

A modern building with a facade of vertical copper-colored panels and large windows. The building is viewed from a low angle, looking up. The sky is blue with some clouds. The building's name, 'Amsterdam University College', is visible in white letters on the lower part of the facade.

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UC Amsterdam University College

Study Abroad in Spring 2027

Choosing an exchange destination & How to apply

17 April 2026



Before we start..

- Presentation slides will be shared on the [Study Abroad & Exchange](#) page on student.auc.ni.
- Time reserved for questions at the end



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Topics we will discuss today

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING ABROAD

- Off-campus opportunities (abroad) for AUC students
- Mobility window

Part I: EXCHANGE: THE BASICS

- What is exchange?
- Requirements for studying abroad
- Planning your degree requirements

Part II: CHOOSING A DESTINATION

- Areas of study
- AUC or UvA exchange programme?
- Available destinations & available spots
- Finding and selecting courses abroad
- Student experiences/testimonials

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



*University of Melbourne
Australia*

“Off-campus” opportunities for AUC students



Semester Abroad

2nd semester 2nd year
1st semester 3rd year

Within curriculum

Always physically abroad

More information:
[Study Abroad & exchange page](#)
on student.auc.nl



Summer programmes & other short term international opportunities

June – July – August

Within curriculum or extra-curricular

Remote (online)
Off-campus within NL
Physically abroad

More information:
[Summer & short-term programmes page](#)
on student.auc.nl



Off-campus courses

During 16-week period, 4-week period, or cross-period

Within curriculum or extra-curricular

Off-campus within NL
Physically abroad

More information:
[Off-campus courses page](#)
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Community Projects Internships

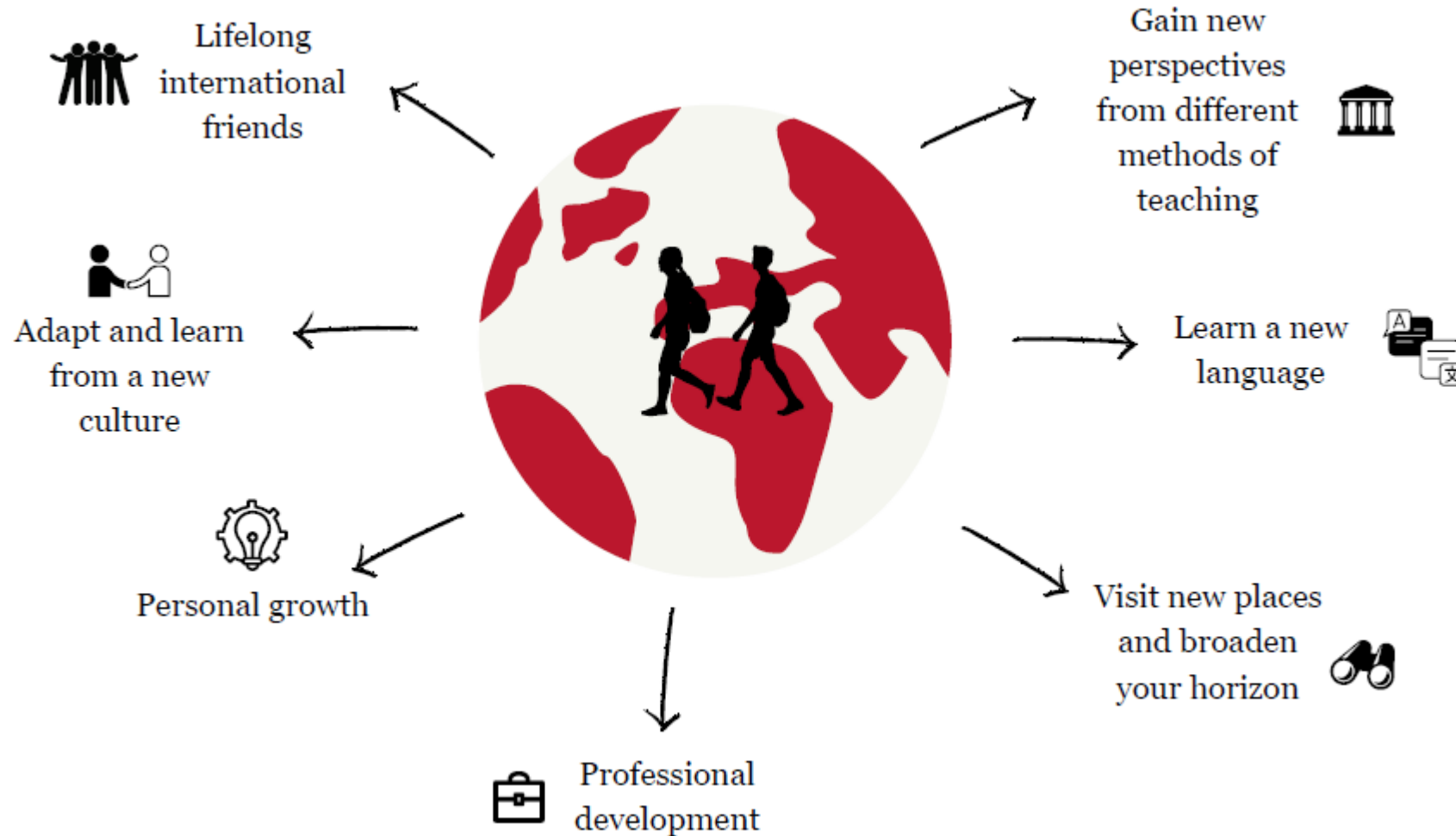
Instead of a normal course in the 16-week or 4-week period, or cross period. Also in summer break

