

Amsterdam University College

Study Abroad in Autumn 2027

Choosing a destination & How to apply

3 November 2026



Why are we here today?

- Study Abroad Orientation
- Timeline Study Abroad Autumn '27
- Study Abroad Month/Weeks at the UvA and the VU





AUC International Office

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University of Amsterdam

Study abroad month: SAM26

16 - 26 November 2026

This November, explore destinations, options and funding.
Join sessions, workshops and Q&As for **personalised advice**.
Turn your plans into action for an exchange, internship or summer school.
And meet students with **international experience**.

register now !




VU STUDY ABROAD WEEKS
2 – 13 NOVEMBER 2026
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Topics we will discuss today

Part I: THE BASICS

- Requirements for studying abroad
- Planning your degree requirements
- Areas of study
- Cancellation policy
- Responsibilities

Part II: CHOOSING A DESTINATION

- AUC/UvA or VU exchange programme?
- Available destinations
- Finding and selecting courses abroad
- Student experiences/testimonials

Part III: READY TO APPLY?

- Application & placement/selection procedures: VU & UvA/AUC
- Deadlines
- Budgeting for study abroad & funding
- Subletting your room



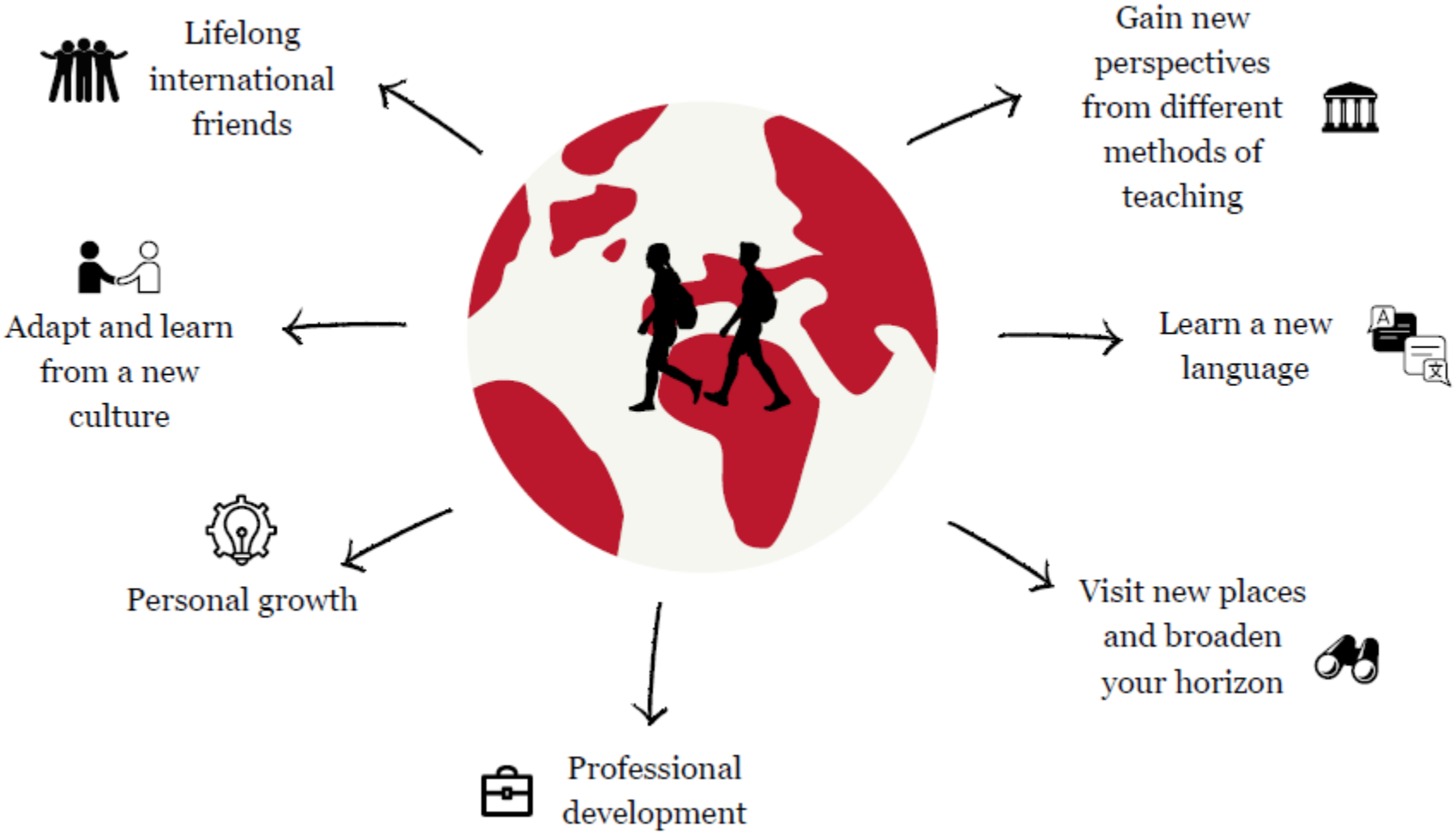
University of Melbourne
Australia



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THE BASICS

What can studying abroad bring you?



Mobility window

- 2nd semester of your 2nd year
- 1st semester of your 3rd year

Important: Off campus courses may make up to **42 ECTS** of your degree

- This <u>includes</u>:
  - Exchange semester
  - Off campus course
  - 30 EC internship
- This does <u>not include</u>:
  - 6 and 12 EC Community Projects or Internships









Eligibility: requirements for studying abroad (1/2)

AUC students are required to meet certain conditions (see **Study Abroad Guidelines**) before being allowed to go abroad (if the period abroad is meant to serve as a part of their degree requirements).

Conditions to meet before applying:

- Cumulative GPA ≥ 7.0, comprising all semesters
- No social probation
- Students must be studying at nominal pace. A maximum credit deficiency of 6 ECTS is permitted, or 6 ECTS of deficiency currently in progress plus 6 ECTS remaining shortage at the time of application.

Conditions to meet before going abroad:

- No drop in academic standing before departure (7.0 GPA*)
- Not on social or academic probation (for exchange in Autumn: 120 EC)
- You must (continue to) pay tuition to AUC

Applications from students who do not meet these requirements and do not have explicit BoE permission will not be taken into consideration.

** For UCL and Reed College the GPA requirement is 7.5*

Eligibility: requirements for studying abroad (2/2)

Additionally, there might be **requirements from the partner university**. You will have to meet the requirements of the partner (at the very latest) before you apply to that university (the step after nomination), but ideally already when you apply internally.

Some examples are commonly:

- GPA minimum
- Language requirements
- Academic experience (year of study)
- Major
- Prerequisites

What we expect from you..

Going on exchange is optional, but **applying for a semester abroad** does come with certain **responsibilities**

- It is your **responsibility** to inform yourself about the application deadlines and procedures, and to get in touch with the International Office if anything is unclear, or if you require additional support
- You are **committing to the entire study abroad process**, including preparation, participation, and meeting all responsibilities before, during and after your exchange semester
- You have **read, understand** and **accept AUC's Study Abroad Guidelines**
- **Stick to the application deadlines**. We cannot accept late applications
- **Academic responsibility,** research if courses abroad fit with your AUC curriculum and discuss this with your **tutor!**



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CHOOSING A DESTINATION

UvA/AUC or VU exchange programme?

AUC's (own) institutional partners

8 European and 3 non-European destinations

UvA Global Exchange partners (GEP)

