinki.fi/hy/opasopiskopas.jsp?Kieli=6</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements
Faculties	Social Sciences <a href="https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-social-sciences">https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-social-sciences</a>
Accommodation	Start very early! It is difficult to find a room. <a href="https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/how-apply-housing-exchange-student">https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/how-apply-housing-exchange-student</a> <a href="https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/housing">https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/housing</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/residence-permit-exchange-students-o">https://guide.student.helsinki.fi/en/article/residence-permit-exchange-students-o</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies">https://www.helsinki.fi/en/studying/how-to-apply/exchange-studies</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Apply for housing (HOAS) as soon as applications open, or ASAP Very expensive (find student discounts, e.g. public transport) Little information available on courses (a lot of research necessary)

France	l'Institut d'Études Politiques, Sciences Po - Lille	
Number of students	4 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	September – January	
Spring semester	February – June (possible conflict with period 3; you might need to come back in June to catch up for the missing January project)	
Special requirement	French proficiency on academic level	
Study load	30 ECTS (course load is in ECTS); but be aware that the load published on the internet might differ from the actual load per course.	
Course levels		Roughly:
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	first year courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	second year courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	fourth year courses
		However, each course should be classified individually
Language of instruction	French	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/">www.sciencespo-lille.eu/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://moodle.sciencespo-lille.eu/">http://moodle.sciencespo-lille.eu/</a>	
Course restrictions	No restrictions for year 1 and 2. In year 4 and 5 students may take courses and seminars but have to check with the international office to take ateliers	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/logement">http://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/logement</a> Interesting sites: <a href="https://www.crous-lille.fr/international/">https://www.crous-lille.fr/international/</a> or <a href="https://housinganywhere.com/fr/">https://housinganywhere.com/fr/</a>	
Visa information	Non-EU students need a visa. More information <a href="http://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/international/mobilite-entrante/visa-et-titres-de-sejours">http://www.sciencespo-lille.eu/international/mobilite-entrante/visa-et-titres-de-sejours</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-lille.com/prospective-international-admissions/international-exchange-students/general-information">http://www.sciencespo-lille.com/prospective-international-admissions/international-exchange-students/general-information</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Courses are on a first come-first serve basis (make an effort with pre-registration; pay attention to schedule overlaps) Search for accommodation recommended once you arrive Lower quality of teaching than at UCM French is absolutely necessary Difficult to integrate with French students	

France	l'Institut d'Études Politiques, Sciences Po -Toulouse	
Number of students	6 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	September –January	
Spring semester	February – June (possible conflict with period 3; you might need to come back in June to catch up for the missing January project)	
Special requirement	French proficiency on academic level	
Study load	30 ECTS (course load is in ECTS)	
Course levels UCM 1000 UCM 2000 UCM 3000	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	Roughly: first year courses second year courses fourth year courses However, each course should be classified individually
Language of instruction	French	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr">www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/formations-471829.kjsp?RH=ecole&amp;RF=formations">www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/formations-471829.kjsp?RH=ecole&amp;RF=formations</a>	
Course restrictions	No restrictions for year 1 and 2. In year 4 and 5 students may take courses and seminars but have to check with the international office to take ateliers	
Academic information	IEP does not have different faculties or departments, it comprises - like UCM – different fields of study under one roof: <a href="http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/formations-471829.kjsp?RH=iep_fr&amp;RF=formations">www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/formations-471829.kjsp?RH=iep_fr&amp;RF=formations</a>	
Accommodation	Youth hostel in Toulouse : contact and information on the website <a href="http://www.fuaj.org">www.fuaj.org</a> All the information concerning cheap hotels in Toulouse city center, accommodation in halls of residence, student residences, private housing and host families are available on the following website <a href="http://www.crij.org">www.crij.org</a> > Annonces Logements Interesting sites: <a href="http://www.crous-toulouse.fr/">http://www.crous-toulouse.fr/</a> It is recommended you apply early.	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr">www.diplomatie.gouv.fr</a> > Venir en France and <a href="http://www.campusfrance.org/en">www.campusfrance.org/en</a> > prepare for your stay	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/informations-pratiques-in-french--581356.kjsp?RH=iep_fr">http://www.sciencespo-toulouse.fr/informations-pratiques-in-french--581356.kjsp?RH=iep_fr</a> Also check: <a href="http://en.calameo.com/read/0038480217b0c4ebc7a25">http://en.calameo.com/read/0038480217b0c4ebc7a25</a>	

Germany	University College Freiburg	
Number of students	3 students, each 4 months	
Fall semester	Conflict with UCM semester	
Spring semester	Mid April – early August; UCF block periods 3 and 4	
Special requirement	-	
Study load	30 ECTS	
Course levels UCM 1000 UCM 2000 UCM 3000	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	To be decided
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uni-freiburg.de">www.uni-freiburg.de</a> <a href="http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange">www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/program-offerings/bachelors-and-state-examination">www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/program-offerings/bachelors-and-state-examination</a>	

