



## Welcome to University College Roosevelt

Located in the historic heart of Middelburg, in the south west of the Netherlands, University College Roosevelt (UCR) is one of the international honors colleges of Utrecht University and home to 600 students and staff from all parts of the world. UCR's academic program is taught entirely in English, boasts a wide variety of courses, and covers nearly all academic disciplines. This makes UCR ideal for ambitious, curious and motivated students who have a wide range of academic interests and want to get that bit more out of their degree program.

As one of the first university colleges to start in Dutch higher education, UCR has already proven to be a highly successful endeavor. UCR's graduating classes have now entered and completed master's and PhD programs at prestigious universities in the Netherlands and abroad, including Oxford, Cambridge, Utrecht, Delft, Leiden, Budapest, Nice, Geneva, London, Boston, Paris, and many more.

The academic program at UCR has been awarded the prestigious and exclusive 'Label of Excellence' and the 'Label of Small Scale and Intensive' by the Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization (NVAO). Students voted UCR 'the best university college' three times in the annual Elsevier student satisfaction survey. Utrecht University, of which UCR is one of the international honors colleges, is rated the best university in the Netherlands and the 12th best university in Europe by the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities.

At University College Roosevelt, students follow an intensive, international and residential three-year bachelor program in Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). The broad and interdisciplinary LAS concept is relatively new to the Netherlands, but is widely known and accepted in the United States.

### Academic community

University College Roosevelt offers students a residential setting in which the foundations are laid for a successful academic or professional career. Our aim is to teach students how

to communicate effectively and how to develop a critical, analytical way of thinking. Among the special characteristics of UCR are the following:

- small-scale classes (with never more than 25 students)
- a highly interactive method of instruction
- students create their own program by choosing from a wide array of subjects
- an interdisciplinary approach
- a tutorial system
- English-taught classes
- a residential college and guaranteed accommodation
- an international staff and faculty
- many exchange possibilities all over the world

University College Roosevelt's close-knit academic community provides an environment that encourages intellectual exchange between students and professors in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

### Personal approach

Our educational system is aimed at giving students the attention they need by providing each of them with a personal tutor who advises them on their choice of studies or courses, helps them with any questions or problems they might encounter, and essentially serves as their personal coach throughout their stay at UCR. This kind of personal attention also extends to the classroom, where classes are never larger than 25 students (in contrast to traditional universities where classes sometimes exceed 100 students), and the method of instruction is highly interactive and intensive. Since our campus community consists of 600 students and about 80 faculty and staff members, it is not very difficult to get to know one another.



Studying at UCR has been a 3 year think-fest. I chose this university for its international outlook, for its reputation in excellent education and its location in continental Europe (Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam are less than 3 hours away). The small classroom sizes are the perfect way to go beyond the lecture and engage in a given subject, especially when you are taught by a professors who know your name and are interested in you. I study Political Science, Sociology, and Global

Studies with the aim of pursuing a career in International Relations. Though the study-load is quite intensive, it is easy to find time to socialize and do extracurricular activities. I have been involved with the Political Society, the Culture Committee, and the Housing Affairs Council. These things have allowed me to organize meaningful events for the student community. The residential campus at UCR is perfect to nurture your interests. The learning process sometimes goes further than the classroom and often makes it to the living room: some of the most interesting conversations have happened over my dinner table, when fellow students bring insights from different disciplines to the conversation. My time at UCR has been rewarding, and if I was given the option I would do it all over again!

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## Are you a University College Roosevelt-student?

The University College Roosevelt concept may not fit every student: UCR's continuous assessment system, its study pace, and its high standards demand a lot from students, who are encouraged to perform to the best of their ability and, in turn, motivate each other to the fullest. Our success rates clearly show that this strategy works. Nearly 90% of our graduates complete their bachelor's program within the allotted three years, and many of them have been accepted to the best graduate programs available. This does not mean, however, that UCR students are simply brilliant scholars. In general, students ultimately decide to study at UCR because of their boundless curiosity, their motivation, and their international outlook.

### Why Middelburg?

University College Roosevelt's personal approach is reflected in the city it has chosen as its location and in the way the campus is envisioned. While the city of Middelburg may not be as big as Utrecht or Amsterdam, it definitely shares the same high ambitions and goals. As in other university cities, one can find pubs and clubs, theaters, cinemas, and sporting facilities

in and around Middelburg -- all within easy reach. Moreover, as the city is located centrally on the peninsula of Walcheren, beaches are not too far away from the UCR campus; many students do their homework on the beach during the spring semester!

