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Utrecht Network

At a glance...

- **Site:**
27 European universities
- **WWW Home Pages:**
<http://www.umsl.edu/services/abroad/maui/info.html>
- **Location:**
22 European countries
- **Language of Instruction:**
Host country language and/or English
- **Subjects:**
All fields
- **Credits:**
Transferable to UNL by dept. validation
- **Housing:**
Varied, university arranged
- **Program Length:**
Academic year, semester
- **Program Dates:**
Varies
- **Type of Program**
Exchange
- **Approximate Costs:** (2011-2012)
Year: \$9,226 (resident)/\$21,955(nonres)
Sem: \$4,747 (resident)/\$11,111(nonres)
Room & Board: \$600-800/mo.
- **Eligibility:**
Undergraduate, graduate, 2.5 GPA
- **Application Deadline:**
March 1
Later applications are considered as long as space is available.
- **Contact:**
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The Program

The Utrecht Network is an exchange program for students which operates in the framework of the ERASMUS program of the European Community. The special feature of the Utrecht Network is that it covers all disciplines of the participating universities and institutions for higher education.

Members of the network in 2011-2012 are:

Austria
Karl Franzens Universität Graz

Belgium
Universiteit Antwerpen

Czech Republic
Masaryk Univerzita

Denmark
Aarhus Universitet

Estonia
University of Tartu

Helsinki
University of Helsinki

France
Université de Strasbourg

Germany
Ruhr Universität Bochum
Universität Leipzig

Greece
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Iceland
University of Iceland

Ireland
National University of Ireland, Cork

Italy
Università di Bologna

Latvia
University of Latvia

Lithuania
Vilnius University

Malta
University of Malta

The Netherlands
University of Utrecht
Utrecht School of the Arts

Norway
University of Bergen

Poland
Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Portugal
Universidade de Coimbra

Romania
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

Slovakia
University of Comenius, Bratislava

Slovenia
Univerza Ljubljana

Spain
Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Sweden
Lund University

Switzerland
Universität Basel

Utrecht exchange participants matriculate directly at the host institution and have the same privileges, services, and responsibilities as the host institution students.

Courses of Study

The Utrecht Network offers exciting possibilities for students in all fields. Students should consider the academic programs of each institution during the application process to select the site best suited to their academic needs.

At most institutions, participants study in the language of the host country. Students must have sufficient proficiency to read textbooks, understand lectures, take part in class discussions and do written work. Although exchanges are not designed purely for language study, some host institutions offer intensive language pre-sessions or supplemental courses during the academic year for those who need extra training.

Students who do not have foreign language competency may study in English at several sites, many in countries where English is not the native language. Besides Ireland, students may study in English in Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, France (Strasbourg I), Malta and Netherlands (Utrecht).

Living Arrangements

Assistance in rooming arrangements is made by the the host institution. Estimated living expenses (including food and housing) per month range from \$600-\$800 per month. The type of room and board varies with each institution, but it will be similar to that available to students of the host institution.

Duration

The length of the Utrecht exchange depends in part on the academic system of the host institution. In many cases academic year-only exchanges are available; in others semester placements may be made. The dates of the exchange will correspond to the academic calendar of the host institution.

Type of Program

The exchange program is based on an agreement between the Utrecht Network and member institutions for a reciprocal exchange of students. Exchange students pay the program costs to their home institution and then swap places with a student from another member institution. The number of students selected to participate in the exchange varies from year to year and depends on the balance of the exchange at each institution.

Credits earned through the Utrecht Exchange are transferable to UNL by department validation. UNL students remain eligible for most scholarships and other forms of financial aid that they would normally receive.

Still have questions?

What does International Affairs Do?

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to fostering international competence and respect for different perspectives. Many of UNL's faculty have national and international reputations and have formed strong linkages with scholars and institutions around the world. Through International Affairs, UNL brings these resources to bear on the challenges of preparing you for life and work in a rapidly changing and increasingly interdependent world.

To enhance your total educational experience, stop in at UNL's International Affairs Office and discover the many programs we coordinate overseas. Our staff is dedicated to finding just the right program that will fit your style and apply toward your graduation at UNL. And you will gain the unique experience of education through the eyes and ears of another culture.

Am I Eligible to Apply?

The program is open to graduate and undergraduate students in good standing at UNL who have had at least one year of university-level study. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 is preferred.

UNL graduate students may apply for graduate-level programs with the approval of Graduate Studies and their graduate committees. Nominations for placement are made following review of applications and an interview by a UNL selection committee.

When Should I Apply?

The application deadline is March 1 for programs beginning in the Fall semester and Spring semester. Early application is encouraged. A complete application consists of: Form A (bio-data); Form B (personal statement); two Form C (academic references); Form D (language proficiency); Form E (proposed plan of study); and an official transcript.

How Much will it Cost?

For Nebraska residents, the academic year program costs \$9,226; a semester program is \$4,747. For non-residents, the academic year costs \$21,955; a semester program costs about \$11,111. This includes instructional costs and insurance. Participants should budget \$600-\$800 per month for room and board. Transportation, books, and personal expenses are not included.

What About Transportation?

A list of suggestions for student discounted airfare is available from International Affairs.

What else will I need?

Passport pictures; passport and visa information; books and materials about living, traveling, and working abroad are available in the International Affairs resource center at 420 University Terrace, 472-5358.

Can I Get More Information?

The Utrecht Network Website contains more program information and descriptions of each member institution. The catalogs of most member institutions are also available in International Affairs.

Academics:

Students should discuss study plans with their regular academic advisers and study abroad advisers (International Affairs) for information about study through the Utrecht Network.

Financial Aid:

For information about applying your financial aid to study abroad programs, contact a study abroad financial aid adviser in the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 472-2030.

Administrative Details:

For applications and details about studying abroad, transferring credit, etc., see additional handout materials or contact a study abroad adviser at International Affairs, 420 University Terrace; 472-5358.

Related Programs:

UNL exchange programs place students in Australia (Southern Cross University); Germany (Bayreuth, Hannover, and Heidelberg universities); Japan (Senshu and Nanzan universities); Mexico (ITESM-Monterrey); and the United Kingdom (Lancaster and Aberdeen and Queen Margaret universities) as well as over 100 universities in 35 countries through ISEP-International Student Exchange Program.

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