Course restrictions	Meet the course requirements.
Faculties	University College Freiburg; UCM students are allowed to take courses outside the UCF curriculum.
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange/application-for-the-university-of-freiburg-global-exchange">http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange/application-for-the-university-of-freiburg-global-exchange</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange/application-for-the-university-of-freiburg-global-exchange">http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange/application-for-the-university-of-freiburg-global-exchange</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange">http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/en/counseling/exchange-programs-and-studying-abroad/freiburg-global-exchange</a>

Germany	Double Degree Program with University College Freiburg
<p>In addition to the above mentioned Exchange Program with UCF, UCM and University College Freiburg also have an agreement for a double degree program, which lasts 4 years in total.</p> <p>UCM students will take their first two years at UCM, do a year at UCF, and then come back to UCM to do their last year at UCM. You will have to fulfill all UCM's graduation requirements in the 3 years at UCM; the year at UCF is an extra year. So, this means that your education program will take 4 years, but it will give you two diplomas; one Dutch and one German.</p> <p>During the year at UCF you will have to complete the UCF Research Project of 12 ECTS, one course from the UCF Core Curriculum of 6 ECTS, 1 language course of 6 ECTS and 6 further courses of 6 ECTS from the Major or Elective Curriculum at UCF, totaling 60 ECTS. Once you have finished your year in Freiburg, you will come back to Maastricht to do your final year here.</p> <p>In order to qualify, you will have to have a 0.9 PR and your GPA should be a minimum of 7.7 (Dutch grading scale) by the time of application, which is 11 November 2019, and should stay so until you leave for your year in Freiburg. Only students who are currently in their second year are eligible to apply. Students will be interviewed because only a few spots are available.</p> <p>If you are interested in the Double Degree program UCM-UCF 2021-2022, you can list Double Degree UCM-UCF as one of your options on the Semester Abroad Application form and submit it, together with your motivation letter, before November 9, 2020.</p> <p>Students who started in February can do the DD in their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> semester at UCF. If they wish to go on a semester abroad as well, they can do so in their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester. In their final semester, their 8<sup>th</sup> semester, they have to be at UCM to do the Capstone.</p> <p>More information about the UCF program can be found on: <a href="http://www.ucf.uni-freiburg.de/?set_language=en">www.ucf.uni-freiburg.de/?set_language=en</a>  Feel free to contact Wolfgang Giernalczyk (wolfgang.giernalczyk@maastrichtuniversity.nl) should you have any question about this special Double Degree Program with UCF.</p>	

Italy	LUISS Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, Roma	
Number of students	8 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	Early September – late February (conflict with UCM Spring semester!)	
Spring semester	late February – late July	
Special requirement	Italian proficiency on academic level (minimum level B1 on the CEFR scale) if you wish to study in Italian. Many courses are offered in English, and if you only take English taught courses, your Italian proficiency should be at least A2 on the CEFR scale.	
Study load	30 ECTS	
Course levels	Depending on the contents:	
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	first year courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	second year courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	third year courses
Language of instruction	Courses in Italian and a growing number in English	

Homepage	<a href="http://www.luiss.edu/">www.luiss.edu/</a> <a href="https://www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students">https://www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students</a>
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.luiss.edu/international-programs/erasmus-and-exchange-students/courses-english-erasmus-and-exchange-students">https://www.luiss.edu/international-programs/erasmus-and-exchange-students/courses-english-erasmus-and-exchange-students</a> <a href="https://www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students/ects-course-information">https://www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students/ects-course-information</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements
Faculties & Schools	- Economics                                      - Law - Political Science                              - Business School
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.luiss.edu/studenti/scambi-internazionali/scambi-internazionali-ed-erasmus/studenti-stranieri/accomodation-for-erasmus-and-exchange-students">https://www.luiss.edu/studenti/scambi-internazionali/scambi-internazionali-ed-erasmus/studenti-stranieri/accomodation-for-erasmus-and-exchange-students</a> or: <a href="http://www.easystanza.it">www.easystanza.it</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students">www.luiss.edu/students/erasmus-and-exchange-students</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.luiss.edu/international-programs/study-abroad/erasmus-bilateral-exchanges">https://www.luiss.edu/international-programs/study-abroad/erasmus-bilateral-exchanges</a> <a href="https://www.luiss.edu/sites/www.luiss.it/files/Fact-Sheet-LUISS-2019-2020.pdf">https://www.luiss.edu/sites/www.luiss.it/files/Fact-Sheet-LUISS-2019-2020.pdf</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Expert teachers   Lecture-based Introduction program is recommended by previous students

