

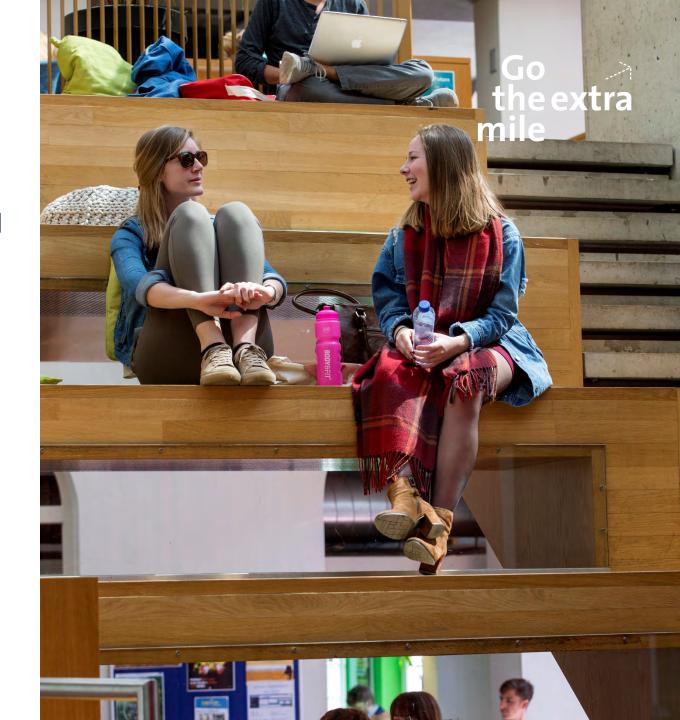


### Welcome to the

# **University College Maastricht**

# Is UCM the right choice for you?

- Broad academic interest
- Curious, open-minded, passionate, motivated
- Open to challenging discussions
- Interested in other cultures and backgrounds
- Active in our academic community



#### What is UCM?

- Liberal Arts & Sciences Honours College of Maastricht University
- 3 year bachelor's programme taught in English
- Interdisciplinary & open curriculum
- Problem-Based Learning (PBL), small-scale
- Vibrant international community





# UCM study objectives

knowledge in your fields of interest

**Obtain in-depth** 

Obtain a broad academic perspective through:

- a) Academic core courses
- b) General education

Obtain high-level academic skills through:
a) Academic skills training b) Projects

# Obtain in-depth knowledge in your fields of interest

#### **Concentration**

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- o Sciences

#### **UCM** course catalogue

- More than 150 courses
- o 1000>2000>3000 level courses

#### **Social Sciences**

- Business Administration
- Economics
- International Law
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Statistics

#### **Humanities**

- Arts and Literature
- Cultural Studies
- History
- Philosophy

#### **Sciences**

- Biomedical Sciences
- Cognitive Sciences & Neurosciences
- Information & Computer Sciences
- Mathematics



### Obtain high-level academic skills

#### **Academic skills training**

 Writing, research, presentation skills, language skills, argumentation & lab skills

#### **Projects**

- To apply the skills and the knowledge from courses
- E.g. research project, academic journal, think tank, academic debate



#### **Academic Year**



#### **Spring semester Fall semester** Period 4 Period 5 Period 6 Period 1 Period 2 Period 3 reflection reflection reflection reflection 7 weeks 7 weeks 4 weeks 7 weeks 7 weeks 4 weeks week week week week study study project study study project

Every period of 7 weeks: you take two courses and one skills training

#### Continuous & various assessment

- Papers, essays, presentations, written & take-home exams, debates, reports...
- Capstone: bachelor thesis

# **Example study week**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 10:30	Individual study	Lecture: Contemporary World History	Individual study	Skills Training Tutorial: Research Methods	Individual study
11:00 – 13:00	Lecture: Principles of Economics	Individual study	Individual study	Individual study	Tutorial (2): Contemporary World History
13:30 – 15:30	Tutorial (1): Principles of Economics	Tutorial (1): Contemporary World History	Individual study	Tutorial (2): Principles of Economics	Individual study
16:00 – 18:00	Individual study	Skills Training Lecture: Research Methods	Individual study	Individual study	Individual study

## **Problem-Based Learning (PBL)**

- Educational system of Maastricht University centred around the analysis and solving of problems
- Students in charge of own learning process
- Cooperation & self-study
- 12-14 hours in class per week + self study



### International academic community



### Top 20 nationalities at UCM (2015 - 2018)

1.	Dutch	11.	Norwegian
2.	German	12.	Serbian
3.	British	13.	Polish
4.	Italian	14.	Swedish
5.	Belgian	15.	Icelandic
6.	French	16.	Pakistani
7.	Spanish	17.	Romanian
8.	American (USA)	18.	Austrian
9.	Luxembourgish	19.	Portuguese
10.	Irish	20.	Finnish

- English-taught programme
- 52 nationalities
- 69% international students



### **UCM** location

- Maastricht: 122.000 inhabitants
- Vibrant student city
  - o More than 20.000 students
- Truly international atmosphere
  - 53% international students at UM
- Good starting point to travel throughout Europe and beyond











# **Getting around the city**









# **Studying in Maastricht**

• UCM building

o Open: 8:00 - 23:30

- Inner City Library
- Study spaces
- Coffee places
- Dominicanen bookstore
  - Study books



# **UCM Study Association - UNIVERSALIS**

Go the extra mile

- Run by and for students
- Committees, societies and activities specifically for UCM students
- Good deals on study materials
- You will automatically be a member!





# **Examples of Universalis' activities**





















#### **Student Associations**





- KoKo, Tragos, Circumflex, Saurus
- Amnesty International, International Student Association (ISN), United Nations Student Association, Students for Climate, Enactus, Refugee Project, and more!
- Fresher's week: INKOM







# **UM Sport Card**

- Modern University Sport Centre
  - o Gym
  - o Group Classes
- Student sports associations
- UCM sports activities





### Free time in Maastricht

- Museums
- Theatre
- 3 Cinemas
- Many Festivals:
  - o Music & Food
- Studium Generale
- Bar culture
- Concerts
- Large City Park



# **Living in Maastricht**

- Shared student house or apartment
- Own room, shared bathroom and kitchen
- Housemates from various faculties and years
- Comparatively low prices:
  - o 330-700 euro per month





#### How to find a room?

 For exchange students we recommend: www.MaastrichtHousing.com



OSome students sub-let their room while abroad.



### **Questions?**

Go the extra mile

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