60+ non-European destinations + 7 European destinations

VU Erasmus exchange programme

75+ European destinations

Independent (free mover) exchange

Application via UvA/AUC

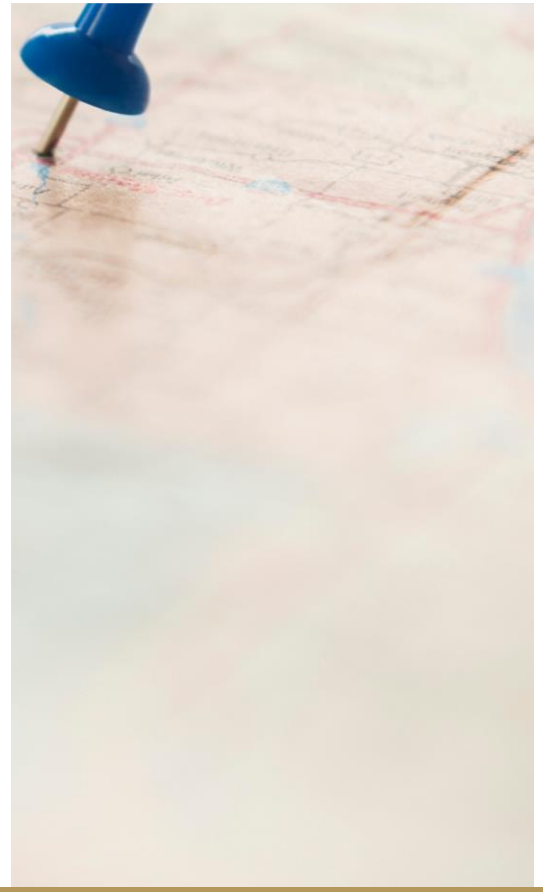
Application via VU

Apply for permission with AUC International Office

**AUC students have to choose between (and limit themselves to) applying for an exchange via UvA or VU (or freemover)*





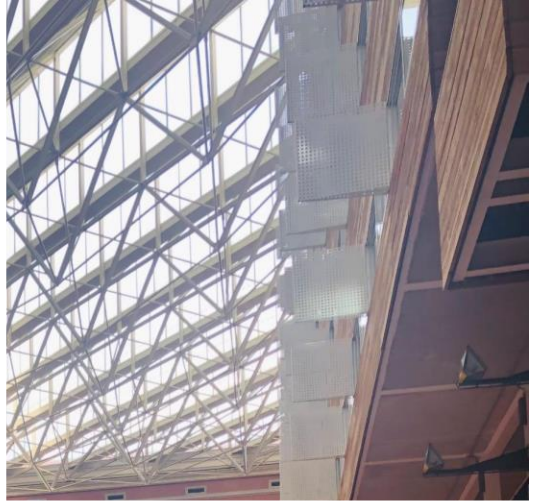


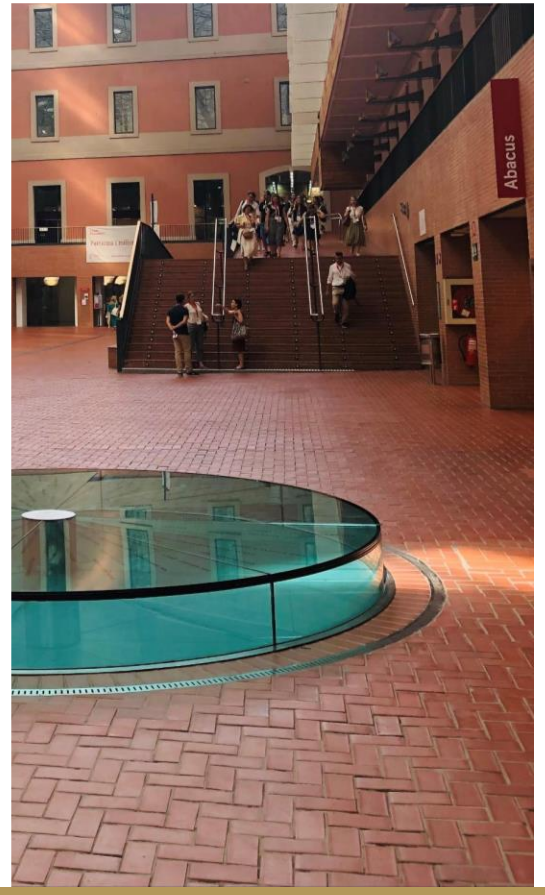


Freemover exchange

- Alternative destinations (universities that are not AUC/UvA/VU partner)
- Independent, self-organised exchange
- Self-funded (double tuition)
- Apply for permission for freemover exchange with the AUC International Office (procedure on student.auc.nl)









Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona, Spain

AUC's (own) institutional partners

- Universities that AUC has its own **bilateral agreement** with
- Tuition at partner waived (you **keep paying tuition at AUC**)
- **Only AUC students may apply to AUC partners**, you only compete for a spot with other AUC students
- (Guaranteed) Erasmus+ **funding available** for EU destinations + Turkey
- **Direct contact** between AUC and the partner university

AUC partner universities

Erasmus+ partner universities

Germany

- Bard College Berlin (LAS, all areas, mainly humanities and social sciences) (3 spots)
- University College Freiburg (LAS) (1 spot, TBD)

Ireland

- University College Dublin (all areas, except for sciences) (4 spots)

France

- SciencesPo (Humanities/ Social Sciences)

Turkey

- Bilkent University (all areas) (4 spots)
- Bogazici University
  - Humanities (linguistics, literature, history), Psychology, Sociology (2 spots)
  - Mathematics and Natural Sciences (2 spots)

Other European partner universities

UK

- University College London (must take 50% of courses in anthropology) (3 spots)
- University of Warwick (must take 70% of courses in LAS College) (3 spots)

Non-European partner universities

Hong Kong (SAR)

- Chinese University of Hong Kong (all areas) (3 spots)

Morocco

- Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie, Rabat (mainly social sciences, including public law) (3 spots)

USA

- Reed College, Portland (LAS, all areas) (3 spots)









Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

UvA-wide, non-European partners within the Global Exchange Programme (GEP)

- Non-European universities that the UvA has an institution-wide exchange agreement with

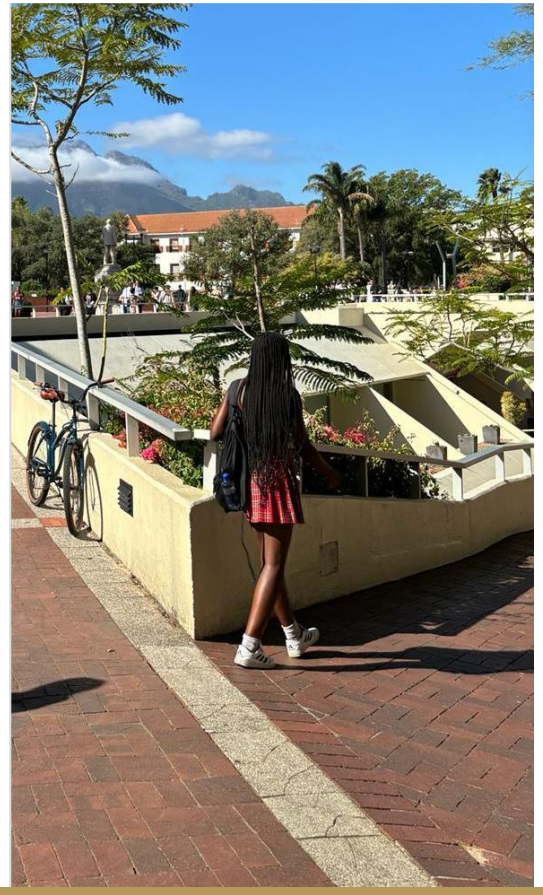
  + A few universities within Europe

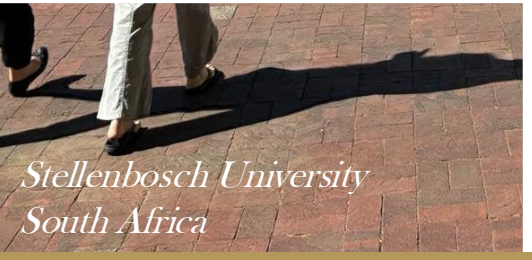
- Wide choice of partner universities
- Tuition at partner waived (you keep paying tuition at UvA/AUC)
- Students compete with other AUC as well as UvA students for a spot (**<u>but</u>: reserved AUC spots at some universities**)

- UvA Worldmap for more information!









‘Earmarked’ spots at UvA-wide partners within the UvA Global Exchange Programme (GEP)

‘Earmarked’ spots, reserved for AUC students at the following destinations (AUC students **only** compete with other AUC students for these spots)

- Boston College (USA) (3 spots)
- National University of Singapore / NUS College (2 spots)
- Stellenbosch University (South-Africa) (1 spot)
- Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico) (1 spot)
- University of Maryland / Honors College (USA) (3 spots)
- University of Melbourne (Australia) (4 spots)
- Yonsei University / Underwood International College (South-Korea) (1 spot)