Within curriculum or extra-curricular

Within NL
Remote (online)
Physically abroad

More information:
[Community Projects & Internships page](#)
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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 includes:
 - Exchange semester
 - Off campus course
 - 30 EC internship
- This does not include:
 - 6 and 12 EC Community Projects or Internships

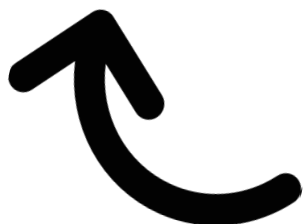
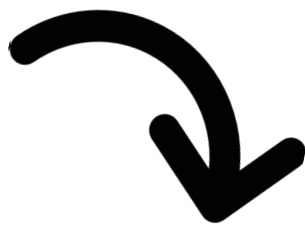




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**EXCHANGE:
THE BASICS**

What is student exchange?



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 Spring: 90 EC). Exception: if your spring semester abroad already starts in January, the requirement is 84 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

Areas of study:

Things to consider when researching destinations

- AUC students follow the traditions of Liberal Arts & Sciences, while many exchange destinations will work with **traditional disciplines**. This means that you may have to **limit yourself to one field of study**.
- Not all universities offer every field of study. **Not all areas of study are open to exchange students**.
- **Determine your main area(s) of study** within traditional disciplinary boundaries. Determine if you meet the entry requirements of those departments.
- If you qualify for multiple departments, it is not always allowed to take courses from various departments. This also means that you may have to limit yourself to one field of study.

Practical requirement: planning your degree requirements (mandatory AUC courses)

Major requirements (see AS&P 2.6)



- Methods courses for your major

Academic Core courses (see AS&P 2.5)

- *i.e. CP/I, Advanced Research Writing, etc.*

Advice: discuss with your tutor!

1 course found on "advanced research writing"

Vak		Sem. 1	Sem. 2	EC
	▼ Advanced Research Writing			6
Course catalogue number	900212ACCY			
Course description	Advanced Research Writing is a preparation course for the Capstone, providing the skills necessary for students to produce longer research projects and assignments as a mature member of the interdisciplinary academic... ▶ See more			
Credits	6 EC			
Language of instruction	English			
College/graduate	AUC			
Is part of	▶ Bachelor's Liberal Arts and Sciences, Academic Core			
▶ More info		▶ Add course to planner		✕

Cancellation policy

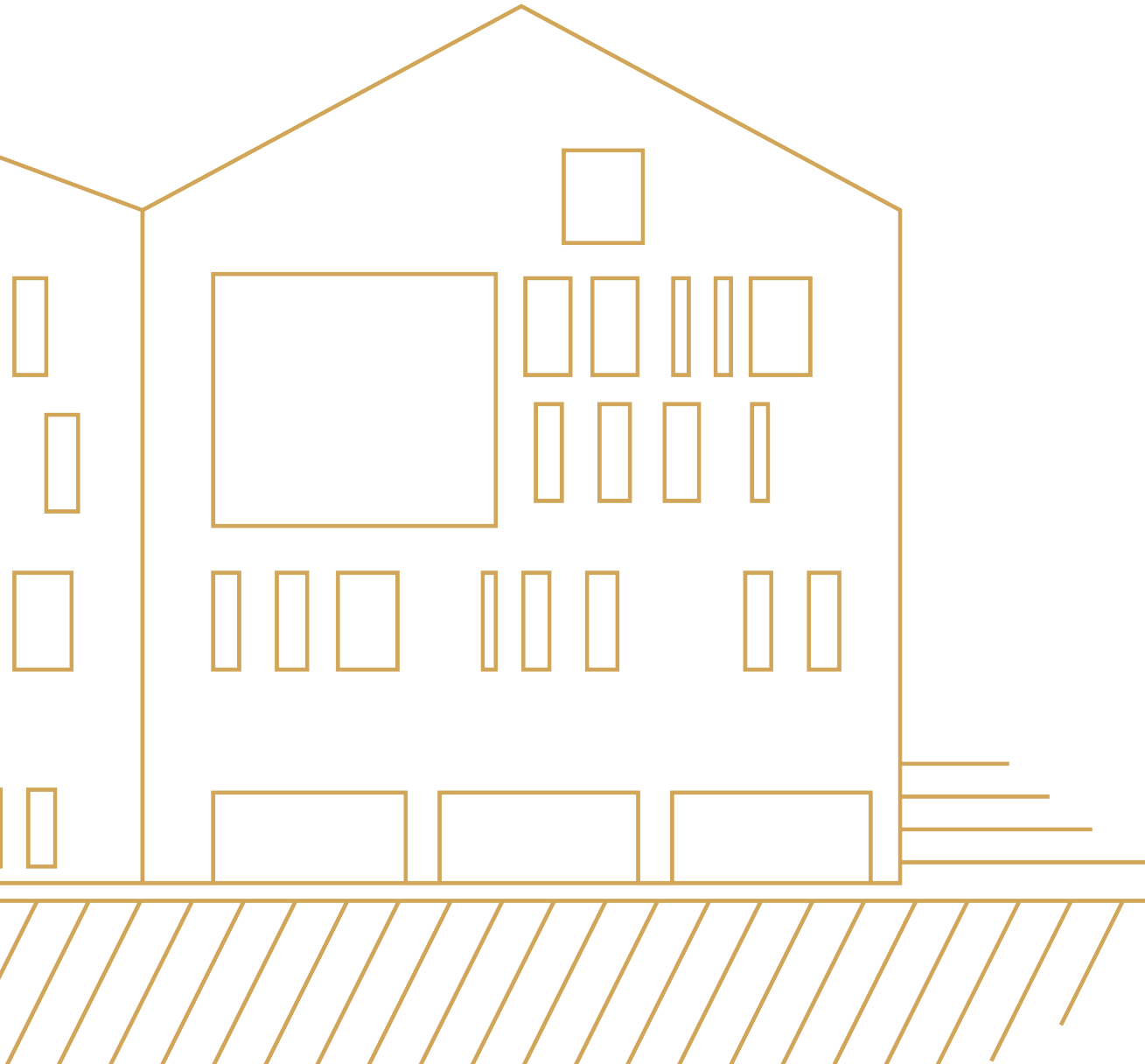
The student's exchange will be cancelled if:

