



LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES IN THE NETHERLANDS

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

# University Colleges

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# Why the Netherlands?



## Peace of Mind

- Quality Education
- Portable Degree
- Easy Transition:  
English widely spoken
- Safety



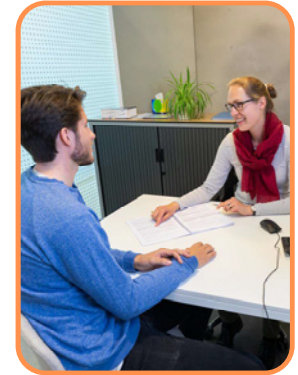
## Student Experience

- Intercultural Experiences
- Student Clubs
- Student Support
- Exchange Opportunities
- 10-16 hours in class a week



## Cost of Attendance

- Affordable Education
- EU: 2,200 - 5,000 euros  
(£1,800 - £4100)
- non-EU: 6,000-15,000 euros  
(£4,900 - £12,400)



## Career Opportunities

- International Career Opportunities in the Netherlands
- Orientation Year Visa

# Higher Education in the Netherlands



**Universities of  
Applied Sciences**



**Research  
Universities**

# Where do the University Colleges fit?



**Research  
Universities**

**Regular Programs**

**University Colleges**

# What defines a University College?

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- Honors College with a Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum
- Close-Knit Academic and Social Communities
- Highly International Student Body, Staff and Faculty



# British Influence - College Life

■ **Inspired by  
Colleges as  
found at  
Cambridge  
and Oxford**

Tight-Knit academic  
and social  
communities

■ **Small Scale**

300-900 students  
total

14-28 students per  
class

■ **Extracurricular  
Activities**

■ **Usually  
Residential**

American-Style  
Residential  
Campus

Urban Campus

1, 2, or 3 years





# American Influence - Curriculum

■ **Multi -& Inter disciplinary Programs**

■ **Choice**

- (Arts) & Humanities
- Engineering
- Science
- Social Sciences

■ **Variations**

- Free Majors
- Thematic Majors
- Specific Focus (e.g. technology)

■ **Preparation**

Access for Master Programmes around the world

# The perfect student

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- Academically Strong
- Intellectually Curious
- Loves Knowledge
- Socially Involved
- Contributes to Community
- Internationally Oriented

- Curriculum Options
- Teaching Style
- Residential Structure
- City/Location
- Atmosphere and Student Life

Encourage students to

- chat with a student
- visit in person or online
- Dig Deeper!

# Which UC is the right fit?

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# The Application

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- Selective admissions process
- September intake is standard, but in some cases a February intake is possible
- Generally speaking earlier deadlines; December 1 - June 1

# How is the application similar to other Dutch applications?

1

Register in  **STUDIELINK**

2

Submit the application to university directly

3

First step in evaluation in NL is Diploma Equivalency

A-levels: Three Academic A-levels with grade CCC

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Irish Leaving Certificates: 6 certificates with at least two at H5 and four at O6 or H7

# How is the application different from other Dutch applications?

1

## Holistic Admissions

The student as a person and academic

2

## Fit

Motivation is extra important

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## Higher grade requirements

A-levels: Three Academic A-levels with specific grades (e.g. AAB, depending on college)

International Baccalaureate Diploma with minimum point requirement (e.g. 32/42 points, depending on college)

Irish Leaving Certificates: 6 certificates with higher grades (e.g. two at H2, depending on college)

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## Additional Documentation

- Letter of Motivation
- Letter of Recommendation
- CV
- Essay
- Interviews

- Students who are highly motivated, open-minded, and internationally-focused
- Students who like flexibility in building their own curriculum
- Academically strong students looking for a challenge
- Students who want to be engaged on-campus and give back to the local community

# So, why a University College??



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for a better world



## Small Scale & International



over **50**  
nationalities

**50%** international  
students



**1:15** faculty-  
student ratio

**20** average  
class size



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## Our building



1 building

city center

400 studio  
apartments





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## Global Challenges



Diversity



Peace & Justice



Prosperity



Sustainability





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## LAS @ LUC

Flexible curriculum

World-class, future-  
proof education

Strong community

## 6 Majors

BA Culture, History and Society

BA International Justice

BA World Politics

BSc Global Public Health

BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability

BSc Governance, Economics and Development



## Extra options

- Minor in a major
- Pre-structured Minors:
  - Social & Business Entrepreneurship
  - Journalism
  - Psychology
  - Gender Studies
  - Philosophy
- Study abroad
- Special programmes
  - Double Degree Leiden Law School (Dutch speakers)
  - Electives at the Royal Conservatory



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## Student life

- On-campus living in the city center
- Common room
- Strong international community
- Activities, events & committees
- Close to nature







## Who is the right fit for LUC?

### Motivation

- Understanding the programme
- Fit for Liberal Arts & Sciences

### Experiences

- Community service
- Extracurriculars
- Interests and hobbies

### **FIT**

### Academic fit

- Academic achievements
- English proficiency
- Maths proficiency



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## Application Deadline

Early Bird: December 1;

Regular: March 15

## Get to know us

Open Days in person & online  
LUC 101; individual campus tours

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