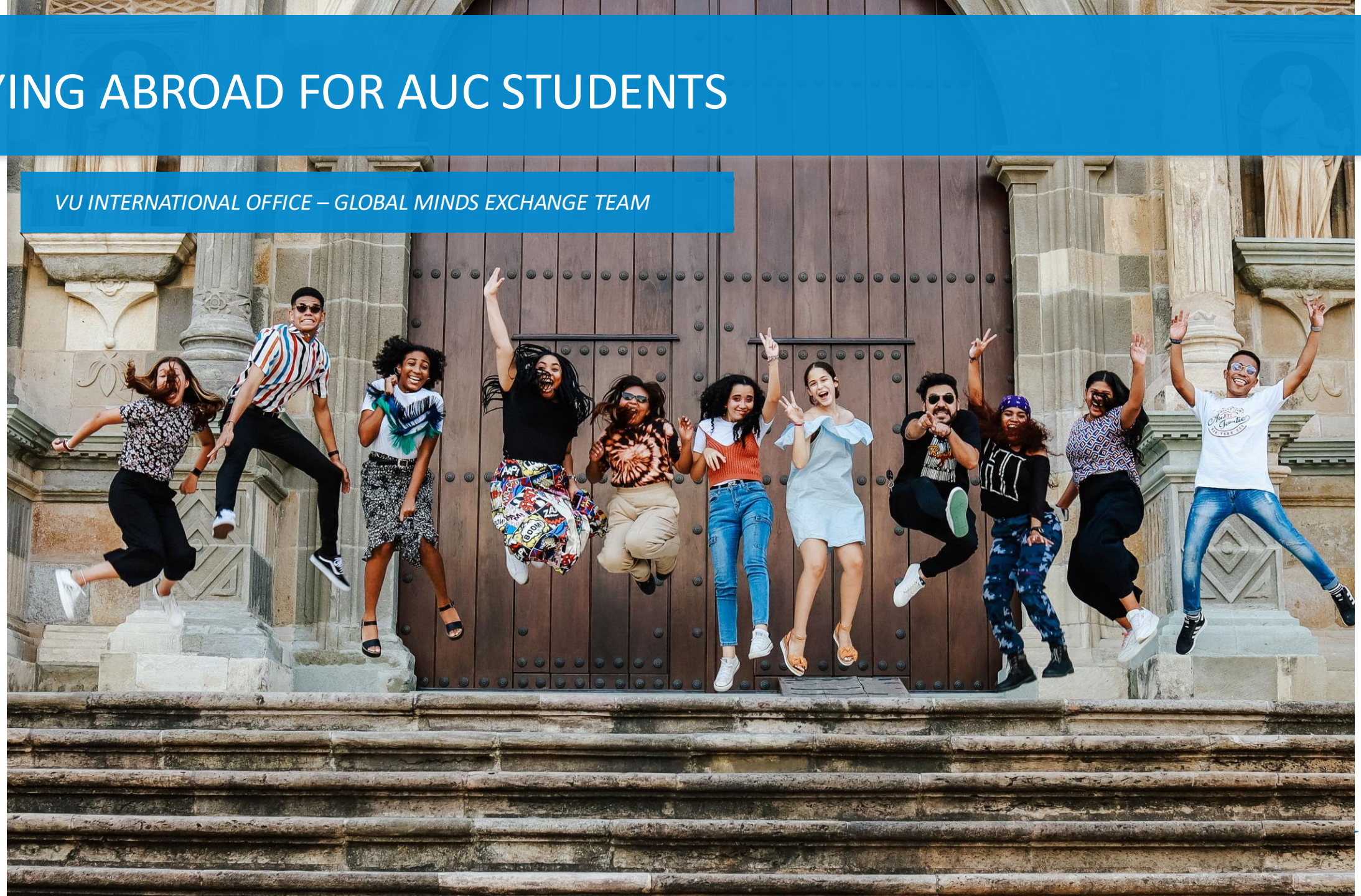
Charles University
Praha, Czechia

VU European partners

- Access to the European partners universities of VU
- Wide choice of European destinations
- Tuition at partner waived (you keep paying tuition at AUC)
- Must self-evaluate your study field and meet requirements
- Students compete with other AUC as well as VU students for a spot
- Erasmus+ funding available for EU or Erasmus+ funded programme countries
- Application and selection through VU International Office

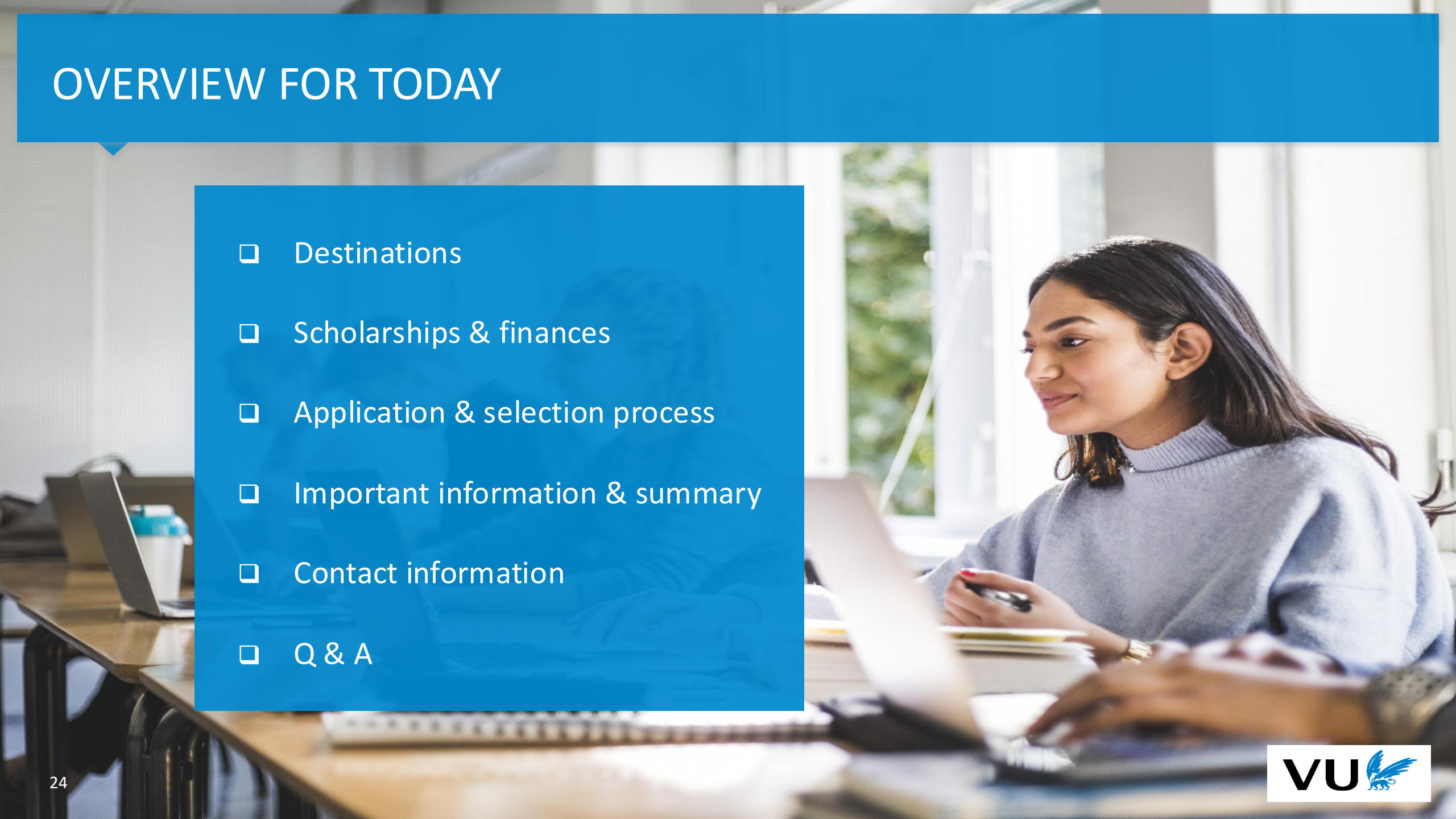
STUDYING ABROAD FOR AUC STUDENTS

VU INTERNATIONAL OFFICE – GLOBAL MINDS EXCHANGE TEAM



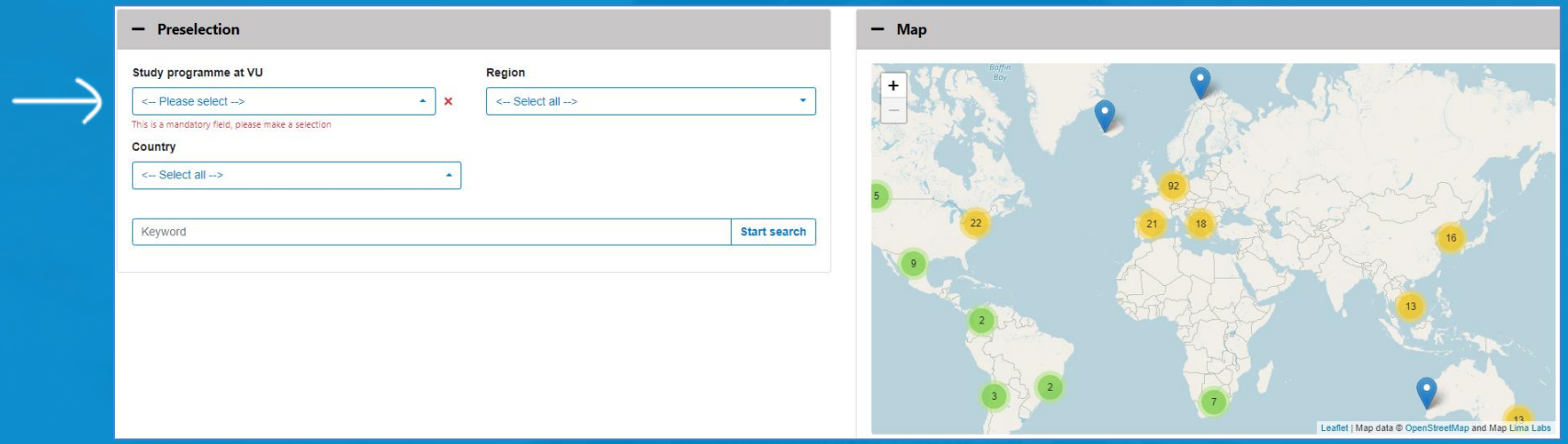
OVERVIEW FOR TODAY

- Destinations
- Scholarships & finances
- Application & selection process
- Important information & summary
- Contact information
- Q & A