UCR boasts the only inner-city campus in the Netherlands, with students living together on three campus locations in the city-center of Middelburg. This allows them the freedom to cook their own meals and live an independent life while enjoying all the benefits of a close-knit campus community. Most classes are taught in the majestic former City Hall of Middelburg, built in the 14th-century Gothic style and now renamed the Franklin building.

Middelburg is also a good base to explore other parts of the Netherlands and Europe: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels and Rotterdam are less than two hours away by car or train. International airports are located in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Eindhoven, Antwerp, and Brussels and allow international students to easily visit their friends and families during vacations.

## Fast Facts

**Degree** Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Liberal Arts & Sciences

**Program details** Students put together their own degree program, with a combination of compulsory courses from the Academic Core department, courses in the department of their major and courses from other departments. Possible majors are Arts & Humanities, Social Science and Science. Students can also choose an interdepartmental major.

**Entry requirements** Qualifications equivalent to the Dutch 6VWO exam (e.g., A-levels or International Baccalaureate). Non-native speakers of English must provide evidence of their proficiency (see [www.ucr.nl](http://www.ucr.nl) for more detailed information).

**Number of places** 200 per year

**Language of instruction** English

**Students** 600 in total

**Nationalities** More than 50

**Faculty/staff** 75 faculty/staff (10 full professors)

**Fees** The tuition is made up of a basic fee, which is established by the Dutch government every year, and an institutional fee. Please see [www.ucr.nl](http://www.ucr.nl) for the latest fees. Roosevelt strives to be the most affordable university college in the Netherlands.

**Scholarships/funding** Available on limited basis for students from outside the EEA. It is possible to pay the tuition fee according to a payment plan. Many EU students can receive maintenance grants from their own governments.

**Starting dates** September and February

**Application procedure and deadlines** Roosevelt has a selective admissions process. Application forms and application deadlines are available on the UCR website; a letter of motivation and a personal interview are part of the application procedure.

## The Curriculum

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### **An academic program for the future**

The Liberal Arts and Sciences educational concept is based upon the idea that today's most complex problems can no longer be solved with a mono-disciplinary approach. For example, in order to have an understanding of global warming, knowledge of earth science and biology is equally as important as knowledge of politics and law. Furthermore, many students at traditional universities struggle to find a bachelor's program which suits all of their interests. This is why students at UCR construct their own academic program, tailor-made to their individual interests. In doing so, the program prepares them for a world whose demands and challenges will grow more complex each year.

### **The freedom to choose**

UCR's three-year program, with two semesters a year, requires students to take four courses per semester. A total of at least 24 courses is needed to obtain either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree, awarded by Utrecht University. Mid-way through each semester, students meet with their Tutor to review the semester and to decide which courses to take in the next. They can make any number of course combinations, provided that they fall within the choice rules. All of the more than 200 courses UCR offers are part of one of our four departments: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and Academic Core.

Generally, students focus on two to three related fields of study, resulting in combinations such as Politics, Law, and Economics (major: Social Sciences); History, Literature, and Film, Theatre & Media Studies (major: Arts & Humanities); or Earth & Environmental Science and Biology (major: Science). We have also seen such combinations as Mathematics and Music; Anthropology, Law, and Life Science; and Literature and Cognitive Science.

A great deal of emphasis is put on acquiring academic and communications skills. In addition to taking classes in English for academic purposes, students learn a second foreign language, write numerous papers and essays, and give several presentations throughout the semester. Moreover, they are encouraged to demonstrate a critical view and reflect

on what they have learned while also developing leadership skills, both inside and outside the classroom.

### **An intensive program**

Each course has 30 classes per semester; each class lasts two hours and meets twice a week. The 16 hours of class that students are required to attend each week contain a mixture of (guest) lectures, debates, student presentations and individual work. Classes at UCR are intensive, interactive, and interdisciplinary, and never larger than 25 students. This leaves a great deal of room for personal contact between the instructor and the students, and for effective and interactive group discussions. Outside of class, students are required to do a substantial amount of homework, up to a maximum of ten hours per course per week. Students write essays or papers almost every week, give several presentations during the semester, and carry out independent research. Instructors review most student work and give regular feedback. They also use a system of continuous assessment: i.e., a number of assignments throughout the semester are graded, and the weighed average of these becomes the final grade. This high pace ensures that, although the semesters only contain 15 weeks, a high level of academic standing can be reached.