Norway	University of Oslo Faculty of Social Sciences	
Number of students	2 students, 4.5 months each	
Fall semester	Mid August – December	
Spring semester	Not possible in the spring semester because of semester conflicts.	
Special requirement	Normal course requirements; Faculty of Social Sciences ONLY	
Study load	30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	1000 level
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	2000 level
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	3000 level
Language of instruction	Many courses are offered in English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uio.no/english/">www.uio.no/english/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.uio.no/english/studies/courses/social-sciences/">www.uio.no/english/studies/courses/social-sciences/</a>	
Course restrictions	Only within the Faculty of Social Sciences	
Faculties	- Sociology and Human Geography                      - Political Science - Psychology    - Social Anthropology - Economics    - Technology, Innovation and Culture	
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.uio.no/english/student-life/services/sio-housing/">https://www.uio.no/english/student-life/services/sio-housing/</a>	
Visa information	<a href="https://www.uio.no/english/studies/international-students/before-arrival/visa/index.html">https://www.uio.no/english/studies/international-students/before-arrival/visa/index.html</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.uio.no/english/studies/admission/exchange/index.html">www.uio.no/english/studies/admission/exchange/index.html</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Quite expensive regarding living costs (but accommodation is arranged by University, and affordable) Varied teaching methods (lectures, tutorials)	

Poland	University of Warsaw Faculty of Artes Liberales
Number of students	6 students, each 4.5 months
Fall semester	early October – early February (conflict first week period 5)
Spring semester	mid February – late June
Special requirement	-
Study load	30 ECTS (course load is published in ECTS)
Course levels	Classification of course levels has to be looked into based on the course descriptions and specific course requirements of each course individually.
Language of instruction	English (some courses in German) and Polish
Homepage	<a href="https://en.uw.edu.pl/">https://en.uw.edu.pl/</a>
Course offerings	<a href="http://informatorects.uw.edu.pl/en/">http://informatorects.uw.edu.pl/en/</a> <a href="http://informatorects.uw.edu.pl/en/courses/">http://informatorects.uw.edu.pl/en/courses/</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements
Academic information	50% of the courses should be taken within the Faculty of Artes Liberales; depending on availability and eligibility students may take courses at other departments.
Accommodation	<a href="http://en.bwz.uw.edu.pl/accommodation/">http://en.bwz.uw.edu.pl/accommodation/</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://rekrutacja.uw.edu.pl/en/practical-information/">http://rekrutacja.uw.edu.pl/en/practical-information/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://en.uw.edu.pl/education/exchange-and-guest-students/">https://en.uw.edu.pl/education/exchange-and-guest-students/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Course registration can be complicated (consult Warsaw IRO for instructions when the time comes) Relatively cheap   Working not recommended (Polish required) Enthusiastic professors

Slovak Republic	Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Number of students	2 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	Early September – mid January	
Spring semester	Mid February – early June BISLA offers an intensive course about Plato from early January – mid February. If you want to take that course in addition to the Feb-Jun semester, you miss the project period in period 3 and you need to come back in June to catch up for the missing January project.	
Special requirement	Minimum GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	100 coded courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	200 coded courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	300 coded courses
Language of instruction	Courses in English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.bisla.sk">www.bisla.sk</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.bisla.sk/course-syllabi">www.bisla.sk/course-syllabi</a>	
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements	
Faculties	Political Sciences / Philosophy	
Accommodation	BISLA offers aid with both housing and obtaining visa on individual basis. As a really small institution, BISLA aspires to providing individual approach to each student in many aspects.	
Visa information	<a href="https://www.euraxess.sk/en/main/info/living/entry/">https://www.euraxess.sk/en/main/info/living/entry/</a>	



Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.bisla.sk/exchanges">https://www.bisla.sk/exchanges</a>
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Spain	Universidad Carlos III, Madrid School of Humanities and School of Law and Social Sciences	
Number of students	4 students, each 4.5 months	
Fall semester	September – end January	
Spring semester	end January – end May (conflict with project period 3; you need to come back in June to catch up)	
Special requirement	Spanish language proficiency on academic level.	
Study load	study load is presented in ECTS, so 30 ECTS	
Course levels	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	Depending on the contents:
UCM 1000		first and second year courses
UCM 2000		second and third year courses
UCM 3000	third and fourth year courses	
Language of instruction	Spanish	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.uc3m.es">www.uc3m.es</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/Grado/en/ListadoGrados/1371212987094/Bachelor_s_Degrees">https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/Grado/en/ListadoGrados/1371212987094/Bachelor_s_Degrees</a> <a href="https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoMixta/1371220461773/">https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoMixta/1371220461773/</a> Click on "Course Offer Guide"	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements within the two participating Schools.	
Faculties	School of Law and Social Sciences School of Humanities	
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoMixta/1371259499160/">https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoMixta/1371259499160/</a>	
Visa information	<a href="https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoDosColumnas/1371219273906/International_Exchange_Students">https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoDosColumnas/1371219273906/International_Exchange_Students</a> Click "Immigration Procedures", found on the right side of the page under "More Information"	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoDosColumnas/1371219273906/">https://www.uc3m.es/ss/Satellite/UC3Minstitucional/en/TextoDosColumnas/1371219273906/</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Course scheduling difficult – overlaps are frequent, therefore some courses unavailable Regular Carlos III students given priority with courses Lower academic level and workload Housing is expensive	

