University of Amsterdam
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
www.uva.nl/en

Facts
- Language of instruction: English and Dutch
- Number of students enrolled: 31,000
- Number of campuses: City Campus
- Academic year: September – June
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – January
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

Things to do
The University of Amsterdam is a city-based university with buildings located throughout the city centre. From its earliest days, Amsterdam has been a bustling hub of commerce that welcomed other cultures with open arms. This lovely canal-side city offers a rich history within a famously tolerant society. Amsterdam's many neighbourhoods all have their own special character! Tourist attractions include the House of Anne Frank and the Van Gogh Museum. Once you’ve seen all the sights in the big city, get to know the surrounding metropolitan area. Less than half an hour from Amsterdam you'll find beaches, lakes, dunes, windmills and miles of green countryside.

Top attractions: Rijksmuseum (largest museum in the Netherlands), Van Gogh Museum, Bloemenmarkt (Tulip market), Anne Frank Huis and Begijnhof secret garden.

Further information: http://www.iamsterdam.com

Travel opportunities
Located in the heart of continental Europe, students based at the University of Amsterdam have the opportunity to travel throughout the Netherlands including Utrecht and Rotterdam. Its location enables travel across Europe by train to neighbouring countries Germany and Belgium as well as further afield.

Climate
The Netherlands has a mild North Sea climate, with moderate temperatures. In the winter, it rarely drops below -5° C and in summer it seldom gets warmer than 28° C. The weather is Amsterdam is famously changeable.

Finance 2018/19
Students accepted to study abroad at Amsterdam are eligible to receive the Erasmus grant. This grant is in addition to your usual student finance maintenance loan. The amount you receive depends on the length of your study period. In 2017/18 students studying at Amsterdam for one semester received approx £1000. Erasmus grant amounts have not yet been confirmed for 2018/19.

Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester.

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<th>Cost</th>
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<td>Return travel from UK (Flight, train or coach)</td>
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<td>Visa costs</td>
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<td>Student European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) (compulsory)</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>£1500-3500</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website. *In-country healthcare costs vary.

Further information is available from:
http://student.uva.nl/en/content/az/living-expenses/living-expenses.html

Accommodation
- Students are housed in different types of student rooms (shared accommodation, private accommodation with shared facilities, and private accommodation) across the city and surrounding region. Private accommodation is popular and limited in Amsterdam city centre and it is very common for exchange students to live outside the city centre and commute. Accommodation agencies provide lists of available accommodation.

Further accommodation information is available from:
www.uva.nl/housing

Further information
www.uva.nl/exchange

Application success rate
2016/17 = 46%
2017/18 = 25%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)