- 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.

What we expect from you..

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

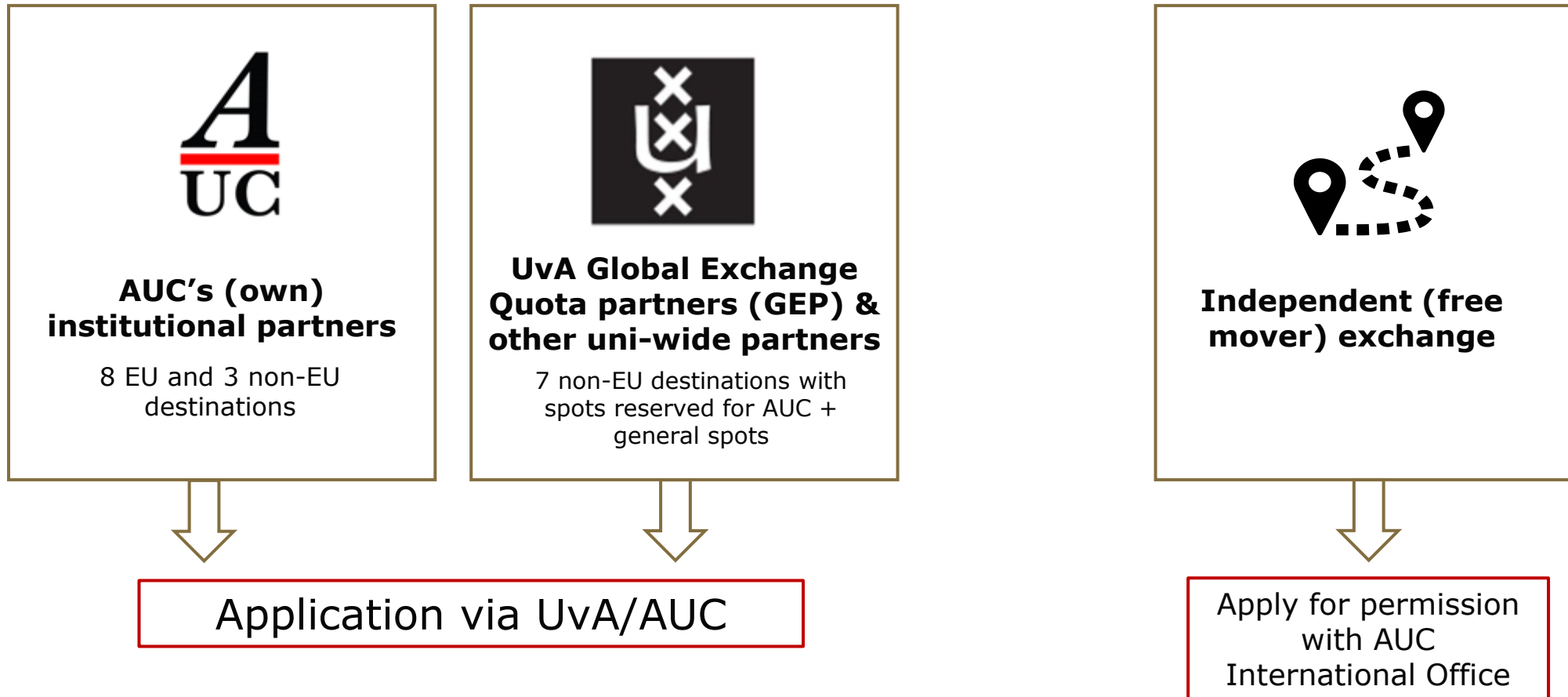
- It is your **responsibility** to inform yourself about the application deadlines and procedures, and to get in touch with the International Office if anything is unclear, or if you require additional support;
- You are **committing to the entire study abroad process**, including preparation, participation, and meeting all requirements 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.