Spain	Universidad de Granada Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología	
Number of students	1 student, one semester	
Fall semester	mid September – last week January <a href="http://secretariageneral.ugr.es/pages/calendario">http://secretariageneral.ugr.es/pages/calendario</a>	
Spring semester	Mid February – mid July <a href="http://secretariageneral.ugr.es/pages/calendario">http://secretariageneral.ugr.es/pages/calendario</a>	
Special requirement	Spanish language proficiency on academic level	
Study load	30 ECTS = 30 ECTS	
Course levels	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	Depending on the contents:
UCM 1000		first and second year courses
UCM 2000		second and third year courses
UCM 3000	third and fourth year courses	

Language of instruction	Spanish proficiency
Homepage	<a href="http://www.ugr.es">www.ugr.es</a>
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.ugr.es/en/study/undergraduate/programmes">https://www.ugr.es/en/study/undergraduate/programmes</a>
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements
Faculties	Ciencias Políticas y Sociología
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.ugr.es/en/study/undergraduate/about-studying-at-the-ugr">https://www.ugr.es/en/study/undergraduate/about-studying-at-the-ugr</a>
Visa information	Students holding an EU nationality do not need a residence permit. <a href="http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/movilidad/estudiantes/entrantes/residenciainspain?lang=en">http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/movilidad/estudiantes/entrantes/residenciainspain?lang=en</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/procedimientosolicitudonlineerasmus?lang=en">http://internacional.ugr.es/pages/perfiles/estudiantes/procedimientosolicitudonlineerasmus?lang=en</a> <a href="https://internacional.ugr.es/pages/guias-y-folleto/orientationweek/">https://internacional.ugr.es/pages/guias-y-folleto/orientationweek/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Wide variety of courses available (from all faculties) Take time to experience the course and meet the professor before selecting it Relatively cheap compared to Maastricht

<b>Spain</b>	<b>Universidad de Salamanca</b> Facultad de Ciencias Sociales
Not available in 2021-2022 because of an imbalance in student numbers.	

Turkey	Bilkent University Department of Political Science and the Department of International Relations	
Number of students	4 students, each 5 months	
Fall semester	Late August – Mid January	
Spring semester	Late January – Late May	
Special requirement	No special requirement	
Study load	30 ECTS (Course load is published in ECTS)	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	100 coded courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	200 coded courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	300 and 400 coded courses
Language of instruction	Courses in English.	
Homepage	<a href="http://w3.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent">http://w3.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent</a> <a href="http://pols.bilkent.edu.tr/">http://pols.bilkent.edu.tr/</a> <a href="http://ir.bilkent.edu.tr/">http://ir.bilkent.edu.tr/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://catalog.bilkent.edu.tr/current/">http://catalog.bilkent.edu.tr/current/</a>	
Course restrictions	Normal course requirements	
Faculties	Please note: the Department of Political Science participates in this exchange agreement, and the Department of International Relations but you might also be allowed to take course from other departments.	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/accommodation.html">www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/accommodation.html</a> or: <a href="http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent-tr/admin-unit/yurt/e_index.html">www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent-tr/admin-unit/yurt/e_index.html</a> Bilkent has offered free housing the last few years. No guarantee that they will do so again in 2021-2022	

Visa information	<a href="http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/visa_permit.html">www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/visa_permit.html</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/">www.bilkent.edu.tr/bilkent/academic/exchange/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Lecture-based, very little discussion in class

Turkey	Boğaziçi University Department of Sociology and the Department of Western Language and Literatures	
Number of students	2 students to each department, each 4.5 months	
Fall Semester	September- First week January	
Spring Semester	January- Beginning of June; conflict with period 3; you need to come back to UCM in June to catch up for the missing project in January.	
Special requirement	The agreement is with two different departments only: Department of Sociology and the Department of Western Language and Literatures	
Study load	30 ECTS (3 local credits = 5 ECTS; local credits are based purely on contact hours; the ECTS credits are awarded on the basis of workload)	
Course levels		
UCM1000	introductory is comparable to	100 coded courses
UCM2000	intermediate is comparable to	200 coded courses
UCM3000	advanced is comparable to	300 coded courses
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.intl.boun.edu.tr/">http://www.intl.boun.edu.tr/</a>	
Course offerings	<p>For the <b>Department of Sociology</b>:  <a href="http://boun.edu.tr/en_US/Content/Academic/Undergraduate_Catalogue/Faculty_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Department_of_Sociology">http://boun.edu.tr/en_US/Content/Academic/Undergraduate_Catalogue/Faculty_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Department_of_Sociology</a></p> <p>For the <b>Department of Western Languages and Literature</b>:  <a href="http://boun.edu.tr/en_US/Content/Academic/Undergraduate_Catalogue/Faculty_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Department_of_Western_Languages_and_Literatures">http://boun.edu.tr/en_US/Content/Academic/Undergraduate_Catalogue/Faculty_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Department_of_Western_Languages_and_Literatures</a></p>	
Course offerings	You need to take at least 50% of the courses at one of these Departments. If there is space and you meet the course requirements, you are allowed to also take courses at other departments.	
Faculties/department	Department of Sociology and the Department of Western Language and Literatures <b>ONLY</b>	
Accommodation	<a href="http://intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=housing-erasmus-exchange-mevlana-and-special-students">http://intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=housing-erasmus-exchange-mevlana-and-special-students</a>	
Visa Information	<a href="http://intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=visa">http://intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=visa</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=general-information">http://www.intl.boun.edu.tr/?q=general-information</a>	

United Kingdom	King's College London Arts and Humanities, Department of International European Studies
Due to an imbalance in student numbers, this partner is not available in 2021-2022.	