### **The international approach**

Since more than one third of our students and half of our teaching staff come from abroad, the only language of communication and instruction (with the exception of foreign language classes) at University College Roosevelt is English. In addition, most courses take an international rather than a strictly Dutch or European approach. Students furthermore have the option of going abroad by participating in Utrecht University's many exchange programs or in the bilateral exchange agreements UCR has set up with prominent colleges in the United States and Canada. Our 15-week semester system also leaves ample room for students to work as interns or take extra classes during winter and summer break.





## The choice-rules

Students at University College Roosevelt design their own curriculum. A set of choice-rules is in place which guarantees that students make sensible choices. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of freedom in which courses to take. The Tutor will help the student throughout this process.

In order to ensure that each student meets the academic standards at UCR, there are a number of obligatory courses. During their first year, students need to take an introductory course in Methods and Statistics. Based on their command of English, students will also follow either the elementary or intermediate course in English for Academic Purposes.

Since many of our graduates pursue a career in an international environment, it is advantageous for them to learn multiple languages. Students at UCR are required to take a track in a language. The current offerings consist of French, Spanish, German and Dutch.

At the start of the second year, students must declare a major. The three most common majors are: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. It is also possible to do an

interdepartmental major. Within their major, students will focus on two or three tracks for a total of 10-12 courses. A track is a set of courses in the same field of study. Popular tracks include Politics, History, Life Sciences, Economics, Law, Biomedical Science and Literature.

Depending on their major, students will be required to take a number of obligatory courses. Arts & Humanities majors are required to take an Introduction to Rhetoric and Argumentation. Students majoring in the Social Sciences have to follow a 200-level in Methods and Statistics, while Science students need to take the 100-level Mathematics.

In addition to their major, students can also pursue a minor. A minor is a cluster of at least four related courses in a department outside of the student's major. Some students choose a minor which is directly related to their major. Examples include Life Sciences majors who minor in Psychology, Literature majors who minor in Rhetoric and Argumentation, or Politics majors who minor in History. Alternatively, minors can be used to pursue an individual interest. Examples are Mathematics students with a passion for (and a minor in) Music, or Economics students who love Theatre, Film and Media Studies.

## Tracks at University College Roosevelt

### Academic Core

- Methods and Statistics
- Rhetoric and Argumentation
- Languages (French, German, Spanish and Dutch)

### Arts and Humanities

- Antiquity
- Art History
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Music Theory
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Theatre, Film and Media Studies
- Women's and Gender studies
- Music Performing

### Science

- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Cognitive Science
- Computational Science
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Pre-medical Program

### Social Science

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Global Studies
- International Relations
- Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology



### The City Campus

University College Roosevelt is located in Middelburg, in the southwest of the Netherlands, and boasts a unique City Campus. This City Campus provides the perfect atmosphere for students, faculty and staff to live and work together.

The center of the City Campus is the former historic town hall of Middelburg which now functions as the main academic building, Franklin. Along with the other two academic buildings, Theodore and Eleanor, they make up the core of the UCR City Campus. Within a ten-minute walk, there are three residential buildings for students, a Common House and enough restaurants and bars to satisfy the needs of all students. All residential buildings for students have cooking facilities, allowing them to provide for their own meals.

The university library is located within the Library of Zeeland (Zeeuwse Bibliotheek) at a 10-minute walk from Franklin. A fully-functional laboratory is at our disposal through our collaboration with the University of Applied Science, the Hogeschool Zeeland, and students have access to all student services of Utrecht University. UCR has the highest number of dedicated faculty of all university colleges in the Netherlands: over 75% of faculty members live in Middelburg and work exclusively at UCR.

The City Campus permits students to become part of a tight-knit academic community. The support students receive from each other and their easy interaction with instructors is an essential part of the success of UCR. In their three years at UCR, students form life-long bonds. They also have the freedom to develop their own interests and the life skills necessary for their future after UCR. Just as much as they are part of the academic community of UCR, they are part of the vibrant community of the city of Middelburg.