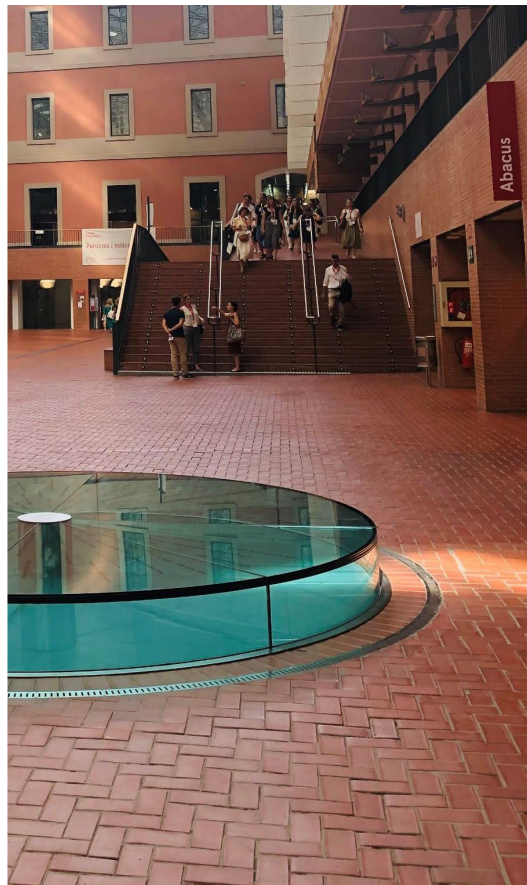
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**CHOOSING A
DESTINATION**

UvA or AUC exchange programme, or freemover?



VU Erasmus Exchange Programme not available for Spring semester



*Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona, Spain*

AUC's (own) institutional partners

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- 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) (2 spot)
- University College Freiburg (LAS) (1 spot)

Ireland

- University College Dublin (only humanities and social sciences) (2 spots)

Spain

- Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Global Studies, Political Science, Humanities, Human Biology) (3 spots)

Turkey

- Bilkent University (all areas) (4 spots)
- Boğaziçi University (all areas in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences) (*not available for Spring*)

Other European partner universities

UK

- University College London (must take 50% of courses in anthropology) (1 spot)
- University of Warwick (must take 70% of courses in LAS College) (*not available for Spring*)

Non-European partner universities

Hong Kong (SAR)

- Chinese University of Hong Kong (all areas) (1 spot)

Morocco

- Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie, Rabat (mainly social sciences) (2 spots)

USA

- Reed College, Portland (LAS, all areas) (1 spot)

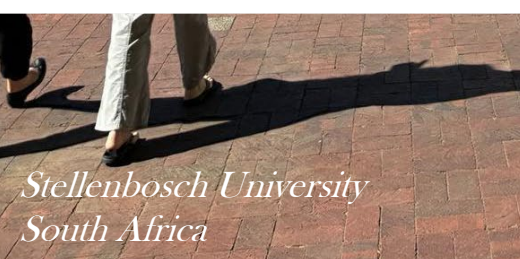
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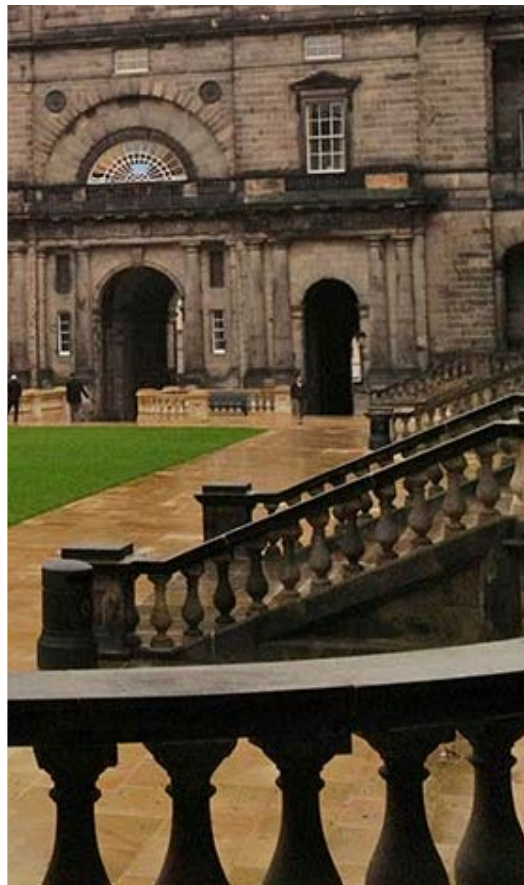
More information about these universities (as well as UvA partner universities) available on the [UvA Worldmap](#)

Quota spots at UvA partners within the Global Exchange Programme (GEP)

- Non-European universities that the UvA has an **institution-wide exchange agreement** with
- **Reserved spots* for AUC students** in Spring at selected UvA partners that only require 90EC of completed coursework:
 - Boston College (USA) (1 spot)
 - Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico) (1 spot)
 - City University of Hong Kong (1 spots)
 - University of Maryland / Honors College (USA) (3 spots)

**these numbers are subject to change and will be confirmed on 21 May*





*University of Edinburgh,
Scotland*

Bonus: UvA UK partners + ...

- UvA UK partners and UvA-wide partners outside of Europe that may have (limited) spots available for Spring (TBC, on **21 May**)
- Students **compete with other AUC as well as UvA students for a spot**
 - University of Edinburgh
 - University of Birmingham
 - University of Manchester
 - University of Zürich
 - University of Helsinki

Possible additional spots at a number of other UvA-wide partners outside of Europe (very limited!) tbc on 21 May.

The background of the slide is composed of three overlapping images of a map with several blue pushpins. The top-left image shows a close-up of a pushpin on a map. The middle image shows a pushpin on a map with some text visible. The bottom image is a blurred view of a map. The text 'Freemover exchange' is overlaid on the right side of the slide.

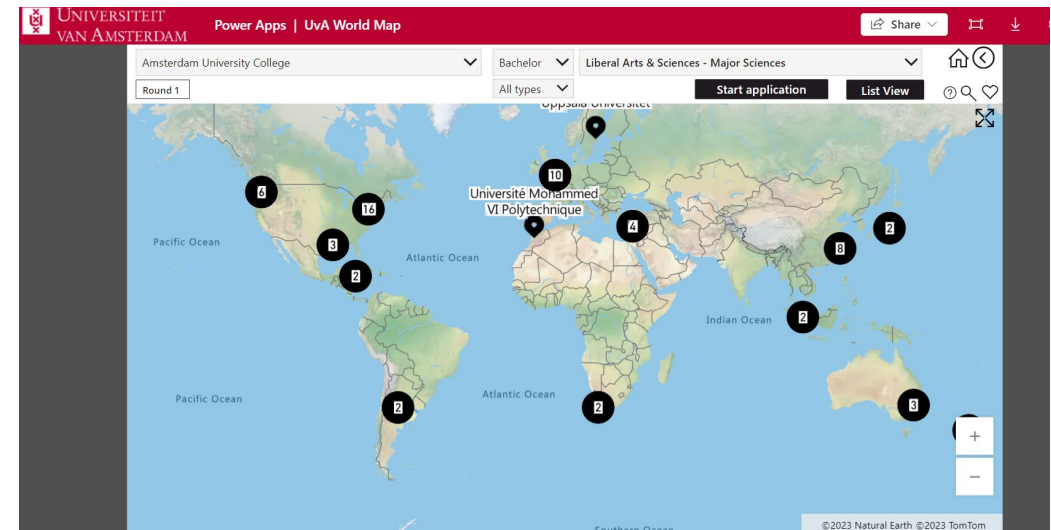
Freemover exchange

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

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.
- You can already research destinations, but keep in mind that the **Worldmap will be fully updated (also with the number of spots per destination) on 21 May**
- You can see how many students applied for each destination in 2024-2025
- 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 or are lacking information.

Always discuss your curriculum choices with your AUC tutor.



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READY TO APPLY?

Before you apply, make sure to check:

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AUC requirements

Do you meet AUC's application requirements?

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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

- Application for semester 2 exchanges is called **round 3** (for AUC students round 1 & 2 are only for sem1 exchanges)
- You may list up to **5 destinations**, in order of preference (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, etc.)
- AUC as well as UvA destinations
- Make sure to check if you **meet the requirements for all** destinations (note: higher GPA requirement for UCL)
- Make a **strategic** choice; don't only list one destination, and don't only apply for the most popular destinations

Application form

'Start application' button available in the UvA Worldmap, application opens on 22 May

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

Amsterdam University College BA/MA? Start application List View

Round 1 All universities All types


Chinese University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, China

Chinese University of Hong Kong - AUC
GPA requirement: 7

3 semester spots 0 applications
Only 1st semester spots available
Last year: 2.25 applications per spot

Testimonials



CUHK Student Exchange 2024

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is a research university with around 20,000 students, founded with a mission to combine tradition with modernity and to bring together China and the West. Located in Shatin, a suburban area of Hong Kong, the CUHK campus overlooks the scenic Tolo Harbour and is nestled in greenery. It is one of the largest, greenest and most sustainably designed campuses in the city.

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.

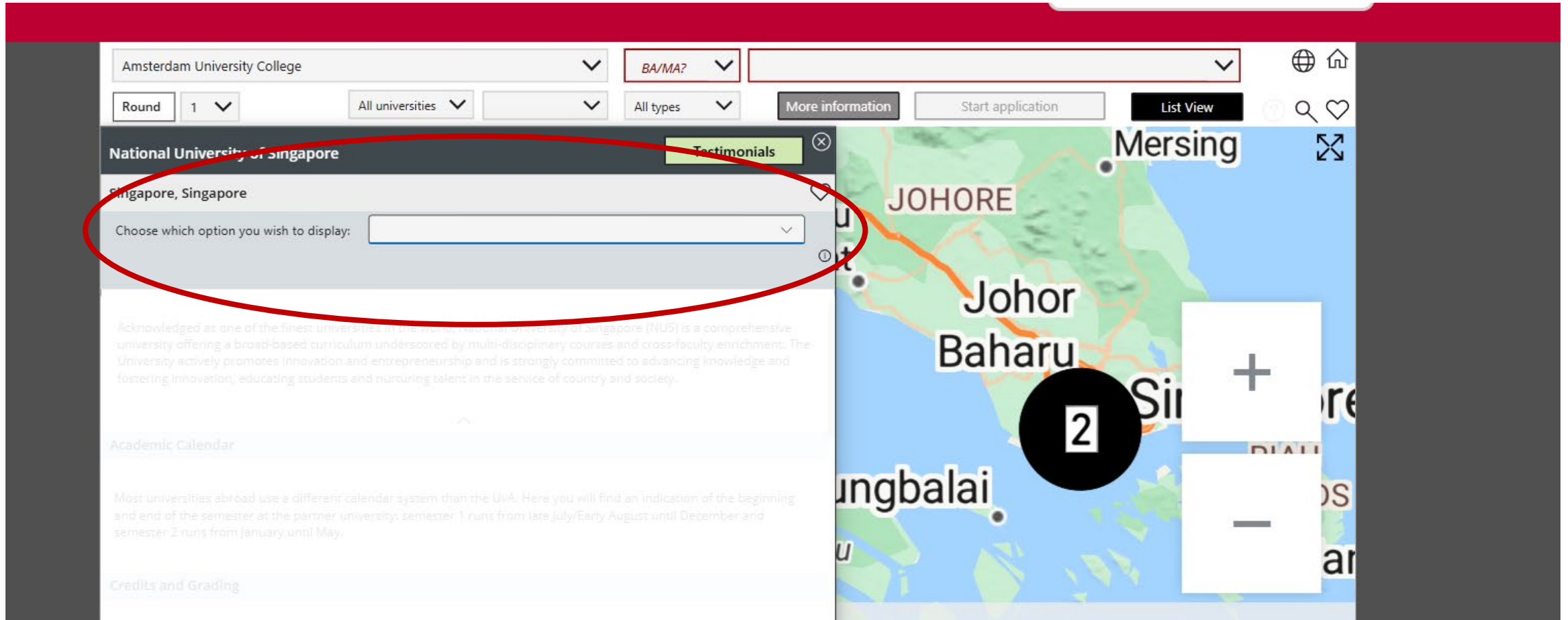
Areas of study open to exchange students

