



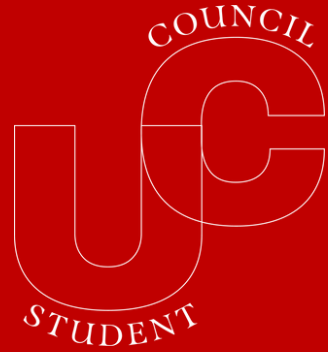
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CRAFT YOUR CURRICULUM WORKSHOP

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INTRODUCTION TO UCSC



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CURRICULUM BUILDING FOR DUMMIES

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AT UCU

HUMANITIES

Art History and Museum Studies

China Studies

History

Language and Culture

Linguistics

Literature and Classics

Media Studies

Performance Studies

Philosophy

Religious Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Anthropology

Economics

Geography

Law

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

SCIENCE

Biology

Chemistry

Cognitive Neuroscience

Earth and Environment

Mathematics

Medical Sciences

Physics

**TALK TO YOU NEIGHBOR!
ABOUT THEIR TRACK IDEAS, THEIR
CURRICULUM PLANS, ETC**

Don't worry: it is okay not to know what you want to do yet!

CURRICULUM BUILDING FOR DUMMIES

A MAJOR CONSISTS OF...

At least 2 tracks in *one* domain
(most common choice)

OR

At least 2 tracks in *two different* domains
(inter-domain major)

ONE TRACK CONSISTS OF...

One level 1
Introductory Course

One level 2
Intermediate Course

One level 3
Track Finisher

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AT UCU

Fall Semester

Fall Break

Winter Break

Winter Term

Sept-Dec

1 week in Oct

2 weeks in Dec

January

4 courses

BREAK

BREAK

Opt. 1 Course

Spring Sem

Spring Break

Short Break

Summer Term

Summer Break

Feb-May

1 week in March

1 week in May

June

July-August

4 courses

BREAK

BREAK

Opt. 1 Course

BREAK

- UCU bachelor = 6 semesters
- 3 years
- 8 courses per year

CREDIT LOAD

60 ECTs
per year

7.5 ECTs
per course

2.5 ECTs
Labs

180 ECTs
in total

75 ECTs
per major

4 courses
at lvl 3

90 ECTs
SCI major

15 ECTs
Thesis

UCU REQUIREMENTS

FOR ALL FIRST YEARS

- **Research in Context**
- **One HUM course**
- **One SCI course**
- **One SSC course**

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- **Language and Culture**
 - **Lvl 1 for bilingual students**
 - **Lvl 2 for monolingual students**
- **Options available**
 - **Arabic**
 - **Chinese**
 - **Dutch**
 - **French**
 - **Italian**
 - **German**
 - **Latin**
 - **Spanish**

METHODOLOGY REQUIREMENT

- **Research in Context**
- **For SSC**
 - **Research in Practice**
 - **One more methodology course at level 2**
- **For SCI**
 - **3 consecutive lab courses**
 - **1 math course**
- **For HUM**
 - **HUM Lab**

ACADEMIC RULES & REGULATION



The screenshot shows the website for University College Utrecht. The browser address bar displays the URL: students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/rules-and-procedures/academic-rules-and-regulations. The page header includes the Utrecht University logo and the text "Students". A search bar and a "Log in" button are also visible. The breadcrumb navigation shows: Students > University College Utrecht > Practical Information > Rules and Regulations > Academic Rules and Regulations. The main content area features a large image of students in a classroom setting with the text "University College Utrecht" overlaid. Below the image is a navigation menu with options: Academics, Organise Your Studies, Student Life, Practical Information (highlighted), and Contact. The main heading is "Academic Rules and Regulations". Below the heading, a paragraph states: "The Academic Rules and Regulations outline important aspects of studying at University College Utrecht. Read the document carefully."

Art. 3.5 – Credit requirements

1. The programme has a credit load of 180 (ECTS) credits.
2. The degree programme contains courses at advanced level (level 3) with a minimum credit load of
 - a. 45 credits for students who started in Fall semester 2020 or later
 - b. 37,5 credits for students who started before Fall semester 2020.
3. The programme of study requires students to complete a total of 30 credits each semester. Any surplus degree credits from previous semesters and terms since enrollment at UCU can count towards this.

Art. 3.6 – Degree and major requirements

1. In the first year, each student must:
 - a. Earn at least 60 credits;
 - b. Complete the Research in Context course (UCACCACA11);
 - c. Complete the breadth requirement by completing of at least one course in academic disciplines in each of the three academic domains, HUM, SCI and SSC (see Art 1.2.b). INT courses, language courses and language and culture courses cannot be used to fulfil the academic breadth requirement.
2. The degree Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon students who have successfully:
 - a. Completed a major consisting of at least **75 credits**, including at least **two academic disciplines**, in one of the academic domains Humanities, Science or Social Sciences, or a combination of these academic domains (i.e. interdomain); Completed **tracks** in these two different disciplines. Level 3 track finisher courses must be taken at UCU.
 - b. These 75 credits do not include the required methodology course(s) or language and culture courses taken to satisfy the language and culture requirement or the second language requirement.
 - c. Completed a **bachelor thesis** within the major with a credit load of 15 credits in the final year. The thesis may be in either academic domain of an inter-domain major.
 - o Alternatively: completed a bachelor thesis within the major (or in either academic domain of an inter-domain major) with a credit load of 7,5 credits in the final year in addition to a 7,5 course at level 3 which is identified as a Capstone course in the University Course Catalogue.
 - d. Of the **45 credits at level 3** required for the degree (art 3.5), at least **30** must be within the major (including the thesis).
 - e. Completed a **Language and Culture course** in a language that the student is not proficient in no later than semester 4. Language and Culture courses offered at UCU are identified as such in the University Course Catalogue. The instructor of the Language and Culture course determines the appropriate level based on the student's prior experience with the language, and performance on an assessment test.
 - f. Demonstrated mastery of a **language other than English at UCU level 2** (or higher). Students highly proficient in a (home) language other than English can demonstrate their mastery of a second language with school transcripts or other officially recognised means of assessment.