United Kingdom	University College London Bachelor of Arts and Sciences	
Number of students	6 students, each 4 months	
Fall semester	Mid September – mid December	
Spring semester	Mid January – mid June NOTE: conflicting problem; you will miss both the UCM January and June project period! UCM will therefore give preference to students going in Fall.	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.7 (Dutch grading scale). Students must have completed two years at UCM before they start their exchange at UCL.	
Study load	4 courses (typically each 0.5 local units) equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	1000-coded courses
UCM 1000		2000-coded courses
UCM 2000		3000-coded courses
UCM 3000		
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/basc">www.ucl.ac.uk/basc</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/basc/current/pathways">www.ucl.ac.uk/basc/current/pathways</a>	
Course restrictions	You are allowed to take 2 courses at A&S and 2 courses at any of the other departments at UCL. BUT both Economics and English Language and Literature are not open to exchange students. Other departments may have restrictions.	
Faculties	Pathways within Arts and Sciences: Sciences and Engineering Health and Environment Cultures Societies	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation">www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/iss/immigration-visa">www.ucl.ac.uk/iss/immigration-visa</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/iss">www.ucl.ac.uk/iss</a> <a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate/erasmus/">www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/international/affiliate/erasmus/</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Lecture-based teaching methods   Possibly higher workload London is extremely expensive	

United Kingdom	University of Exeter Flexible Combined Honours programme	
Number of students	4 students, each 4.5 months 2 in Fall and 2 in Spring For this destination, preference will be given to students with a Sciences concentration.	
Fall semester	Mid September – second week January	
Spring semester	Second week January – last week May (conflict with project period 3; have to come back for project period 6 in order to catch up)	
Special requirement	Minimum GPA at least a 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	60 local credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels	introductory is comparable to intermediate is comparable to advanced is comparable to	1000 coded courses
UCM 1000		2000 coded courses
UCM 2000		3000 coded courses
UCM 3000		
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/">www.exeter.ac.uk/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/studyabroad/inbound/studying/moduleselection/">http://www.exeter.ac.uk/studyabroad/inbound/studying/moduleselection/</a>	

Course restrictions	Typical course requirements. Please note that the Medical School is not participating in the exchange agreement with UCM.
Faculties	Business School (max two courses; the other two courses should be taken at other colleges) College of Life and Environmental Science College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences College of Social Sciences and International Studies College of Humanities
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/students/prospectivestudents/erasmusexchange/">www.exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/students/prospectivestudents/erasmusexchange/</a>
Visa information	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/immigration/">www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/immigration/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/studyabroad/inbound/">http://www.exeter.ac.uk/studyabroad/inbound/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Large classes – some discussions Several campuses Expensive campus accommodation (private market is cheaper, but further away)

United Kingdom	University of Leeds School of Politics and International Studies	
Number of students	8 students, each 4.5 months 2 in Fall and 2 in Spring	
Fall semester	Early September – late January	
Spring semester	Third week January – first week June (conflict with project period 3; have to come back for project period 6 in order to catch up)	
Special requirement	Minimum GPA at least a 7.0 (Dutch grading scale) NOTE: UCM students going in their 2 <sup>nd</sup> year can only take 2 <sup>nd</sup> year courses. Students going in their 3 <sup>rd</sup> year can do both 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year courses.	
Study load	60 local credits equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	1000 coded courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	2000 coded courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	3000 coded courses
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk">www.leeds.ac.uk</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://webprod1.leeds.ac.uk/catalogue/modulesearch.asp?T=S&amp;L=UG">http://webprod1.leeds.ac.uk/catalogue/modulesearch.asp?T=S&amp;L=UG</a> Please note that you check the course offerings of the School of Politics and International Studies	
Course restrictions	School of Politics and International Studies	
Faculties	The School of Politics and International Studies is the only School UCM students can go to. 50% of your courses need to be taken at this School.	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130117/exchange_and_study_abroad/148/preparation_and_arrival">www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130117/exchange_and_study_abroad/148/preparation_and_arrival</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130114/visas_and_immigration/158/">www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130114/visas_and_immigration/158/</a> visas_for_study_abroad_exchange_and_summer_school	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130117/exchange_and_study_abroad/471/about_studying_abroad_at_leeds">www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130117/exchange_and_study_abroad/471/about_studying_abroad_at_leeds</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Teaching methods similar to UCM (lectures, tutorials, but no PBL)   Lower workload Wide variety of courses available	

