Amsterdam University College

# Study abroad and off-campus opportunities

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### Before we start..

- Presentation slides will be shared on the <u>Study Abroad &</u> <u>Exchange</u> page on student.auc.nl.
- Time reserved for questions at the end



## Starting point

Why did you decide to join this session?

Orientation/ what are the possibilities? What is AUC's policy on studying abroad? Decision making? Where to go? Understanding procedures?

## What we will discuss today

- Opportunities available to go "off-campus" and abroad for AUC students
- How to make a decision on what's right for you?
- Suggestions for further reading, information and application procedures







# "Off-campus" opportunities for AUC students



#### **Semester Abroad**

2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2<sup>nd</sup> year 1<sup>st</sup> semester 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Within curriculum

Always physically abroad

More information: <u>Study Abroad & exchange page</u> on student.auc.nl Summer programmes & other short term international opportunities

June – July – August

Within curriculum or extracurricular

> Remote (online) Off-campus within NL Physically abroad

More information: <u>Summer & short-term</u> <u>programmes page</u> on student.auc.nl



#### **Off-campus courses**

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

Within curriculum or extracurricular

> Off-campus within NL Physically abroad

More information: <u>Off-campus courses page</u> on student.auc.nl

### **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 extracurricular

> Within NL Remote (online) Physically abroad

More information: <u>Community Projects & Internships</u> <u>page</u> on student.auc.nl

# Mobility window for off-campus courses/studying abroad

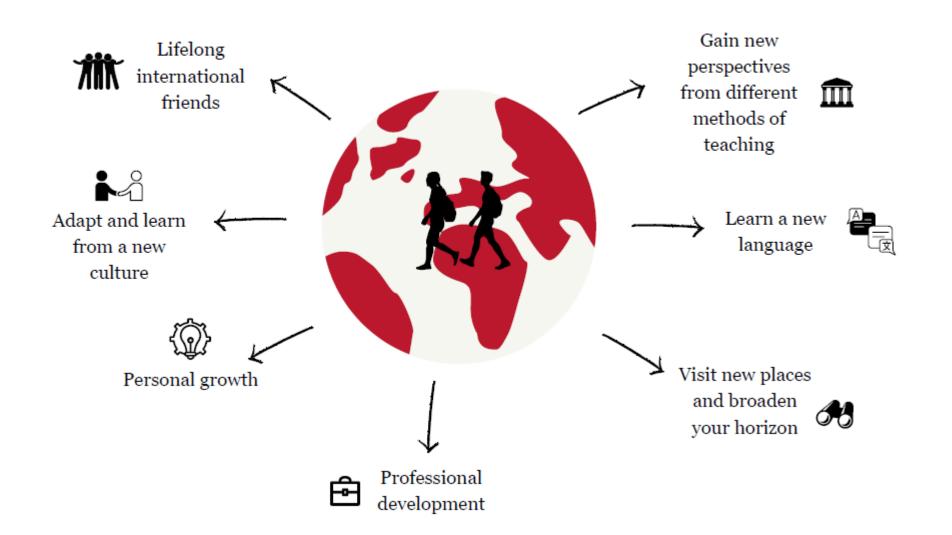
Off-campus courses may make up to **42 ECTS** of your degree

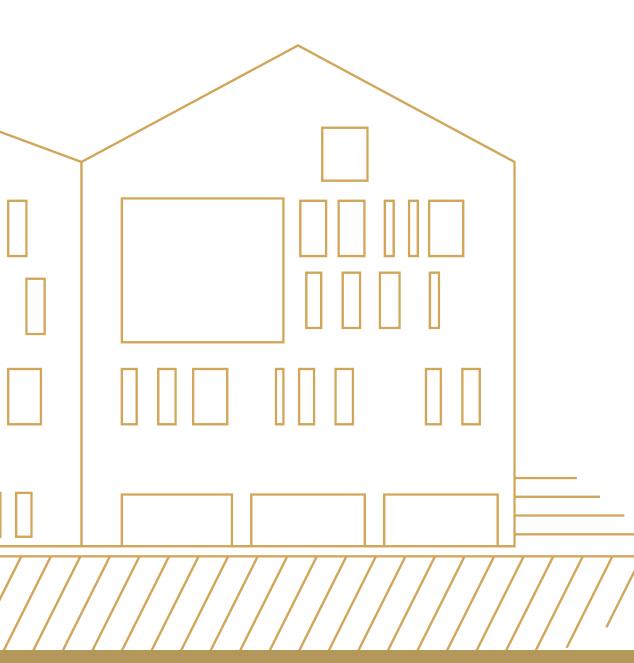
- This includes:
  - Exchange semester
  - Off-campus course
  - 30 EC Internship
- This does not include:
  - 6 or 12 EC Community Projects or Internships