### Community Life

Attending a university college of course does not mean you will be studying all day and all night. At UCR you can join in a any number of extracurricular activities, ranging from

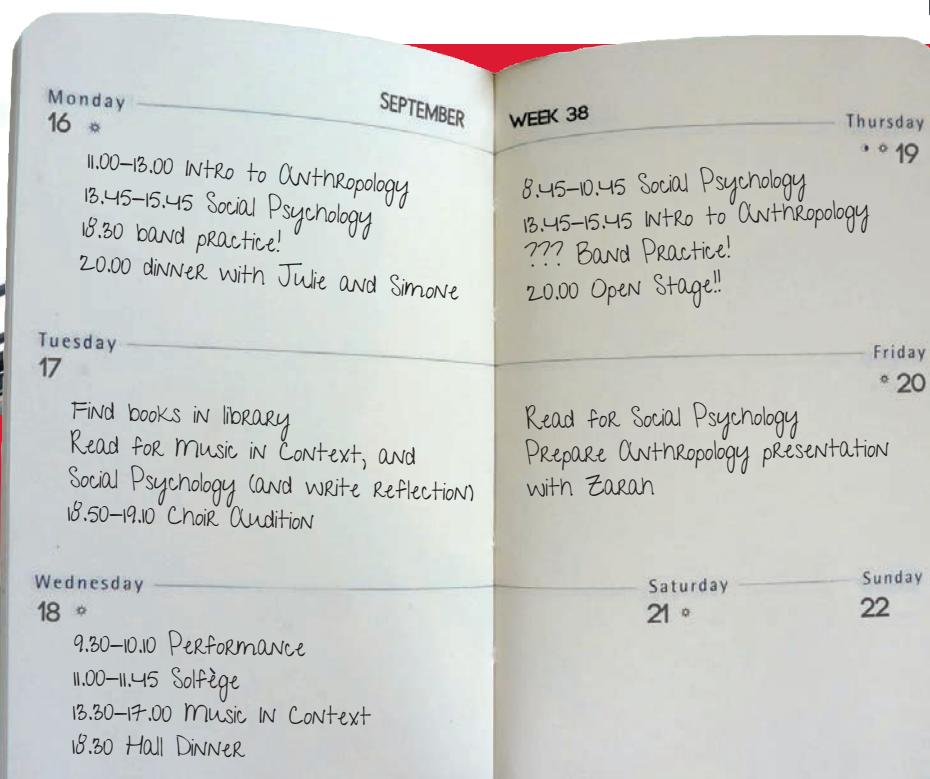
debating, rowing and singing to acting, painting or even producing student movies. The student association RASA is the organization that oversees and financially supports all student activities on campus. Students can join any of the more than 30 committees, attend the parties and participate in the many workshops RASA offers. Sports teams, the annual Student-Faculty soccer tournament, the Inter UC-Championships, the King of the Channel rowing competitions, or sporting activities such as running groups are a common sight. Theatra's plays, the UCR Open Debating Competition, RASA Culture Week and the annual Night of the Talents are anticipated events. In short, community life is a key feature of life on campus.

### Student Accommodation

As Roosevelt is a residential college, all students are required to live in one of the three locations of our City Campus. Students have guaranteed accommodation and will always have their own private room for the full three years of their study. There is the option of living together in one house with 10 or 16 students (Bagijnhof), or to get your own one- or two-person apartment (Roggeveenhuus/Koestraat). Student accommodation is coordinated by Woongoed Middelburg in cooperation with UCR. Further details can be found on the website [www.woongoed.nl](http://www.woongoed.nl).



*Eva Hoogstins (20) is of Greek-Dutch-American descent, and went to an International School in the Netherlands. She is interested in the Social Sciences, but she also follows the special program in Music Performing.*





UCR's graduating students have successfully applied to a variety of master's programs, and even directly to Ph.D. programs, within and outside the Netherlands. Many graduates have been awarded prestigious scholarships (such as the Huygens Talentbeurs) to pursue their advanced degrees or to do an internship before continuing their academic career. Others have already landed positions at multinational companies directly after graduation.

Although a Roosevelt degree is not a professional one, it does prepare students well for almost every academic master's program in the Netherlands and abroad. UCR's internationally recognized bachelor's degree is awarded by Utrecht University, one of the oldest and most renowned Dutch universities. UCR graduates have now started both master's and Ph.D. programs at a wide range of Dutch and international universities.