United Kingdom	University of Sussex, Brighton	
Number of students	4 students, each 4 months. For this destination, preference will be given to students with a Sciences concentration.	
Fall semester	Mid September – mid January	
Spring semester	Mid January – mid June NOTE: conflicting problem; you will miss both the UCM January and June project period! UCM will therefore give preference to students going in Fall.	
Special requirement	GPA at least 7.0 (Dutch grading scale)	
Study load	60 local Sussex credits are equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	Level 4 courses
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	Level 5 courses
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	Level 6 courses
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk">www.sussex.ac.uk</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules">www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide/modules</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements	
Faculties	American Studies, Anthropology, Art history, Business and management, Chemistry, Computing, Economics, Engineering and Design, Geography, History, International Development, International Relations, Law, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Media and film studies, Music, Philosophy, Physics and Astronomy, Politics, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology	
Accommodation	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation">http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/accommodation</a>	
Visa information	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-immigration/visa-issues">http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-immigration/visa-issues</a>	
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide">www.sussex.ac.uk/study/sabroad/guide</a>	
Special remarks / Student experiences	Workload and contact hours lower than UCM   Lecture-based teaching methods Wide variety of courses available Brighton is very expensive	

United Kingdom	University of York	
Number of students	4 students	
Fall semester	Mid September – mid December	
Spring semester	January – mid March	
Study load	60 local credits are equal 30 ECTS	
Course levels		
UCM 1000	introductory is comparable to	Stage one - C
UCM 2000	intermediate is comparable to	Stage two - I
UCM 3000	advanced is comparable to	Stage three - H
Language of instruction	English	
Homepage	<a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/global/">https://www.york.ac.uk/global/</a> <a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/</a>	
Course offerings	<a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/courses/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/applying/visiting-students/courses/</a>	
Course restrictions	Regular course requirements	

Faculties	Archaeology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics and Related Studies, Education, Electronic Engineering, English and Related literature, Environment and Geography, History, History of Art, Language and Linguistic Science, Law, Management, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Social Policy and Social Work, Sociology, Theatre, Film, Television and interactive media
Accommodation	<a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/visiting/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/accommodation/visiting/</a>
Visa information	<a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visas-immigration/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/international/visas-immigration/</a>
Student exchange prospectus/handbook	<a href="https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/prospectus/">https://www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/prospectus/</a>
Special remarks / Student experiences	Not yet available

# Links / Addresses / Useful websites / Apps

- UM's Information Centre for Study and Career (Informatiecentrum voor Studie en Loopbaan): <http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/ServiceCentres/SSC.htm>
- <https://www.studyabroad.com/> (providing online directories of programs and destination information. !! remember it is a commercial site!!)
- [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com) (country specific information)
- [www.internationalstudents.nl](http://www.internationalstudents.nl)
- [www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com)
- [www.absolutely-intercultural.com](http://www.absolutely-intercultural.com)
- [www.emigratiebeurs.nl/en](http://www.emigratiebeurs.nl/en)
- [www.wereldwijdestudenten.nl/](http://www.wereldwijdestudenten.nl/) (in Dutch)
- [www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living)

## INSTITUTIONS / EMBASSIES

- Nuffic (Netherlands University Foundation for International Cooperation) [www.epnuffic.nl](http://www.epnuffic.nl)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_diplomatic\\_missions\\_in\\_the\\_Netherlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_diplomatic_missions_in_the_Netherlands) (list of embassies and consulates in the Netherlands)
- [www.worldwide.edu](http://www.worldwide.edu) (overview of universities worldwide)
- [www.fulbright.nl](http://www.fulbright.nl) (information on studying in the USA)
- [www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org)
- <https://educationusa.state.gov/> (about studying in the USA)
- [www.edufrance.fr](http://www.edufrance.fr) (about studying in France)
- [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de) (scholarships, grants, etc. for German students)
- [https://europa.eu/european-union/topics/education-training-youth\\_en](https://europa.eu/european-union/topics/education-training-youth_en) (network from the European Union incl. information about subsidies and university grants). Free phone number: 00800 6789 1011
- [www.philox.eu](http://www.philox.eu) (connecting European students)
- [www.studyusa.com](http://www.studyusa.com)
- [www.IIEPassport.org](http://www.IIEPassport.org) (Institute of International Education)
- [www.aifsabroad.com](http://www.aifsabroad.com)
- [www.lcr.nl/](http://www.lcr.nl/) (National coordination centre vaccination advise in Dutch)

## HOUSING

- [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)
- <https://dusseldorf.craigslist.org/>
- [www.housinganywhere.com](http://www.housinganywhere.com)

## Flights

- Use Skyscanner, Tripadvisor flights, Kiwi.com, Google Flights
- Use your PC instead of your phone to book flights, often cheaper

## FINANCIAL ISSUES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- [www.scholarshipportal.eu](http://www.scholarshipportal.eu)
- [www.duo.nl/particulier/](http://www.duo.nl/particulier/) (information on study financing and "OV" card while studying abroad)
- [www.internationalscholarships.com](http://www.internationalscholarships.com)
- [www.isecard.com](http://www.isecard.com)
- [www.travelex.com](http://www.travelex.com) – "International payments made simple"
- [www.payoneer.com](http://www.payoneer.com)
- <https://www.studyinholland.nl/finances>
- [www.beursopener.nl](http://www.beursopener.nl)



#### ABOUT MAASTRICHT / THE NETHERLANDS

- [www.observantonline.nl/](http://www.observantonline.nl/)
- <https://www.bezoekmaastricht.nl/>
- [https://www.holland.com/be\\_nl/toerisme.htm](https://www.holland.com/be_nl/toerisme.htm)
- <https://www.government.nl/> (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Facts and Figures about The Netherlands – in English)

#### INFORMATION ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TEST (also known as Mantoux test):

Some universities require you to take such a test. You can do so at the Ease Travel Clinic at the MUMC+ (AZM hospital). See: <https://ease-travelclinic.nl/reisvaccinaties/>  
It costs about 25 Euro and some health insurance companies might reimburse you.

