The Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Social Sciences is for international exchange students who are selected by their home institution in the framework of existing exchange agreements. This programme is organised by the College of Social Sciences in co-operation with the College of Communication.

**Facts & Figures**

**Language** English

**Starts** 4 September 2017

5 February 2018

**Application deadline(s)**

- *1st semester* nomination
  15 April 2017

- *1st semester* application
  1 May 2017

- *2nd semester* nomination
  15 September 2017

- *2nd semester* application
  2 October 2017
The AEXP-SocSc consists of the English taught courses from the BSc Programmes in Sociology; Cultural Anthropology; Interdisciplinary Social Sciences; Human Geography and Planning; Political Science and Communication Science. Courses are mainly 6 EC (one block, eight weeks) or 12 EC (two blocks, sixteen weeks) and are mostly offered in the first two blocks of the semester. Students are expected to take a minimum of 24 EC per semester. A maximum of 36 EC per semester is allowed but not recommended since this is a very high workload.

Students can choose any course from the thematic clusters in the Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Social Sciences. Most of these clusters correspond with our minor programmes:

- Communication and Society
- Conflict Studies
- International Development Studies
- Dutch Society
- Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Global Health, Care and Society
- International Relations and Globalisation
- Politics, Governance and Democracy
- Society and Modernity
- Urban Studies

Students are expected to have an appropriate background in the field they choose. Most of the English taught courses are year 3 courses (final bachelor year). Next to these courses there are some courses at a second-year level as they serve as introductory course in one of the minors. Students can also choose courses from the UvA Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, www.iis.uva.nl

Upon request students can choose up to 12 EC from another department/faculty. Placement is not guaranteed.

Updated programme information and course descriptions are available at the Social Sciences exchange website after June 1:

www.uva.nl/exchange-socialsciences > courses
Application

Admission Requirements
- For students in Human Geography the requirement is 1,5 years (90 EC) of study. The general requirement is 120 EC.
- GPA equivalent to at least a C (ECTS-system)/"good".
- English language test equivalent to level B2 in the CEFR:
  - TOEFL® (minimum score: 570 paper test, 88 internet test)
  - IELTS® (minimum score 6,5)
  - Cambridge Examination® (minimum scores: CAE C, CPE C)
  - proof of B2 level in the CEFR on the Erasmus Mobility Tool Language Assessment Test

*sent directly by the testing organisation to the Universiteit van Amsterdam (TOEFL reporting)

NB: In some cases we can accept institutional tests. For more information, please contact us.

Application Procedure
- nominate your selected students by e-mail to international-office-csw@uva.nl before 15 April 2017 (first semester and full year) or 15 September 2017 (second semester)
- the online application deadlines for students are 1 May 2017 (first semester and full year) and 1 October 2017 (second semester)
http://ww.uva.nl/exchange-socialsciences > application and admission
- the official English test report can submitted no later than one month before the start of the exchange
Students will be informed on their acceptance within 4 weeks after the application deadline.

General information for incoming students, including Visa and Insurance Information

Academic Calendar

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Practical Information

Accepted students receive an email from the International Office Social Sciences approximately 2 months before the start of the programme with more information on:

- instructions for course registration
- information about Dutch language courses at the Universiteit van Amsterdam
- practical information about studying in the Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Social Sciences

The Office for International Student Affairs publishes the UvA START Magazine, including practical information on studying in the Netherlands and at the UvA: http://student.uva.nl/en/az/content/start-magazine/start-magazine.html

Orientation period
The International Student Network (ISN) Amsterdam organises an introduction period previous to the start of the semester:

- Semester 1: 22 August 2017 - 25 August 2017
- Semester 2: 1 February 2018 - 3 February 2018

The Amsterdam Exchange Programme - Social Sciences organizes an introduction period for international students including a welcome meeting with drinks, an academic meeting, a lecture on plagiarism, and library skills workshops. See http://student.uva.nl/ess/ for more information.