### What can studying abroad can bring you?





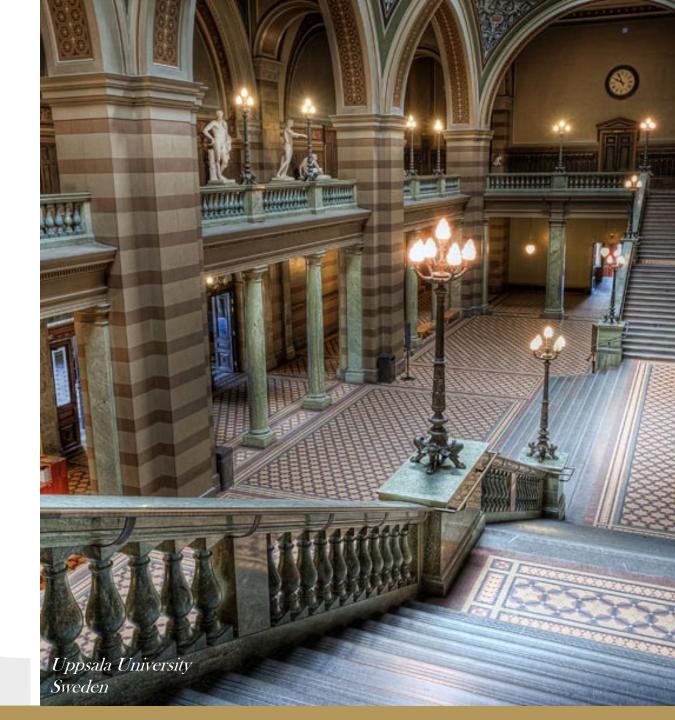




# Off-campus options one-by-one

# Semester abroad

- What is student exchange
- Opportunities:
  - AUC partners
  - UvA partners
  - VU partners
  - Independent freemover exchange
- Mobility window and conditions for applying
- Takes more than 1 year of preparation
- Application deadlines



# What is student exchange?







You go on exchange for one semester



A student from one of our partner universities takes your place at AUC







### Because AUC is a joint UvA/VU programme, you can study abroad at:

- AUC partners (Erasmus+ and Global)
- UvA partners (Global Exchange)
- VU partners (Erasmus + exchange within Europe)

• Freemover exchange (self-funded)

AUC students have to choose between (and limit themselves to) applying for an exchange via UvA (AUC's own partner universities and UvA partners within the UvA Global Exchange Programme) **OR** VU (or freemover).

No additional tuition fees!

# Mobility window and conditions for applying



Mobility window for an exchange semester: 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of your 2<sup>nd</sup> year OR 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your 3<sup>rd</sup> year