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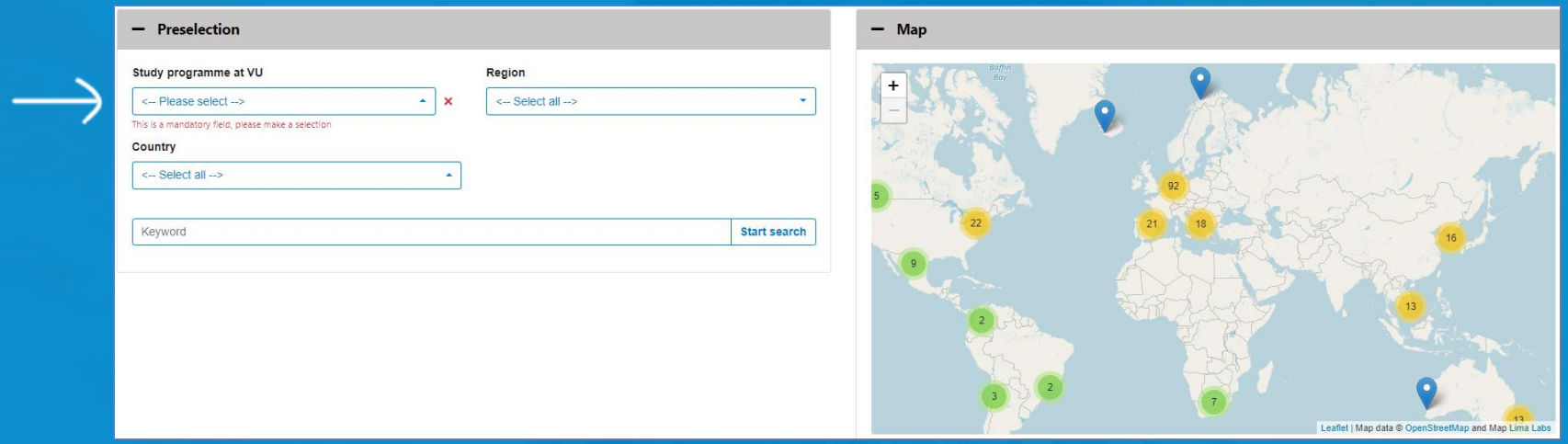
- mobility.vu.nl and click on Study abroad map



- Important:
  - Select **B Liberal Arts and Sciences**
  - For **Region**, select '***Europe***'. Optional: Country.
  - Click on the map or scroll down to a list of universities
  - These are the universities that other AUC students applied for in the past
  - Click on 1 and then click on i

DESTINATIONS OPTION 2

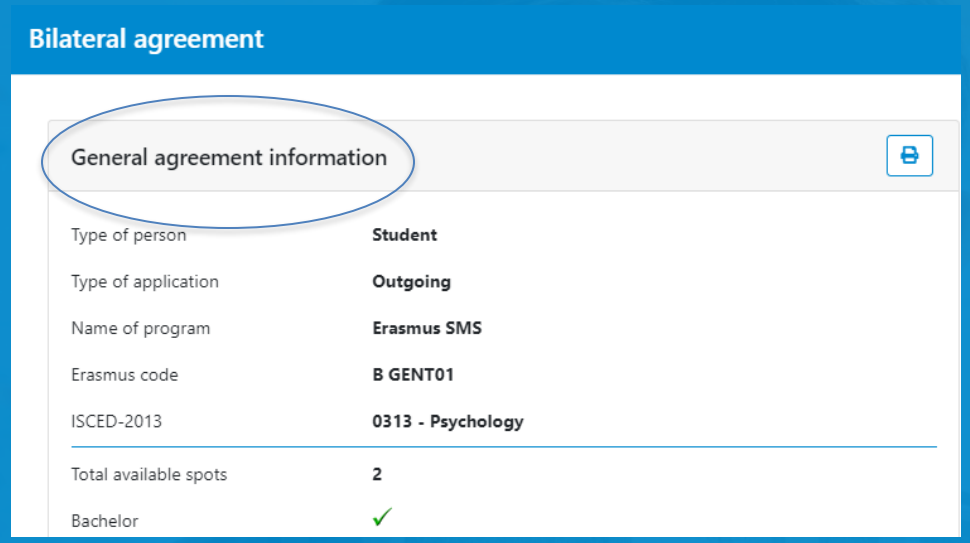
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- Important:
  - Select VU study programme that **relates** to **your AUC track**
  - For **Region**, select '***Europe***'. Optional: Country.
  - Click on the map or scroll down to a list of universities
  - Click on 1 and then click on i

DESTINATIONS: CHECK OUT OUR STUDY ABROAD MAP

- Check the General agreement information carefully:

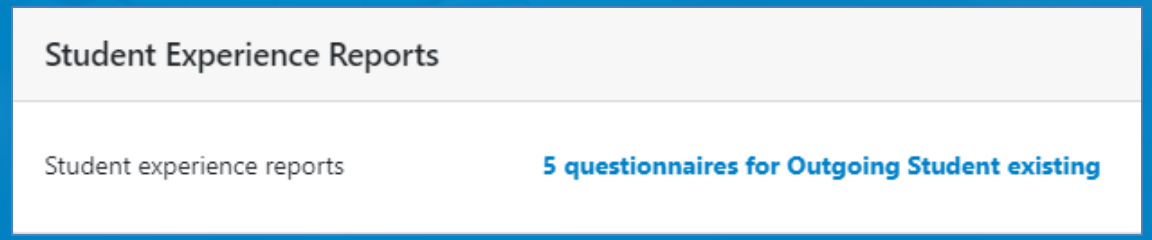


- Here you can find **for which AUC track the destination is open right** now, the number of spots, and the study field
- Possible extra information language requirements/course restrictions
- Contact outgoing@vu.nl with your preferred destination(s) in Europe before the **December 10**!

DESTINATIONS: CHECK OUT OUR STUDY ABROAD MAP

- Information on application and academic calendar
- Accommodation and costs
- Green travel options
- Student support by the host university
- Check the student experiences (bottom of page)





DESTINATIONS: ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Are you aware of your own carbon footprint?

- Erasmus+ Green travel grants between € 285 - € 535
  - Interrail from Amsterdam to European destinations
  - Interrail pass for Erasmus+: € 212, valid for 6 months
  - Tip: make several stops on the way to your destination
  - Direct Eurostar connection to the UK
- Study Abroad Map: more information on green travel options for each European destination
- Going on exchange outside of Europe? Check our tips!



FINANCES

- Within EU, Norway, Iceland, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and UK
  - Guaranteed **Erasmus+ scholarship** -> € 330 – € 390 per month (for max. 3 months)
  - Extra funding for students with financial and/or health barriers
  - Travel grant

- More information: ***How to finance your study abroad:*** Tuesday 10 Nov at 17.30h (Teams)

APPLICATION PREPARATION: TOP 5 + COURSES

1. Do your research on our Study Abroad Map: where do you want to go?

2. Decide on your top 5 universities (NB: think about this carefully, you cannot change your top 5 after handing in the application form.

3. For each university: look for at least 3 courses that you would like to take during your exchange.

- ❑ *Make sure to write down your top 5 and courses in a (Word) document, so you can copy it to the application form when applying.*



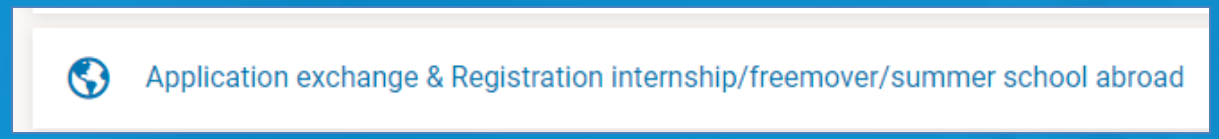
APPLICATION PREPARATION: CHOOSING COURSES

- Link to courses can be found on our Study Abroad Map for each university (header *Courses and credits → Disciplines*)
- When choosing courses, make sure to check:
  - Are the courses open to exchange students?
  - Language of the courses: you need to speak the language fluently!
  - Level of the courses
- *Please note:*
  - *It is your responsibility to check the course offer at the partner universities carefully before you apply.*
  - *The courses in your application are not necessarily your final courses!*

APPLICATION: HOW TO APPLY

- If you want to apply for universities that are currently not open for AUC students (of your track), please contact outgoing@vu.nl with your preferred European destination(s) before **December 10**! (Destinations Option 2)
- We will send detailed instructions after having received your email with destinations
- If you want to apply for options that are already open for AUC students from your track, you can simply apply before January 14, 2027, 13:00, without emailing us beforehand.
- Log in to your dashboard on VU.nl 

- Apply via this app (possible as of December):



- Fill out the application form in Mobility Online: personal details, top 5 of universities, courses, language proficiency information (if applicable)
- Log in to your Mobility Online workflow and confirm your application.

AFTER APPLICATION: SELECTION AND PLACEMENT PROCESS BY OUTGOING EXCHANGE TEAM

- Every application will get a score based on:
  1. Your grade average (only courses that you passed within your study programme) → 50% of your score
  2. A random number between 6,00 and 10,00 → 50% of your score

- The total score will determine your spot in our placement list.