Guangzhou Huizhou Dongguan Macao

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Important for universities with Quota Spots



The screenshot shows a search interface for universities. At the top, there are filters for 'Amsterdam University College', 'BA/MA?', and 'Round 1'. A red circle highlights a dropdown menu for 'National University of Singapore' with the text 'Choose which option you wish to display:'. To the right, a map of Johore Baharu is shown with a black circle containing the number '2' over the city name. The interface includes buttons for 'More information', 'Start application', and 'List View'.



Share

Amsterdam University College BA/MA?

Round 1 All universities All types

National University of Singapore Testimonials

Singapore, Singapore

Choose which option you wish to display:

Acknowledged as one of the finest universities in the world, the National University of Singapore (NUS) is a leading research university offering a broad-based curriculum. NUS actively promotes innovation and fosters innovation, educating students and

Academic Calendar

Most universities abroad use a different calendar system than the UvA. Here you will find an indication of the beginning and end of the semester at the partner university: semester 1 runs from late July/Early August until December and semester 2 runs from January until May.

Credits and Grading

A programme leading to a 3 year Bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 MCs. As such, the usual load for NUS students is 16 to 20 modular credits (MCs) per semester, where 1 MC is equal to 2.5 hours of study and preparation per week. A 4-MC module would require 10 hours of work a week, including lectures, tutorials, laboratory sessions, assignments and independent research. Freshman students are required to read a minimum of 40 credits per

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National University of Singapore - UvA Wide
National University of Singapore - AUC

Placement for UvA/AUC destinations

(Academic) approval of the application

- After you've submitted your application, AUC 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

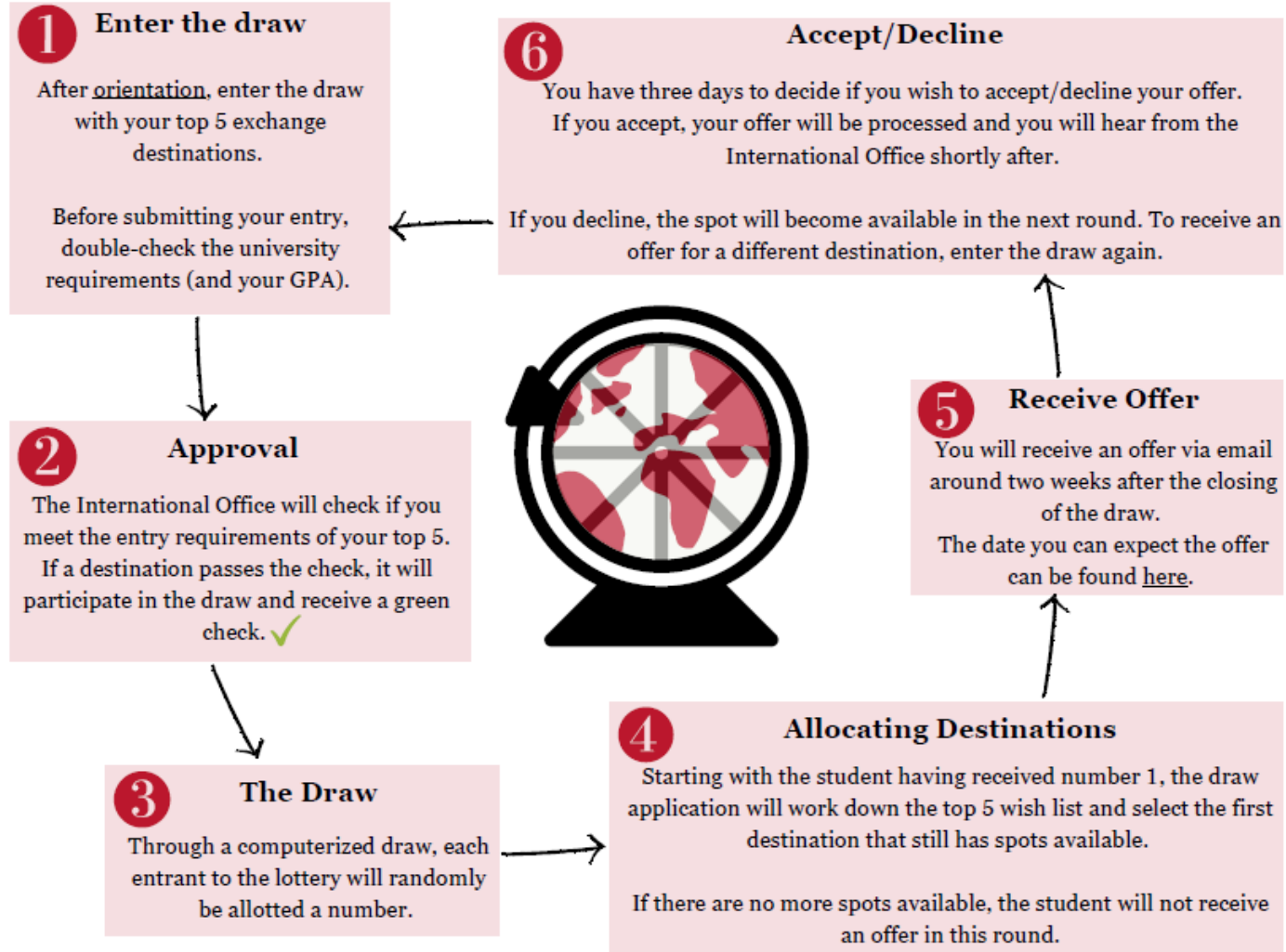
- You'll be randomly allotted a **draw number** (1 is the highest)
- The numbering from the draw is the order in which destinations will be allocated
- The 1st choice is awarded if there is space, if full then 2nd choice, and so on...