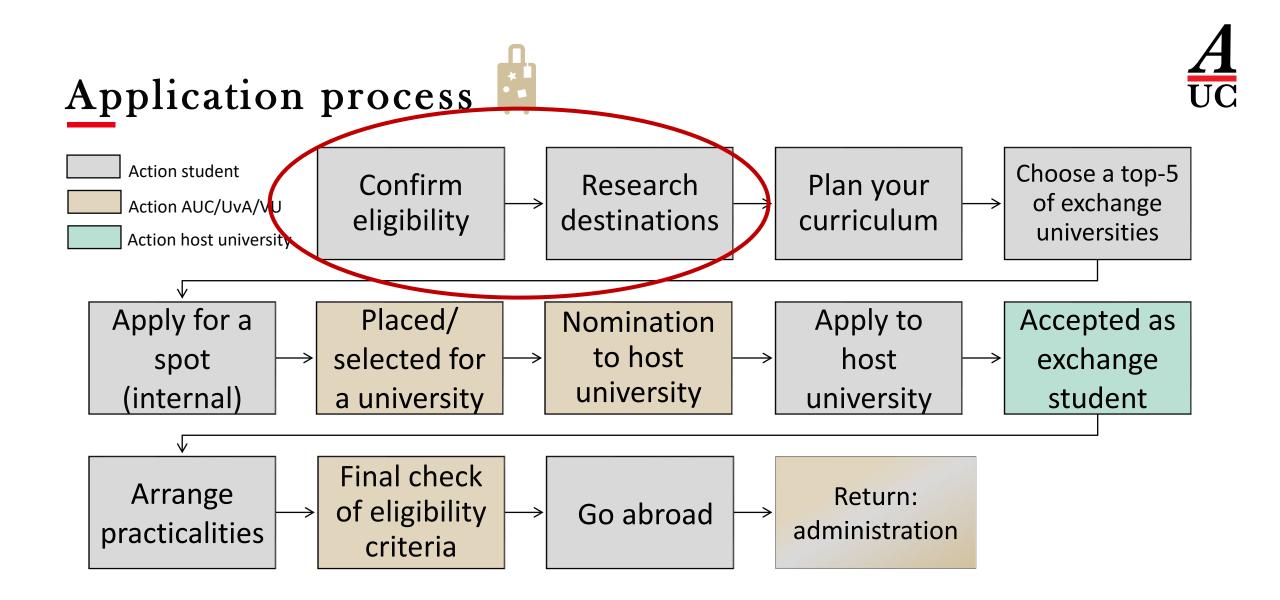
AUC students are required to meet certain conditions (see <u>Study Abroad Guidelines</u>) before being allowed to go abroad (if the period abroad is meant to serve as a part of their degree requirements).

#### Requirements

Conditions for being allowed to study abroad (exchange)

- Cumulative GPA  $\geq$  7.0, comprising all semesters
- 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.
- No credit shortage at the time of departure
- No social probation
- Positive advice from tutor
- Students must (continue to) pay tuition to AUC while abroad
- Travel advice for destinations must be positive (green/yellow)

The **university abroad may have additional requirements** (i.e. language, GPA, prerequisites, academic experience, major). 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.



# Year ahead of on exchange





# Application deadlines





Type of application	Deadline
Exchange in semester 1, 2024 (Autumn), and you are a second-year student now	
VU exchange programme (round 1)	1 December 2023 - 8 January 2024
UvA/AUC exchange pogramme (round 1)	7 December 2023 - 10 January 2024
Freemover application	10 January 2024
VU exchange programme (round 2)	19 February 2024
UvA/AUC exchange pogramme (round 2)	15 - 28 February 2024
Exchange in semester 2, 2025 (Spring), and you are a second-year student now	
UvA/AUC exchange pogramme (round 3)	23 May – 5 June 2024

# Interested? What's next?

- Read the <u>Study Abroad & exchange page</u> on student.auc.nl
  - Relevant for <u>all</u> AUC students interested in an exchange semester
  - Information about options and procedures (AUC, UvA, VU)
  - Study Abroad Guidelines
  - Student testimonials (*will soon be updated*!)
- AUC and UvA destinations: <u>UvA World Map</u> (will be fully updated by <u>23 November</u>)
- VU:
  - Information and procedures: <u>VU exchange website</u>
  - VU destinations (Europe): <u>VU World Map</u>
  - Visit the <u>VU Study Abroad weeks</u>, 30 October 14 November 2023
- Talk to your tutor
- Visit the online study abroad office hour (Wednesdays, 12:00-13:00)
- Attend session 'Study Abroad: how to choose a destination and how to apply', **14 November 2023**.









Worldmap.uva.nl

# The UvA Worldmap will be fully updated on 23 November and will include a live dashboard

# Summer and short-term programmes abroad

- Can be planned in the spring before each summer
- Conditions
  - Within curriculum
  - Extra-curricular
  - Application procedures
- Independent
  - AUC/UvA/VU

### **Opportunity specifically for AUC and PPLE students: NAHSS**

- Info session in November, more information will follow soon!
- 2 spots for AUC students











Netherlands - Asia Honours Summer School



### Independent

- Any university in the world
- Could be online, could be on site
- Costs vary, but never free

### UvA/VU summer schools & Short-term programmes abroad

- Check <u>UvA website</u> and <u>VU website</u>
- (Usually) sponsored by UvA/VU

### **AUC Summer Schools**

- <u>Summer & short-term programmes page on student.auc.nl</u>
- Will be updated throughout the Spring semester
- (Usually) sponsored by AUC
- NAHSS: more information will follow in November

