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Academic information

Education method

At UCM our teaching method is Problem-Based Learning. Students enroll in courses, skills and projects. Each of our teaching components have lectures and tutorials. For each tutorial, students have to prepare the learning goals as outlined in the course manual. Students will be continuously assessed throughout the period.

We have a 85% attendance requirement for courses and skills. For most projects, students need to meet the attendance requirement of 100%.

Application

After you have nominated your student to UCM for one or two semester(s), your student will receive our “first mail” with application instructions. When ready to apply they need to upload the following items:

- Passport ID page
- A (passport) picture – for use of the student’s ID card
- The student’s latest transcript

Course registration

In May we will ask students who are coming for fall semester, to register for their courses. The same in November for students coming in Spring. UCM’s International Relations Office will guide them in this process. Please note that as soon as registration is finalized, courses cannot be changed anymore. This is due to our teaching method, the Problem-Based Learning.

Credit load per semester

Minimum credit load per semester is 20 ECTS.
Maximum credit load per semester is 30 ECTS.

UCM courses

Students choose from the UCM course catalogue only. As long as they meet the course prerequisites they can enroll in any UCM course.

We ask students to work with their home university’s Academic Advisor in a timely manner to get their courses approved, so they know their credits transfer back.

Visa office

Once your student has applied, we will verify the uploaded documents. When complete, the student’s file is moved forward to our Maastricht University Visa Office. This team of specialists will work with your student to complete the paperwork for the residence application which is needed for their stay in The Netherlands. All visa related questions should be addressed to: visa@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Students can enroll in any educational component of their liking at UCM, as long as they meet the prerequisites. When they submit their courses by the deadline, we will enroll the students in courses they have selected.

Requirements

Academic requirements

Minimum GPA of 3.0

English proficiency

If not waived by mutual consent we need the following proof:

- **TOEFL score:** internet-based, overall minimum score of 90
- **IELTS score:** minimum overall score of 6.5
- **Cambridge:** CPE with a minimum score of C, or CAE with a minimum score of B

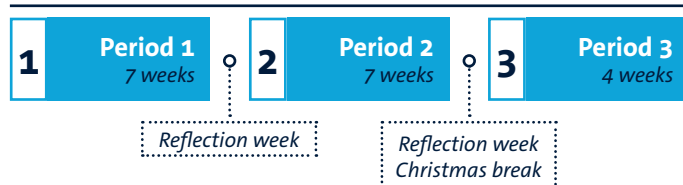
Academic calendar

New structure for the spring semester of the academic year

The spring semester in 2025 will start a week earlier than previous years, which also results in ending earlier. The introduction for incoming exchange students in spring will be just one day because we no longer have a February intake for degree seeking students. Whereas in the fall semester, there is a 3-day introduction program for exchange and degree seeking students together.

Current academic year

Fall semester

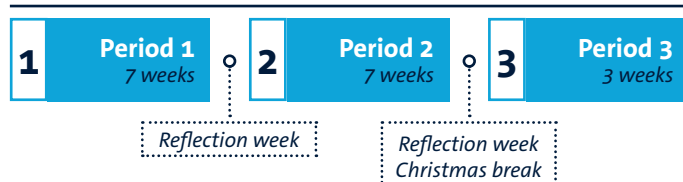


Spring semester



Academic year as of 2024-2025

Fall semester



Spring semester



Semester dates

Fall semester

- Period 1 and 2: 2 Sep - 13 Dec 2024
- Period 3: 6 - 24 Jan 2025

Spring semester

- Period 4 and 5: 27 Jan - 23 May 2025
- Period 6: 26 May - 13 Jun 2025

Orientation dates

- Fall semester: 26 - 28 Aug 2024
- Spring semester: 24 Jan 2025

Students can opt to leave after period 2 (or 5). If they do, the max number of credits that can be obtained is 25 ECTS.

Deadlines

Nomination deadline

- **Fall semester:** every year on 15 March
- **Spring semester:** every year on 15 September

Application deadline

- **Fall semester:** every year on 1 April
- **Spring semester:** every year on 1 October