  - Example: You might have a GPA of 7,0 and receive a random number of 7,22. Your total score will therefore be 14,22.

- We will look at your 1st choice first, if that is no longer available, we look at your 2nd choice, then your 3rd, etc.

- Two application rounds:
  - **First round**: *14th of January 2027* (before 13:00 Dutch time)
  - **Second round**: *15th of February 2027* (before 13:00 Dutch time)

SUMMARY: FROM ORIENTATION TO DEPARTURE

1. Check out the Study Abroad Map: what are your options? Are you interested in universities that are currently not open to AUC students/your AUC track?
1. Determine your top 5 of universities and the courses you would like to take for each university. Write them down in a separate document.
2. If you want to apply to a new contract that is not yet open for AUC/your track, contact outgoing@vu.nl with your preferred destination(s) in Europe before the **December 10**!
3. Between the 1 December 2026 and the 14 January 2027, you can apply on Mobility Online. Start on time with your research! Follow our *How to Apply* manual.
4. Early February: selection outcome. Not selected? 2nd application round.
5. February/March: pre-departure meeting
6. Application at host university
7. Practical arrangements for your exchange
8. Ready to go on exchange!

Q&A APPLICATION

- Join us on December 4 (Friday) from 12:45-13:30 for a live online Q&A call
- Teams link will be shared in the Study Abroad Weeks canvas group. Please sign up here: studyabroadweeks2026

CONTACT INFORMATION

Global Minds Exchange Team

Website: www.vu.nl/outgoing

Contact form

Tel: +31 20 59 85 745: Mon, Wed, Fri 12h-13h

- *We are out of the office between the 19th of December and 3th of January (incl.).*
- *You won't be able to reach us by phone during those two weeks – e-mails will be answered after the break*

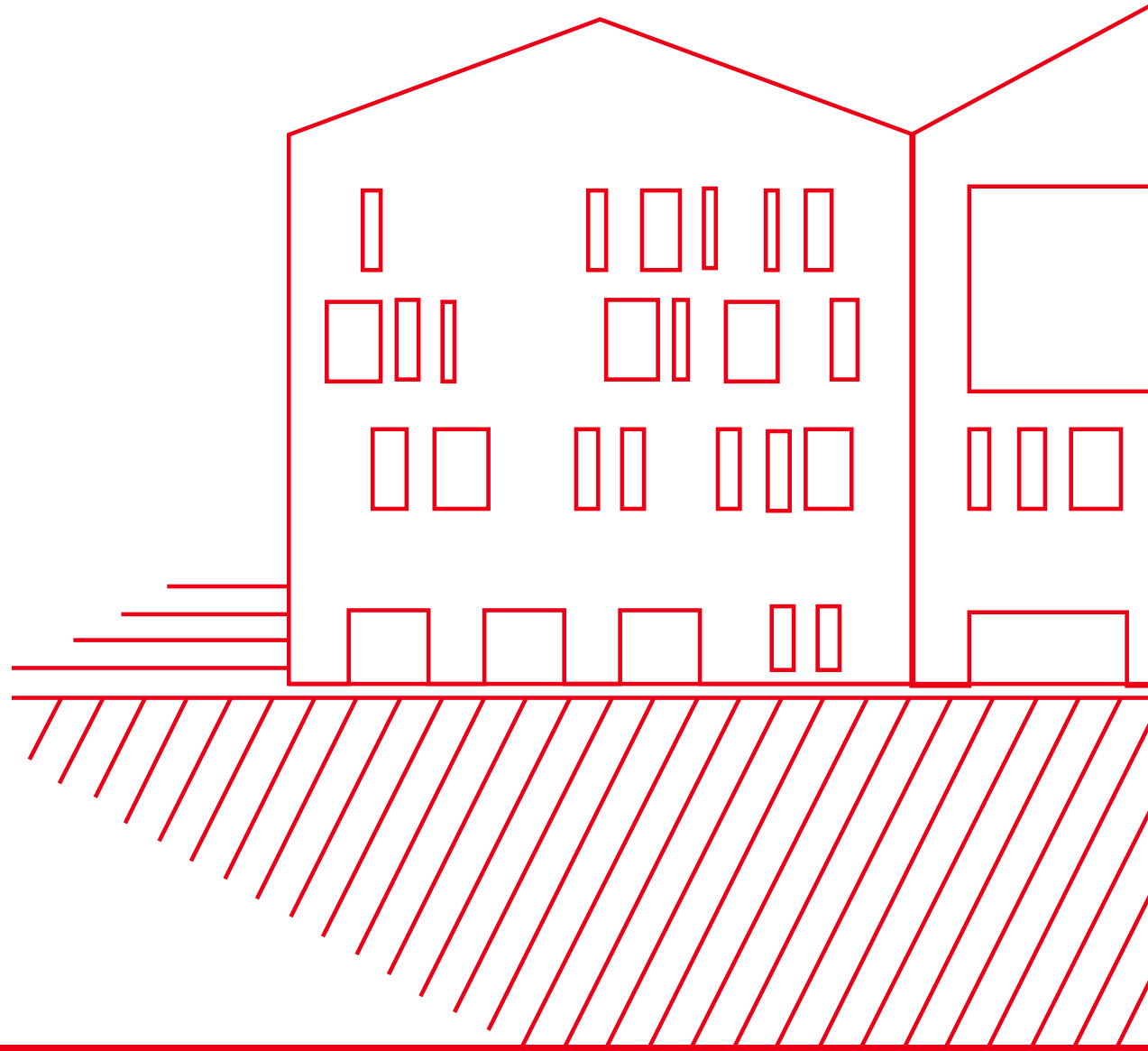
Consultation hours: Tuesday from 12.30-13.30h in the Global Room (HG-1A36)

- *No consultation hours during the Study Abroad Weeks*



AUC/UvA

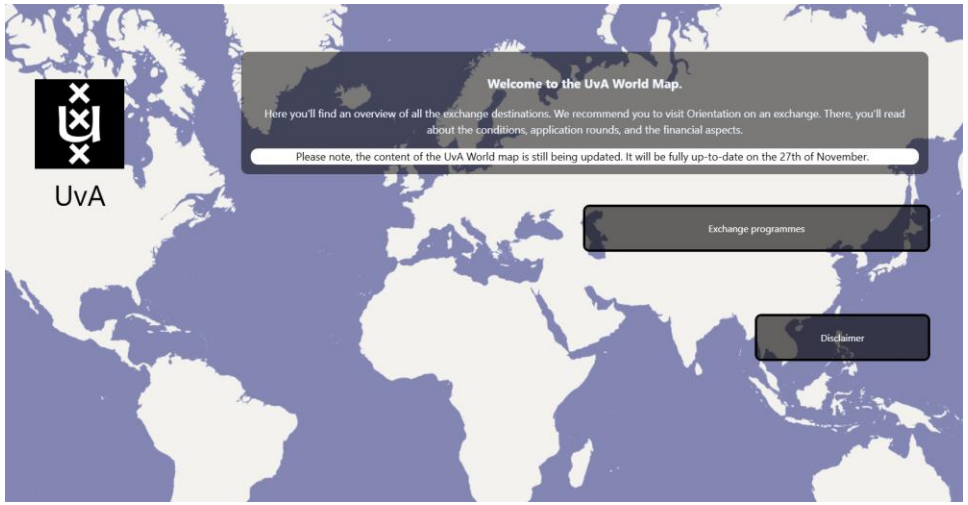
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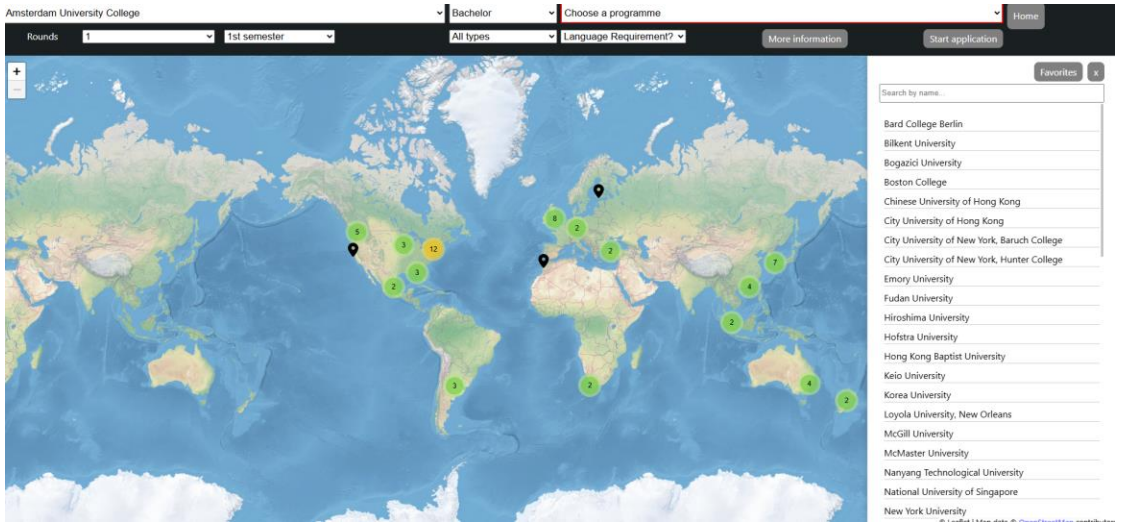


Finding information about AUC & UvA partners

Information about **all** AUC and UvA destinations is available on the [UvA Worldmap]

- UvA & AUC are currently working on updating all information about destinations, the **Worldmap will be fully updated on 26 November**
- You can see how many students applied for each destination in 2025-2026
- The Worldmap will include a live dashboard: you will be able to see how many students are currently applying for a destination





Finding and selecting courses abroad

Preparing for an application:

- Base yourself on the course **catalogue** of the **current academic year**
- Typically, the final course catalogue for next year for your destination will only be available to you once you have been admitted.
- **Not all courses are available to exchange students** and you will have to **meet the entry requirements** for each course.
- **Flexibility is always required**: no courses can be guaranteed to exchange students as priority is typically given to fee-paying students.