### Special Programs

The Liberal Arts & Sciences program allows students to design their own program. Each semester, students can choose from over 200 courses. For students with specific interests who are looking for an even bigger challenge, University College Roosevelt offers a number of special programs:

#### Performing Arts Program

UCR is the only institution in continental Europe where students can take English-spoken courses in musicology as well as courses in practical musical training, offering them the unique opportunity to obtain a B.A. degree which in turn enables them to continue their studies at a university (leading to a M.A. in Musicology) as well as at a conservatory (leading to a M.A. in Music Performance).

#### Pre-Medical Program

For students who are interested in a scientific medical career, but who are also interested in other academic disciplines, UCR's Science Department has a popular pre-medical program. Besides general courses in the life sciences, such as Biochemistry, Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, students are also offered several courses with a specific focus on medical aspects, including Functional Anatomy, Infection, Immunology, Pharmacology, Human Physiology and Mechanisms of Diseases.

#### Going Global Program

UCR's 'Going Global' program is a pioneering effort in education and research on 'global citizenship' in The Netherlands. It aims to foster education geared towards social responsibility and the exercise of critical citizenship. Students in the Going Global program do research and volunteer work in communities in Opuwo, Namibia, and Oaxaca, Mexico.

If there is one thing you can say about our alumni, it is that they look back to Roosevelt as a positive experience, both academically and socially. Of the alumni surveyed, over 90% would choose Roosevelt again as their undergraduate program.

Within the Netherlands, Utrecht University is the most popular study destination of Roosevelt graduates, followed by the Free University of Amsterdam, Maastricht University and Leiden University.

According to a survey among Roosevelt graduates:

- 77% are accepted into the graduate program of their first choice;
- 15% into their second-choice program;
- 91% of the alumni who continue their studies graduate successfully from these programs;
- 10% of our graduates continue to a PhD program;
- 25% receive a scholarship for their continued studies;
- 48% attend graduate programs in the Netherlands;
- 39% attend a program in another European country;
- 13% attend a program elsewhere in the world, or go work directly following their bachelor's program.

Of the European destinations, the United Kingdom is very popular, especially Cambridge University, University College London, London School of Economics and Oxford University.

In short, whether you are planning on pursuing a master's degree elsewhere or to start working directly after you graduate, an honors bachelor's degree from University College Roosevelt qualifies you for a career in national or international academia, business or public administration.

## Selection and Admission

Each year 200 students are selected to study at University College Roosevelt. They hail from all over the globe and are selected on their motivation, ambition, broad interests and enthusiasm.

Application forms are available on the UCR website. You can choose to begin classes in either September or February. Each start-time has its own deadline, usually five months before the beginning of the semester. Check our website to see which deadline applies to your situation. Since UCR has an ongoing admissions process, keep in mind that the sooner you apply, the sooner you will hear back from the Student Office.

### Admission requirements

As Roosevelt is an international honors college, both Dutch and international students are accepted each year. Different admission requirements apply to both groups. For more details, please see the Admissions section on our website.

If you meet all necessary requirements, you can submit your application to the Student Office. Based on your letter of motivation, your letter(s) of recommendation, your grades list and other information provided in your application, the selection committee decides whether you will be invited for an interview.

The interview lasts for approximately 45 minutes and is the perfect way for UCR to get to know you in person and to find out whether you are the right student for UCR. It is also a good way for you to discover whether UCR is the right college for you. The interview can be conducted either in person or over the phone. Successful candidates will receive an official invitation to come and study at UCR within two weeks.

### More information?

If you have any questions about the admission procedure, please do not hesitate to contact us: tel.: +31-(0)118-655500 or e-mail: [info@ucr.nl](mailto:info@ucr.nl). More detailed information is also readily available on our website: [www.ucr.nl](http://www.ucr.nl).

## VISIT US!

### Open Days

For a taste of what UCR has in store you can attend one of our upcoming Open Days, usually held in March, June, October and November each year. Check out our website for the latest dates and details.

### Student-for-a-Day Program

A team of enthusiastic UCR student guides is available to show you around campus and take you to one of their classes. Sign up by sending an e-mail to [studentforaday@ucr.nl](mailto:studentforaday@ucr.nl).

### Roosevelt Junior Academy

High-school students from VWO 5 and 6 have the option of participating in the Roosevelt Junior Academy, which consists of two days per year during which you can take master classes in various disciplines offered at UCR. More information is available on our website.

### Individual visits

Should you be unable to visit us during any of the activities above, we can always schedule an individual visit for you and your parents. For more information please contact the communications office at [communications@ucr.nl](mailto:communications@ucr.nl)



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