#### APPS FOR YOUR SMARTPHONES:

We found some nice apps for your smartphones. If you find any other interesting app, please just tell us so that we can list them here too.

- *24/7 BZ Reis*
- *Smart Traveler* by US Department of State ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov))
- *SOS op Reis*
- *Douane reizen*
- *Xe.com* (currency conversion)
- *CityMaps2Go*
- *Citymapper*

#### FACEBOOK GROUPS:

- Maastricht University UCM Semester Abroad
- UCMers worldwide

#### SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL:

Nowadays we want to travel more by train or by bus instead of by plane. Please find below some useful links for booking train/bus tickets

- <https://www.happyrail.com/en>
- <https://www.nsinternational.com/en>
- <https://www.interrail.eu/>
- <https://www.raileurope.com/en-gb>
- <https://global.flixbus.com/>
- <https://www.comparabus.com/en/>
- <https://www.ouibus.com/>
- <https://www.omio.com/>

## Steps semester abroad Fall 2021

Orientation	Read semester abroad guide.
	Check out the online the information lecture (link on StudentPortal)
	Ask possible questions via email or arrange for a meeting with Ina Engelen or Suzanne Beckers (ucm-iro-outgoing@maastrichtuniversity.nl)
	Talk to students. UCM students who have been abroad and students from partners now at UCM
	Talk to your AA
	Select destination based on courses on offer; whether you are proficient in the language; costs of living
Apply at UCM	Deadline 2 p.m. Monday 9 November, 2020. <b>REMEMBER</b> when <b>Spring 2022 is your 5th semester</b> you need to submit your application before 2 p.m. on Monday 9 November 2020 as well.
	Application form (online through StudentPortal), together with a letter of motivation (this letter will automatically be sent to your AA as well) and, if applicable, proof of language proficiency
Wait	Semester abroad allocation by UCM. Allocations will be announced by letter by mid-December
Accept	Return the signed confirmation form to accept your allocation before 2 p.m. on Monday 4 January 2021
Wait	UCM will nominate you to your host university
Apply at host	Fill out application documents (either online or hard copy) from your host. The information will be given to you by UCM's IRO office. Be alert to deadlines!
Before departure	Attend UCM's Meet & Greet event (to be announced)
	Attend one of the pre-departure sessions (to be announced)
	Course registration at host university
	Semester Abroad Study Plan approval by UCM's Board of Examiners
	Paperwork IRO office > first part of scholarship will be transferred to your account
During exchange	Changes to proposed study plan
	Required documents
After exchange	Hand in required documents. Grades and credits will be converted and second part of grant will be transferred

## Steps semester abroad Spring 2022

Orientation	Read semester abroad guide.
	Check out the online the information lecture (link on StudentPortal)
	Ask possible questions via email or arrange for a meeting with Ina Engelen or Suzanne Beckers (ucm-iro-outgoing @maastrichtuniversity.nl)
	Talk to students. UCM students who have been abroad and students from partners now at UCM
	Talk to your AA
	Select destination based on courses on offer; whether you are proficient in the language; costs of living
Apply at UCM	Deadline 2 p.m. Monday 22 March 2021. <b>REMEMBER</b> when <b>Spring 2022 is your 5th semester</b> you need to submit your application before 2 p.m. on Monday 9 November 2020
	Application form (online through StudentPortal), together with a letter of motivation (this letter will automatically be sent to your AA as well) and, if applicable, proof of language proficiency
Wait	Semester abroad allocation by UCM. Allocations will be announced by letter by mid-April
Accept	Return the signed confirmation form to accept your allocation by late April (deadline to be announced)
Wait	UCM will nominate you to your host university
Apply at host	Fill out application documents (either online or hard copy) from your host. The information will be given to you by UCM's IRO office. Be alert to deadlines!
Before departure	Attend UCM's Meet & Greet event (to be announced)
	Attend one of the pre-departure sessions (to be announced)
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## UCM Grade Conversion Table Exchange Partner Universities

This conversion table is produced in agreement between the International Relations Office and The Board of Examiners of UCM. It is based on data provided by three sources: partner universities, the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education (NUFFIC) and World Education Services (WES). It is regularly re-evaluated. Generally, after conversion from host universities' grades to Dutch grades, the semester abroad GPA matches most UCM students' GPA. See the table on page 66.

Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with this table so that you have an idea of which grades to expect when you return from your semester abroad.