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.

UvA Exchange

How the Draw Works



Deadlines UvA/AUC

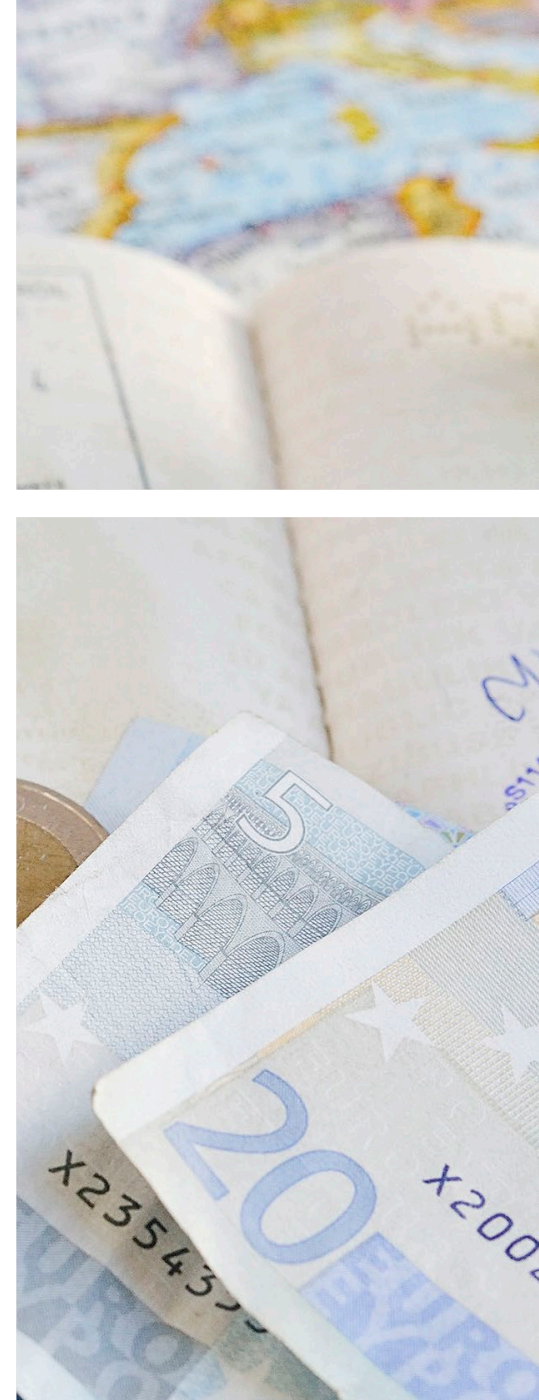
	Opens	Application deadline	Offer	Accept or reject
round 3	21 May 2026	3 June 2026	18 June 2026	22 June 2026

Accepting or rejecting the offer

- You can accept only once; this will be your exchange destination.
- If you reject the offer, you can enter the next round (for an exchange in semester 1 of your third year)
- 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/)
- Subletting your room to incoming international exchange student
- 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
- Grant can help you cover additional living and travel costs during your stay abroad
- The max. 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 2025 new grant have been formulated
- For alternative scholarships, check: www.beursopener.nl or www.grantfinder.nl
- More information about [private grants and funds](#)