You can ask AUC's International Office about availability of courses if you cannot find them.

Always discuss your curriculum choices with your AUC tutor.

Before you apply, make sure to check:

01

AUC requirements

Do you meet AUC's application requirements?

02

Destination available?

Is the destination available for the upcoming round?

Are there available spots for AUC students?

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Host university entry requirements

Does the host university have any additional requirements? (i.e. GPA, study level, language)

Application procedure UvA/AUC destinations

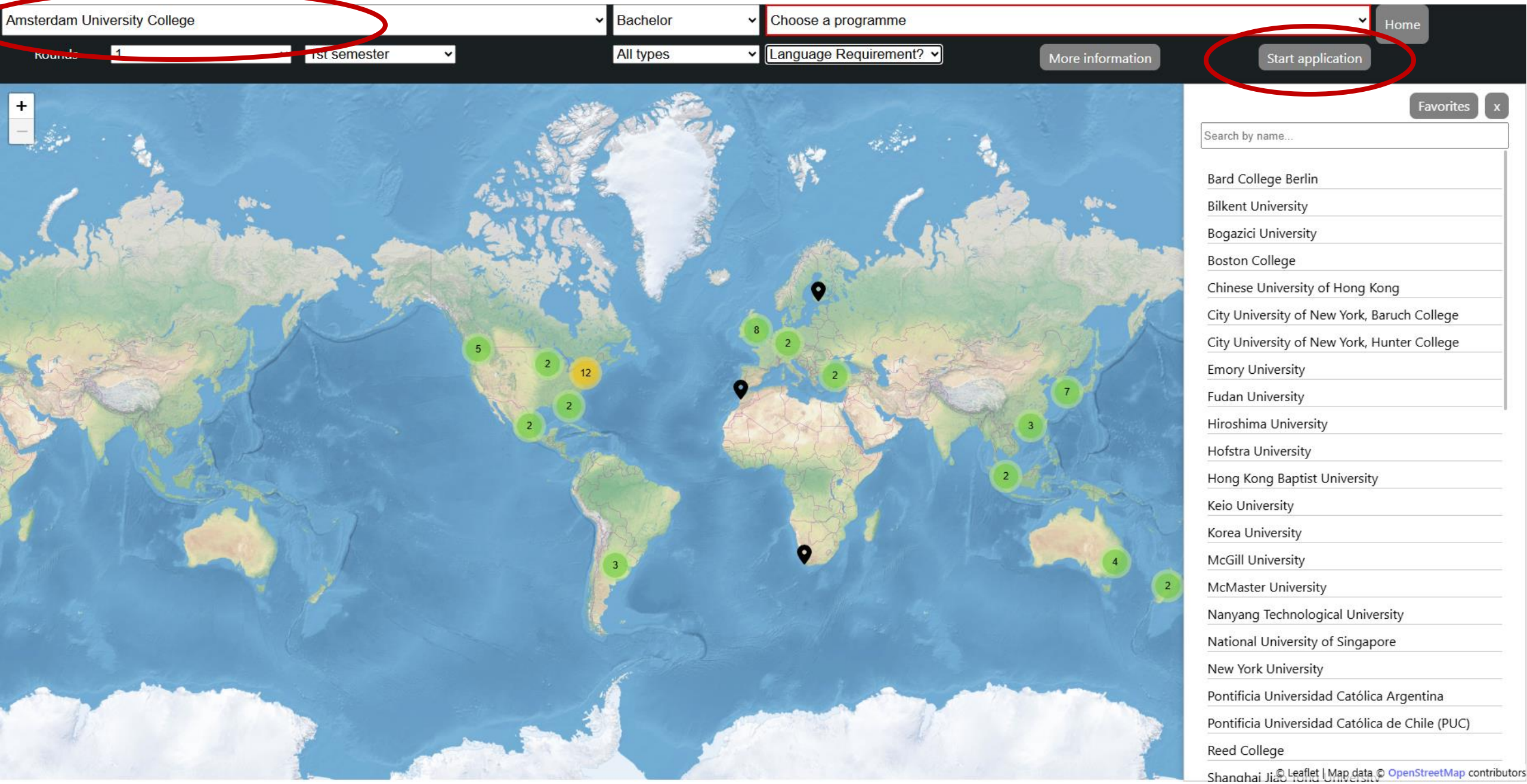
- **2 application rounds**
  - Second round is only for students who are not placed in the first round
  - Not all destinations are open in round 2!
- You may list up to **5 destinations per round**, in order of preference (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc.)
- AUC as well as UvA destinations (note: if you are applying for a UvA destination with AUC earmarked spots, you may list **both** the UvA-wide spots and AUC spots in your top-5)
- Make sure to check if you **meet the requirements for all destinations** (note: higher GPA requirement for UCL and Reed College)
- Make a **strategic** choice; don't only apply for the most chosen destinations

Application form

'Start application' button available in the UvA Worldmap, application opens on 26 November

- Personal details (name, study programme, ECTS, GPA)
- Short motivation (200-300 words)
- List max. 5 universities and indicate a course wish list per destination


UvA
Welcome to the UvA World Map.
Here you'll find an overview of all the exchange destinations. We recommend you to visit Orientation on an exchange. There, you'll read about the conditions, application rounds, and the financial aspects.
Please note, the content of the UvA World map is still being updated. It will be fully up-to-date on the 27th of November.
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Hiroshima University
Hofstra University
Hong Kong Baptist University
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McGill University
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Rounds 1 | 1st semester | All types | Language Requirement? | More information | Start application

Bard College Berlin

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Berlin, Germany

Erasmus Scholarship available, please check here for more information

Bard College Berlin - AUC

3 semester spots 0 applications

Only 1st semester spots available

Last year: 4 applications per spot

GPA requirement: 7



Bard College Berlin (BCB) is a private, German-American, nonprofit liberal arts college with about 250 students. On a residential campus in Pankow in the former embassy quarter of East Berlin, students study the social sciences, arts, and humanities. The programme is taught primarily in the form of small-group seminars.

Level of study

All AUC students with at least 120 ECTS (Autumn)/90 ECTS (Spring) at moment of departure and a GPA of >7.0.