NL	5	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0	8,5	9,0
Australia	3		4 Pass		5 Credit		6 Distinction		7 High Dist.
Austria			4		3		2		1
Botswana		C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+		A
Brazil		5	6	7	8	8.5	9	9.5	10
Canada		D- & D (if pass)	D+, C- & C	C+	B- & B	B+	A-	A	A+
Chile			4 - 4.9		5 - 5.4	5.5-5.9	6 - 6.4	6.5-6.9	7
Denmark		02	4		7		10		12
Ecuador		D	C			B			A
Finland		1		2		3	4		5
France			10-11		12-13		14-15	16-17	18-20
Germany			4		3		2	1.1-1.9	1.0
City Uni Hong Kong		D	D+, C- & C	C+	B-	B	B+, A-	A	A+
Chinese Uni Hong Kong		D	D+, C- & C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A
Hungary			2		3		4		5
Israel		60	61-64	65-74	75-84		85-94		95-100
Italy		18-19	20-22	22-23	24-25	26	27-28	29-30	30 e lode
Japan		D	C- & C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A
Japan Waseda		C	B		A-		A		A+
Ibero Mexico		6		7	8		9		10

NL	5	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0	8,5	9,0
ITESM Mexico		70-74	75-76	77-79	80-87	88-89	90	91-95	96-100
New Zealand		C-	C & C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Norway		E	D		C		B		A
Peru		11	12	13	14	15-16	17	18	19-20
Poland		3	3,5		4		4,5	5	5 <sup>!</sup>
Singapore		D	D+, C-, C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-, A	A+
Slovak Republic			C		B			A	
South Korea		D & D-	D+ & C-	C & C+	B- & B	B+	A-	A	A+
South Africa		50-54	55-64	65-67	68-71	72-74	75-79	80-89	90-100
Spain			5 - 6.4		6.5 - 6.9	7 - 8.4	8.5 - 8.9	9 - 9.9	10
Taiwan		C-	C	C+ & B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Turkey		D & D+ & C-	C & C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Turkey Bogazici		DC	CC	CB	BB		BA		AA
United Kingdom		E (if pass) 40-44	D 45-49		C 50-54	B- 55-59	B 60-69	A 70-79	80-100
USA		D & D- (if pass)	D+ & C- & C	C+	B- & B	B+	A-	A	A+
USA if no A+		D & D-	D+ & C- & C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A
NL	5	5,5	6,0	6,5	7,0	7,5	8,0	8,5	9,0

As mentioned before, the UCM grade conversion table is produced by taking into account different grading conversion scales and methods. In addition, UCM did research amongst all UCM students going on a semester abroad from 2009-2010 up to and including 2018-2019. From this research it became clear that the semester abroad GPA matches most UCM students' GPA. See the table below.

## Overview of UCM students' GPA's at UCM and while at host university<sup>1</sup>

Country	Average of GPA at UCM	Average of GPA at host university Semester Abroad	Average of Difference
Argentina	8,14	8,13	-0,01
Australia	7,62	7,66	0,04
Botswana	7,82	8,23	0,41
Brazil	7,80	8,11	0,31
Canada	7,71	7,78	0,07
Chile	7,78	7,28	-0,50
Denmark	7,17	7,27	0,10
Ecuador	7,86	8,40	0,54
Finland	7,36	8,10	0,73
France	7,74	7,71	-0,03
Germany	7,84	7,37	-0,47
Hong Kong	7,79	8,18	0,39
Hungary	7,98	8,63	0,65
Italy	7,51	7,69	0,17
Japan	7,48	8,43	0,95
Mexico	7,82	8,24	0,42
Nepal	7,97	8,16	0,19
New Zealand	7,94	8,34	0,40
Norway	7,01	8,09	1,08
Peru	7,74	7,90	0,16
Poland	7,47	8,14	0,67
Singapore	7,62	7,45	-0,17
Slovak Republic	7,03	7,33	0,30
South Africa	7,56	7,63	0,06
South Korea	7,57	8,11	0,54
Spain	7,63	7,58	-0,04
Taiwan	7,71	8,36	0,66
Turkey	7,77	8,60	0,83
United Kingdom	7,68	7,99	0,32
USA	7,81	8,17	0,36
Grand Total	7,70	7,95	0,26

<sup>1</sup> Based on UCM students going on a semester abroad from 2009-2010 up to and including 2018-2019.

## Conversion letter grades – GPA – Dutch grades

When applying to our host universities, you might need to inform them about your current GPA and how that GPA would convert to a 4.0 GPA system.

You can find an overview here:

Letter grade	Grade Point	Dutch Grades	Description
A+	4.0	8.6-10.0	Excellent
A	4.0	8.0-8.5	Excellent
A-	3.7	7.7-7.9	Good
B+	3.3	7.4-7.6	Good
B	3.0	7.0-7.3	Good
B-	2.7	6.7-6.9	Pass
C+	2.3	6.4-6.6	Pass
C	2.0	6.0-6.3	Pass
C-	1.7	5.5-5.9	Pass
D+	1.3	5.4	Fail
D	1.0	5.0-5.3	Fail
F	0.0	0.0-4.9	Fail