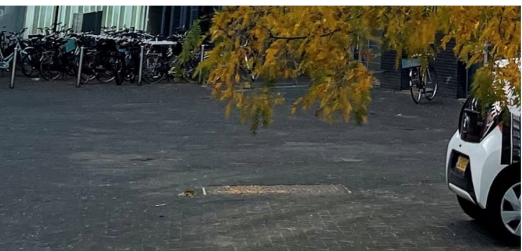
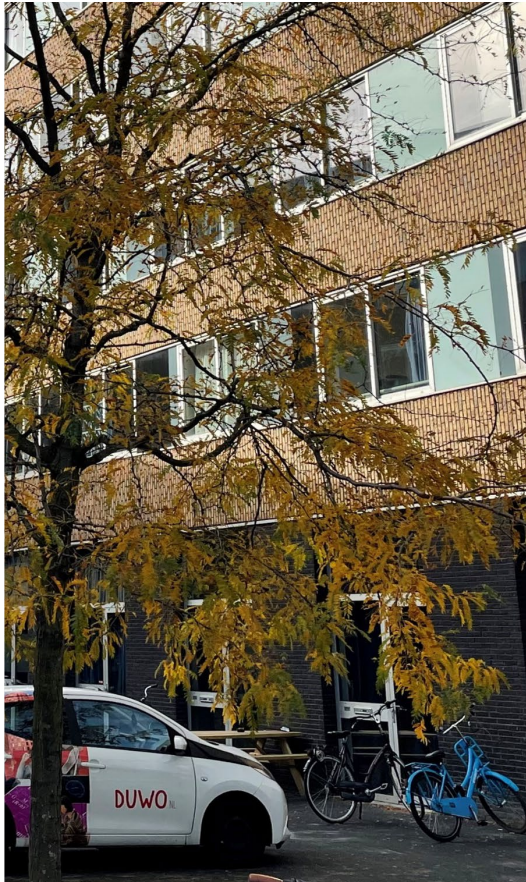
Funding: Erasmus+ grant (AUC/UvA)

- 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:** **Exact grant amount will be calculated after all grant applications for Erasmus+ (for UvA) have been received.**
- Travel grant is included
- Green Travel top-up and Inclusion top-up
- Erasmus+ grant and Brexit: as of 2023-2024 academic year, Erasmus grant will no longer be available for students going on exchange to the UK



Funding: Amsterdam University Fund (AUF)

- AUF travel grant for UvA students in **financial need**
- Conditions/Requirements
 - For students who are **unable to go on exchange without additional financial support**
 - It is your **first study abroad experience**. This means that students from abroad (who are already gaining experience abroad by studying at the UvA) are excluded from participation (with the exception of refugees).
 - You need an advice letter from a UvA student counselor, which clearly shows a financial shortfall that cannot be bridged without the travel grant.
- For additional conditions and application deadlines, please check the [AUF website](#).



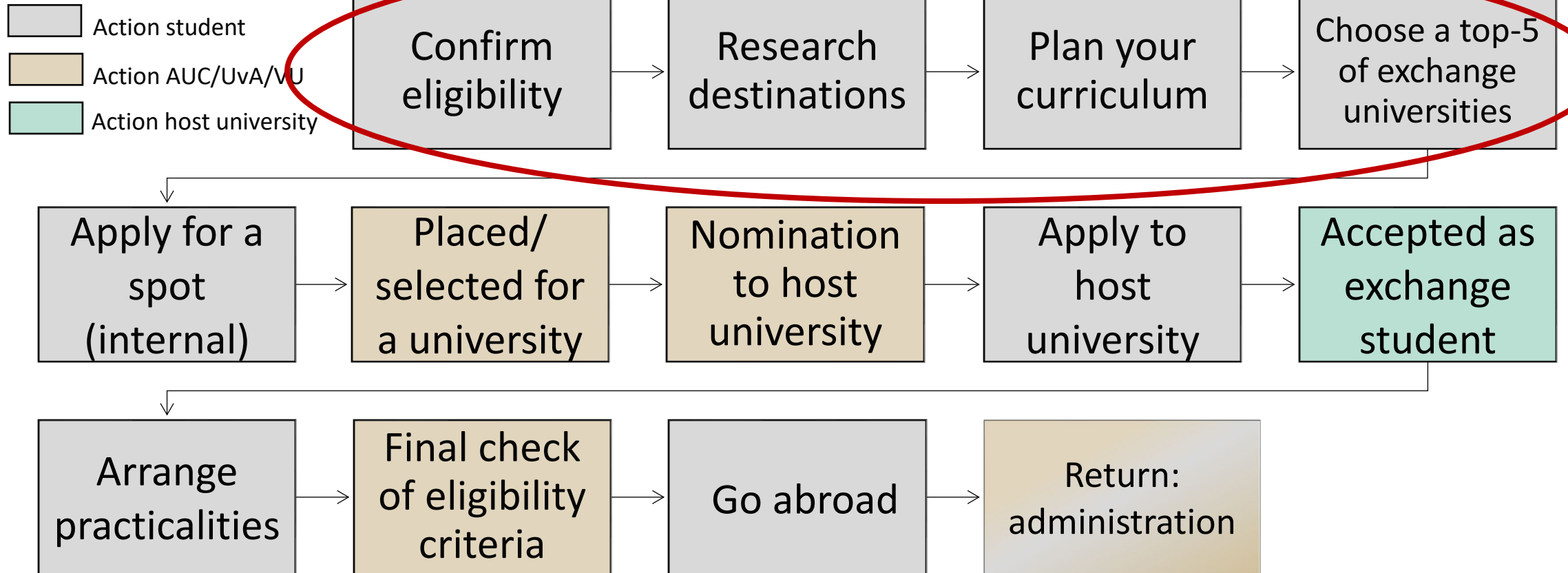
Subletting your room

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

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- 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](#)

Application process



To summarize: preparing for a semester abroad





Other questions

Check the [Study abroad & exchange page](#) on student.auc.nl



Weekly virtual office hour on Monday 12:45 -13:45, find the link [here](#)



Book an individual online or in-person appointment (not available in April) [here](#)



Contact the AUC International Office [here](#)