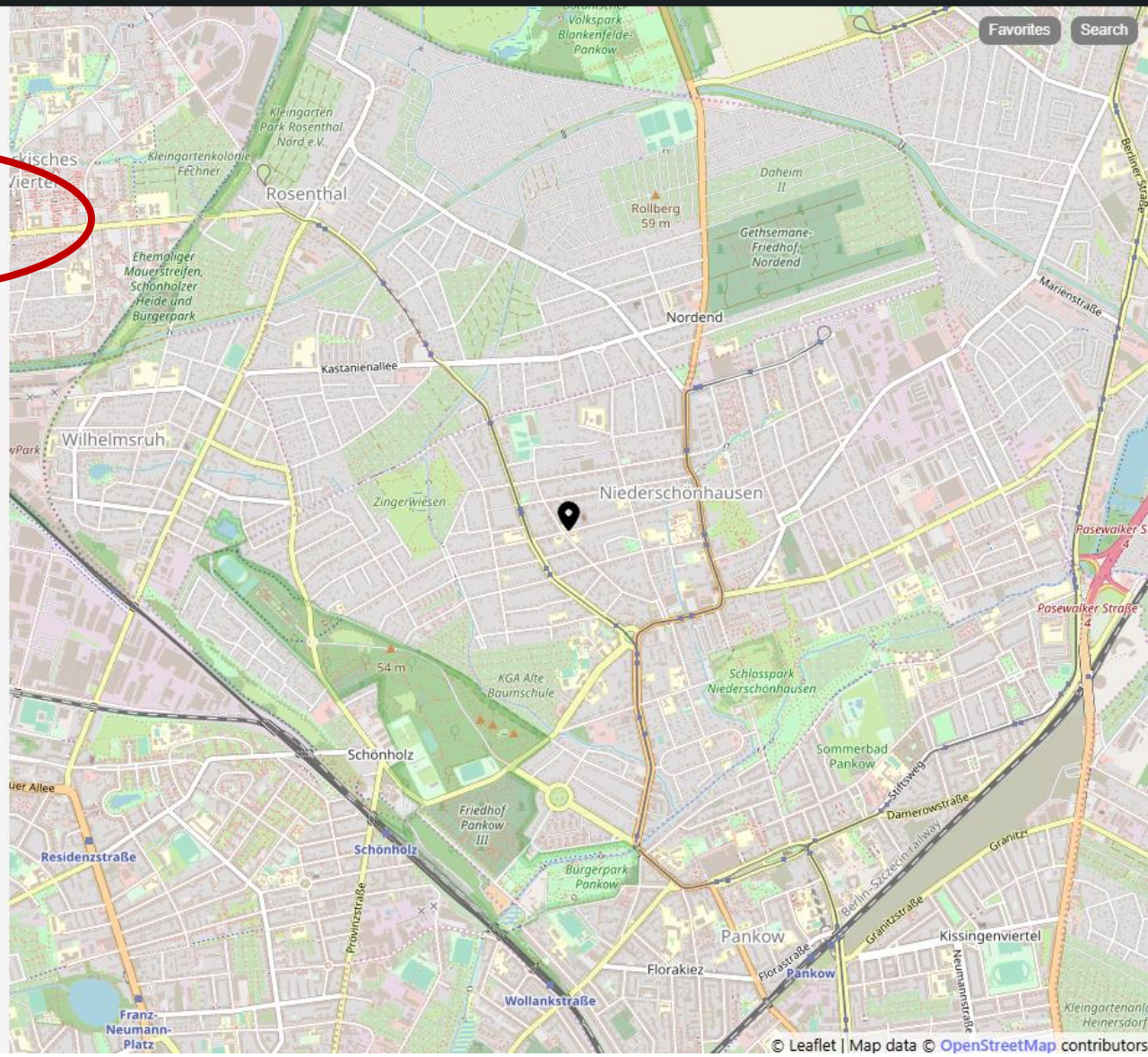
Areas of study open to exchange students

Mainly Humanities and Social Sciences.

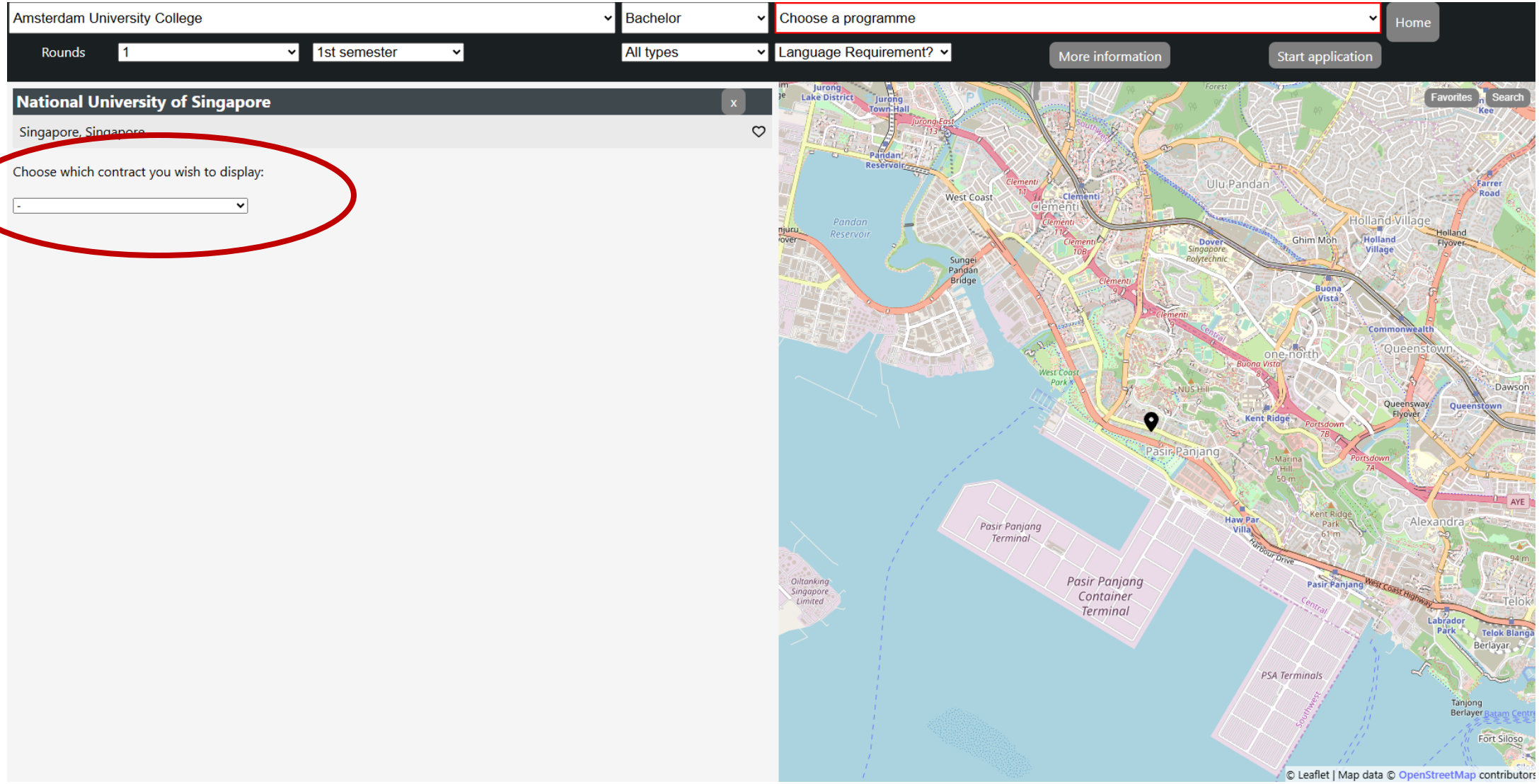
Concentrations: Art and Aesthetics, Artistic Practice, Economics, Ethics and Politics, Literature and Rhetoric, and Politics.

Language of instruction

English. German language courses available.



Important for universities with Quota Spots



Placement for UvA/AUC destinations

(Academic) approval of the application

- After you've submitted your application, the AUC International Office checks if you meet you meet the general entry requirements and requirements per destination you selected.
- **Approved destinations** will be considered for the **draw/lottery**

Draw

- You'll be randomly allotted a **draw number** (1 is the highest)
- The numbering from the draw is the order in which destinations will be allocated
- The 1st choice is awarded if there is space, if full then 2nd choice, and so on…

Why a draw?

- **Equal chances** and **an inclusive** way of offering exchange opportunities to as many students as possible.
- **A simpler placement system allows for more choices (up to 5)** which means that more students can be placed who are in a less favorable position.

Deadlines UvA/AUC

	Opens	Application deadline	Offer	Accept or reject
round 1	26 November 2026	6 January 2027	21 January 2027	25 January 2027
round 2	4 February 2027	17 February 2027	4 March 2027	8 March 2027

Important**: closing time of the application round is **16:59 CET

Accepting or rejecting the offer

- You can accept only once; this will be your exchange destination.
- Once you've accepted, you can't enter a subsequent round.
- If you reject the offer, you can enter the next round.
- Always respond to an offer. If you don't respond, you cannot enter the next rounds.

Budgeting for study abroad

- Bilateral agreements: mutual waiver of tuition and institutional fees (AUC/UvA/VU partners)
- Subletting your room to incoming international students
- Living costs at your chosen university will vary by location. To compare living costs, visit www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/comparison.jsp
- Studying abroad can be an expensive endeavor, consider this wisely and prepare a budget for yourself!



Funding

Erasmus+ grant

- For European universities only (via AUC or VU)
- Grant can help you cover additional living and travel costs during your stay abroad
- The available amount varies per destination
- Grant application AUC's EU destinations runs through UvA
- Information about Erasmus+ grant for exchanges to AUC destinations within Europe

Other types of funding

- Amsterdam University Fund (www.auf.nl)
- For alternative scholarships, check: www.beursopener.nl or www.grantfinder.nl
- More information about private grants and funds

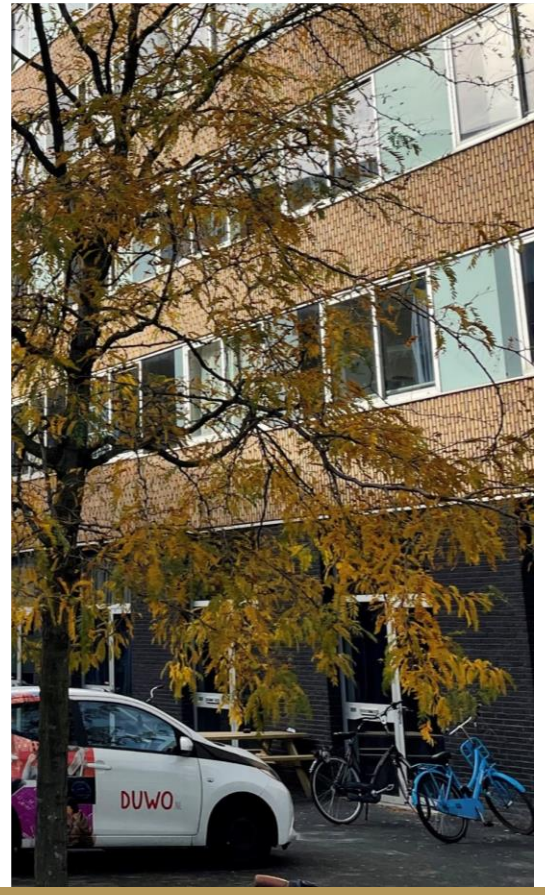
Funding: Erasmus+ grant (AUC/UvA)

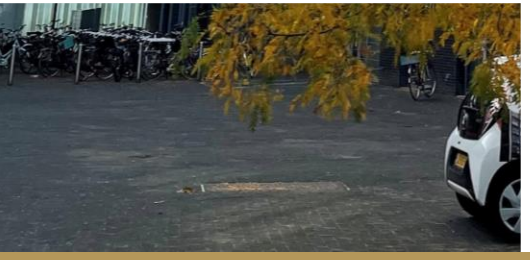
- Only for **European destinations** (including Turkey)
- All selected students are automatically nominated for the grant (but you have to follow all procedures!)
- The grant amount depends on destination and **varies per destination**. Between **max. €330 and max. €390 per month**.
- **Important**: Budget for UvA 2026-2027 will to be assigned next year. **Exact grant amount will be calculated after all grant applications for Erasmus+ (for UvA) have been received.**
- Travel grant
- Green Travel top-up and Inclusion top-up

More information available here.









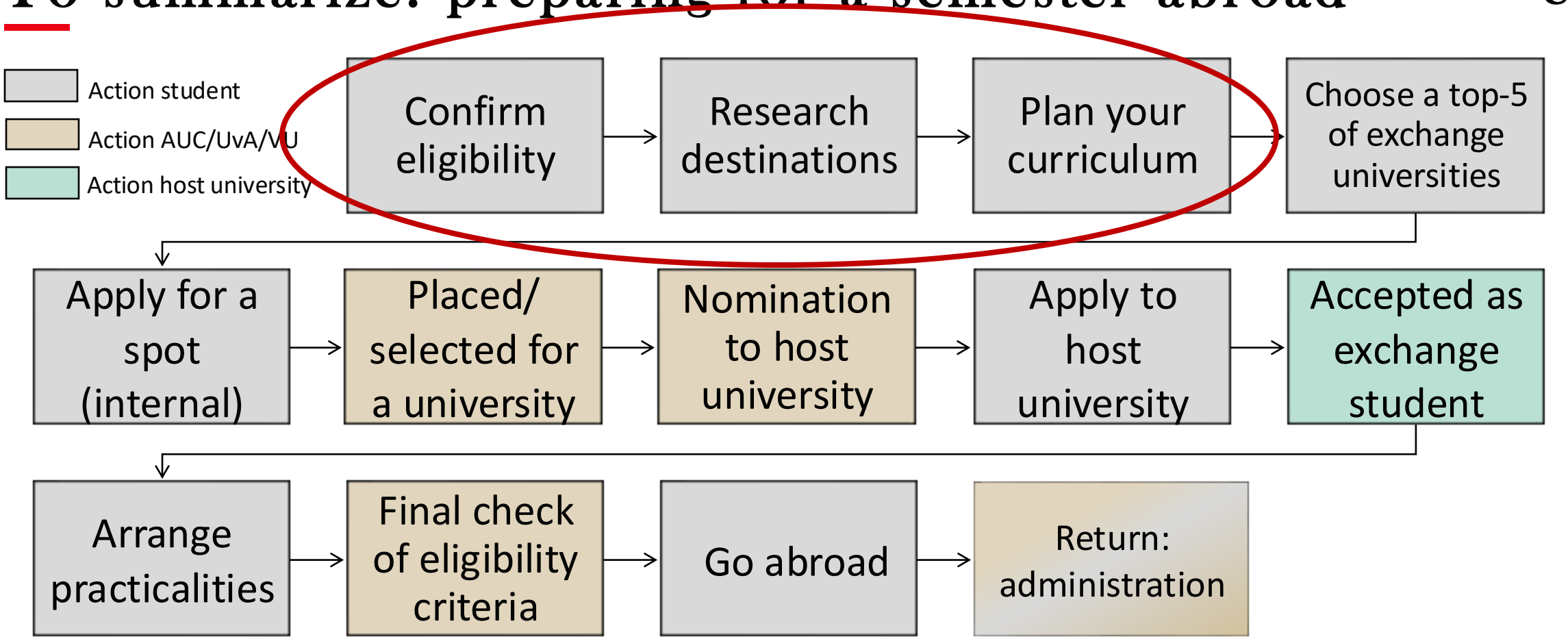
Subletting your room

During your exchange you must sublet your room to an incoming exchange student. In case of a surplus of rooms, then subletting to external candidates is allowed as well.

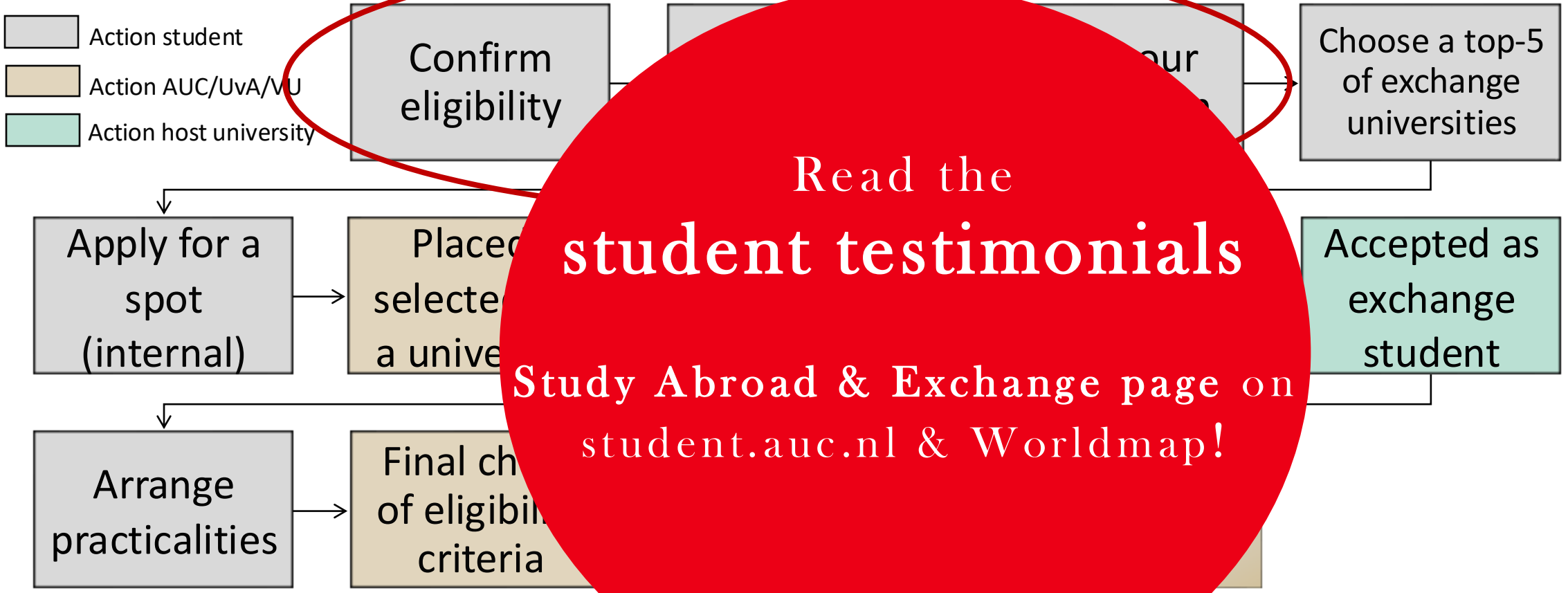
- A surplus of rooms means that there is an imbalance of outgoing versus incoming exchange students
- External candidates must be enrolled students in the Amsterdam area.
- You can only sublet for the duration of the study abroad period.
- It is not allowed to profit from sublet.
- You remain responsible for your room and for paying rent, city taxes and utilities.

More information available on Guide for going abroad

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Cancelation policy

The student's exchange will be cancelled if:

- A negative (orange or red) travel advice is in place for the exchange destination at the time of departure for the exchange.
- The student does not meet the AUC criteria (Study Abroad Guidelines, section 2.2).
- The student does not meet the (additional) requirements of the partner university.

Other questions

Check the Study abroad & exchange page on student.auc.nl

Weekly virtual office hour on Wednesday 12:45 -13:45, find the link here

Book an individual online or in-person appointment here

Contact the AUC International Office via the AUC Digital Service Desk

Please make an appointment with the AUC International Office to discuss your study abroad plans!