# Interested? What's next?



- Talk to your tutor
- Check UvA Worldmap
- Check <u>UvA website for Summer schools and other short international programmes</u>
- Check <u>VU website for Other possibilities to study abroad</u>
- Check the Summer & short-term programmes page on student.auc.nl (will be updated from December 2023 onwards)
- Options for AUC students will be shared in the AUC student newsletter
- Visit the online <u>study abroad office hour (Wednesdays</u>, 12:00-13:00)

Information session today: **Explore Short-term Learning Opportunities**, 16:15-17:00 in room C0.02

# Off-campus courses

- Complete minor
- Academic courses
- Language courses (nationally or abroad)
- Can be arranged during course registration (one semester ahead)
- Practicalities
- Course approval procedures with BoE

### Costs

- At another Dutch university: no additional tuition fees
- Language institution or university abroad: self-funded (scholarships might be available)



## How to find off-campus courses?





General information about off-campus courses on student.auc.nl

- UvA: <u>Course catalogue</u> and <u>minor page</u>
- VU: <u>Course catalogue</u> and <u>minor page</u>
- Other Dutch universities: Start early!
- Language courses abroad: search for accredited language schools and universities abroad that offer language courses

BoE permissions needed for within curriculum (<u>BoE Guidelines</u>), extra-curricular is up to you

# Community projects & 💽 Internships abroad



- As part of your curriculum, or as extra-curricular activity
- For the curriculum:
  - Application deadlines are listed in the CP/I Guidelines
  - Conditions
  - Nationally (16-week periods), 6 or 12 EC
  - Abroad (Jan/June/summer), 6 or 12 EC
  - Nationally or abroad (sem1 or sem2), 30 EC
  - Application procedures
- Practicalities
  - Positive travel advice (green/yellow) for CP/I abroad

**Important:** doing a 30EC internship and exchange semester is not possible

# Internship



### **ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER (AMC)**

Simon carried out his research internship at the Department of Medical Microbiology at the Academic Medical Center, the teaching hospital of the University of Amsterdam. Within this department, he worked with the group of Prof. Colin A. Russell which conducted research into pathogen evolution and epidemiology with a focus on



influenza, using primarily computational tools. Simon's project involved analysing data concerning counts of positive diagnostic tests for influenza. The Dutch National Institute for Health and Environment [RIVM] conducts surveillance as to the incidences of influenza in people who consult their general practitioners in the Netherlands. For his project, Simon compared surveillance data from 1995-2013 to data on routine testing for respiratory pathogens in three hospitals. His project involved attempting to find ways in which warning signs of severe epidemics can be found in the observed epidemiological dynamics between these groups in order to gauge season severity.

[SCIENCES]

# Interested? What's next?

- Read information on <u>CP/I page & CP/I Opportunities page on student.auc.nl</u>
- Read the CP/I Guidelines
- Visit the <u>CP/I office hour</u> on Tuesdays, 13:00-13:30
- Talk to your tutor



Community Projects/Internships





## Making a decision

- Think about your options  $\stackrel{\curvearrowleft}{\leadsto}$
- Think about your motivation  $\bigcirc$
- Make cost-benefit analysis
- Discuss with family and friends  $\sqrt{-}$
- Visit information sessions during the UvA Study Abroad Fair & VU Study Abroad weeks
- If you have more questions: contact the <u>AUC International Office</u> or <u>VU International Office</u>/ <u>UvA International Office</u>



## Next important information session

### Exchange semester: choosing a destination & how to apply

- General requirements for studying abroad (exchange)
- How to choose a destination
- Applying for an exchange in Autumn 2024:
  - Application procedures for AUC destinations and UvA Global Exchange destinations
  - Application procedures for VU destinations (a representative of the VU International Office will be present to explain VU procedures)
- Student experiences
- Finding and selecting courses abroad
- Available funding



### Tuesday 14 November 2023, 12:30-13:30 in the AUC Common Room

Find more information about the session here



### Reflection

Why did you decide to join this session?

Has your opinion changed? Are you going to reconsider any ideas, plans or thoughts? Do you need to talk to your tutor? Do you need to talk to the International Office?



# Questions

Weekly virtual office hour on Wednesday 12:00 -13:00 via Zoom

Contact the AUC International Office via the <u>AUC Digital Service Desk</u> or <u>international@auc.nl</u>