



Erasmus+ Programme

APPENDIX to Inter-institutional agreement 2014-2021 between programme countries

A. Information about higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details ¹ (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
University of Amsterdam – Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Psychology	NL- Amsterd01	International Office Psychology Weesperplein 4, room 1.02 1018 XA Amsterdam Ms. Sarah Plunkett Int. Office Coordinator Psychology T: +31 20 525 6773 E: internationaloffice-psychology@uva.nl	http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/exchange/faculty-exchange-programmes/ → Psychology coursecatalogue.uva.nl

B. Mobility numbers per academic year

See agreement

C. Recommended language skills

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	<i>Optional: Subject area</i>	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended language of instruction level ²
				Student Mobility for Studies <i>[Minimum recommended level: B1]</i>

¹ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

² For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

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NL Amsterd01 Department of Psychology	Psychology	Dutch	English	English: Official English test obligatory The following tests and minimum scores are sufficient: Cambridge Examinations: Cert. in Adv. English (CAE): C Cert. of Prof. in English (CPE): C TOEFL: 88 internet based test IELTS: 6.5 (overall)
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D. Additional requirements

Study programme for exchange students

- It is not possible for students to hand-in their final BA-/MA-/PhD-thesis at the host institution. Final theses need to be graded and supervised by the home institution.
- Exchange students are expected to stay and study for the complete duration of the semester. It is not possible to arrive later than the start date of the semester, nor to end the exchange before the end of the semester (except special circumstances).
- It is not possible to attend courses as an auditor. Students have to attend all sessions and participate actively in class discussions and presentations and are also required to take the exam(s).
- Exchange students nominated to the department of Psychology are expected to take their courses at department of Psychology. It is sometimes possible for students to take 1 or 2 courses at another faculty, but this is difficult and cannot be guaranteed.

Master programmes

- Master students need to send a bachelor degree OR a transcript of records with 180 EC in the study area to the International office Psychology. Acceptance into courses on MA level is dependent on the approval. An official English language certificate is obligatory to participate in English taught MA courses.
- Courses of the selective Research Master's programme (Research master Psychology) are in principle not open to exchange students.
- There are very few MA-courses offered in English to choose from at the department of Psychology. Master students will have to include BA-courses as well to be able to take a fulltime workload of 30 ECTS.

E. Calendar

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

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Receiving institution	Autumn term / 1st semester	Spring term / 2nd semester
NL Amsterd01 Department of Psychology	Application deadline: 1 May	Application deadline: 1 November
	Students receive acceptance letter in June.	Students receive acceptance letter in December.
	Students will receive information by e-mail prior to their arrival.	Students will receive Information by e-mail prior to their arrival.
	Course registration deadline 1 August:	Course registration deadline 5 December:
	Student receive their course list at the end of August.	Student receive their course list at the end of January.
Term dates: 1 September - 31 January	Term dates: 1 February to 30 June	
Students receive transcript of records in March/April	Students receive transcript of records in August/September	

F. Information

1. Academic information

NL Amsterd 01	Department of Psychology
Number of study weeks/ academic year:	42 weeks (40 weeks courses, 2 weeks holidays) A semester consists of 3 blocks (8-8-4 weeks). Courses last for 1 or 2 blocks. No courses run for the complete year.
Credit system:	The standard workload for full-time students is 60 EC per academic year (1680 hours of study) or 30 EC per semester (840 hours of study).
Workload	The credit system is based on student workload. Student workload does not only consist of lectures and seminars, but also of individual study. The workload is expressed in credit points based on the ECTS. 1 EC represents 28 hours of full-time study, including lecture attendance, hours spent on individual study and preparation of assignments.
Language:	Most classes are taught in Dutch, some BA-courses and some MA-courses are taught in English.
Duration of programmes	A bachelor's programme (Bachelor of Science) has a duration of three years and consists of 180 EC. A master's programme (Master of Science) has duration of one year and 60 EC. The selective Research Master Psychology programmes takes 2 years

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	and consists of 120 EC.
Type of education:	There are different types of education. Lectures are frequently used as well as seminars and self-study. In seminars an active participation is expected. Students are expected to attend all classes. First lecture of each course is obligatory. Blackboard is used to prepare for classes, for discussions and exams.
Assessment:	All types of exams are practised: oral exams, written exams, essays, class room presentation and assignments.
Academic climate	<p>The UvA places a strong emphasis on independent and critical thinking. Students are expected to study independently. There is a lot of self-study required. It is not uncommon that students are expected to read 2 or 3 books by themselves in a week for any particular course. Students find the academic climate challenging but rewarding.</p> <p>Exams and assessment are not only scheduled at the end of a course but students can also find themselves doing weekly assignments such as small essays or presentations. Some course have mid-term as well as final exams.</p> <p>It is not common for teachers to be more lenient or easy on the exchange students. Exchange students are expected to fully participate in courses, there are no auditor-only options.</p>
Courses and learning agreements	<p>Courses in Psychology available to Erasmus students will be announced on the website each year. The course descriptions can be found in the course catalogue: coursecatalogue.uva.nl</p> <p>There is a limited amount of courses in English with a limited amount of places available for exchange students. Therefore it is very important for students to add back-up courses and be flexible about the course choices.</p>
Application procedure:	<p>Prospective exchange students fill out the application form. They need to print this and have it signed by their exchange co-ordinator.</p> <p>They need to send the complete application form and attachments by e-mail first, internationaloffice-psychology@uva.nl, and then send the originals to:</p> <p>International office Psychology Weesperplein 4, room 1.02 1018 XA Amsterdam The Netherlands</p>
Date of arrival:	7 to 14 days prior to start of the semester.
Orientation:	The orientation programme is organised by International Student Network (ISN) 1 or 2 weeks before the start of the semester. More information on www.isn-amsterdam.nl .

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2. Grading systems of the institutions

<i>University of Amsterdam</i> <i>10 point system</i>	<i>ECTS Quality</i> <i>Assessment</i>	<i>Distribution</i> <i>Percentages</i>	<i>Recommended</i> <i>U.S. grades</i>	<i>Recommended</i> <i>ECTS grades</i>
8 ≤ grade ≤ 10	Excellent	10%	A	A
7.5 ≤ grade < 8	very good	25%	B	B
7 ≤ grade < 7,5	Good	30%	B	C
6 < grade < 7	satisfactory	25%	C	D
5,5 ≤ grade ≤ 6	Sufficient	10%	D	E
< 5.5	Fail	-	F	F

3. Visa

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
NL Amsterd 01	International Office Psychology	www.uva.nl/visa

4. Insurance

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
NL Amsterd 01	International Office Psychology	www.uva.nl/insurance

5. Housing

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
NL Amsterd 01	International Office Psychology	www.uva.nl/housing

6. Assistance student with disabilities or special needs

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
NL Amsterd 01	International Office Psychology Or Disability counsellor Mrs. Claudia Fluggen	www.uva.nl/disability