Go to:

<https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/rules-and-procedures/academic-rules-and-regulations>

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: SSC MAJOR



SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	SEM4	summer term	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context		Beginner Spanish	Criminal Justice Systems	Research in Practice	Qualitative Inquiry in Everyday Life	Internship	Organizing Solidarity	Thesis
Introduction to Philosophy		Beginner Economics		Spanish L&C I	International Human Rights		International and Transnational Crimes	Thesis
Introduction to Sociology		Introduction to Law		International Law	Political Economy of the Global South		Comparative Constitutional Law	International Political Economy
Energy Systems & Sustainability		Maths for Liberal Arts & Science		Criminology	European Union Law		Citizenship, Difference & Politics of Belonging	

Major:
Social Sciences
Tracks in **Law**
and **Sociology**

Requirements:
RIC, RIP, QIEL
Spanish 0 & 1
BREADTH

30 ECT 0 ECT 30 ECT 7.5 ECT 30 ECT 30 ECT 7.5 ECT 30 ECT 22.5 ECT

180 ECT

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: INT. MAJOR



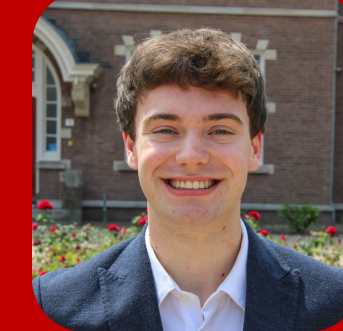
SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	SEM4	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context		Intro to Rhetoric	Understanding Conflict	International Relations	Global Cold War	Humlab	Debating the Future of European Integration
Intro to Anthropology		Energy Systems & Sustainability		Great Powers in the Modern World	Transitional Justice	Student Assistantship (2,5 ECTS)	UU course: Challenges to the Welfare state
Modern History		Political science: State of the Art		Intro to Psychology	Politics & Religion in the Modern World	UU course: Blauwdrukken van de Samenleving	Thesis
Introduction to Political Theory		Intro to Performance		Research in Practice	French L&C 1	Advanced International Relations	Thesis
30 ECTS	0 ECTS	30 ECTS	7.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	25 ECTS	30 ECTS

Major:
Interdisciplinary
SSC & HUM,
tracks in Political
Science (SSC)
and History
(HUM)

Requirements:
RIC, RIP,
HumLab
French level 1
BREADTH

182.2

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: SCI MAJOR



SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	winter term	SEM4	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context	Chemistry & Art	Introduction to Psychology	General Chemistry Lab	Biochemistry	Organic Chemistry Lab	Human and Animal Bio	Physical Chemistry	Thesis
Intro to Linguistics		Molecular Cell Biology I	fMRI Analysis Lab	Cognitive Neuroscience II		Spatial Cognition	Language & Acquisition	Thesis
Intro to Chemistry		Chemistry II		Latin L&C I		Biostatistics	Imaging Brain Functions	Molecular Cell Biology II
Cognitive Neuroscience I		Psycholinguistics		Calculus and Linear Algebra		Speech Production & Perception	Mechanisms of diseases	Medicinal Chemistry
30 ECTS	2.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	5 ECTS	30 ECTS	2.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS

Major: Science Tracks in Chemistry and Cognitive Neuroscience

Minor: Hum Linguistics

Requirements: Maths: Calculus Labs Latin L&C 1 BREADTH

190 ECT

EXTRA OPTIONS AT UCU

Minor

4 courses in a track, including 1 level 3 course



Exchange

List of exchange locations on our website!
Look out for info sessions

Internships

Non-academic or academic internships, info sessions to follow



Double Degree

UCU offers a double degree in Law or in Physics



Off-campus Courses

At UU or any Dutch university!
Entrepreneurship minor at UU



Curriculum Enrichment Options

East Africa, Jamaica
Morocco, Aruba



COMMON CHALLENGES

Time clash or course full?

- Try again next semester or next year
- Find alternatives at UCU, UU, or another university!

Course taught only in spring or in fall?

- Plan your curriculum well in advance!
- Find alternatives at UCU, UU, or another university!

Don't meet the requirements?

- Pay attention to requirements, especially with methodology courses
- Approach the teacher, exceptions are possible!

USEFUL RESOURCES

Tutors!

**Track Reps &
Fellows**

Teachers

**Academic
Rules &
Regulations**

**Course
Planner**

**Writing &
Skills Center
or Science
Assistants**

UCSC OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday 12h45-13h45

Wednesday 12h45-13h45

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**REMEMBER:
CHANGING PLANS IS OKAY!**

ANY QUESTIONS?

**NOW, IT'S TIME TO CRAFT YOUR OWN
CURRICULUM**

[CURSUSPLANNER.UU.NL](https://cursusplanner.uu.nl)

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE

SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	winter term	SEM4	summer term	SEM5	winter term	SEM6
30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT