

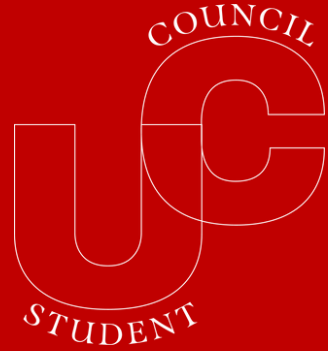
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CRAFT YOUR CURRICULUM

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LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES 101



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INTRODUCTION TO UCSC



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CURRICULUM BUILDING FOR DUMMIES

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AT UCU

HUMANITIES

Art History and Museum Studies
China Studies
History
Language and Culture
Linguistics
Literature and Classics
Media Studies
Performance Studies
Philosophy
Religious Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Anthropology
Economics
Geography
Law
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

SCIENCE

Biology
Chemistry
Cognitive Neuroscience
Earth and Environment
Mathematics
Medical Sciences
Physics

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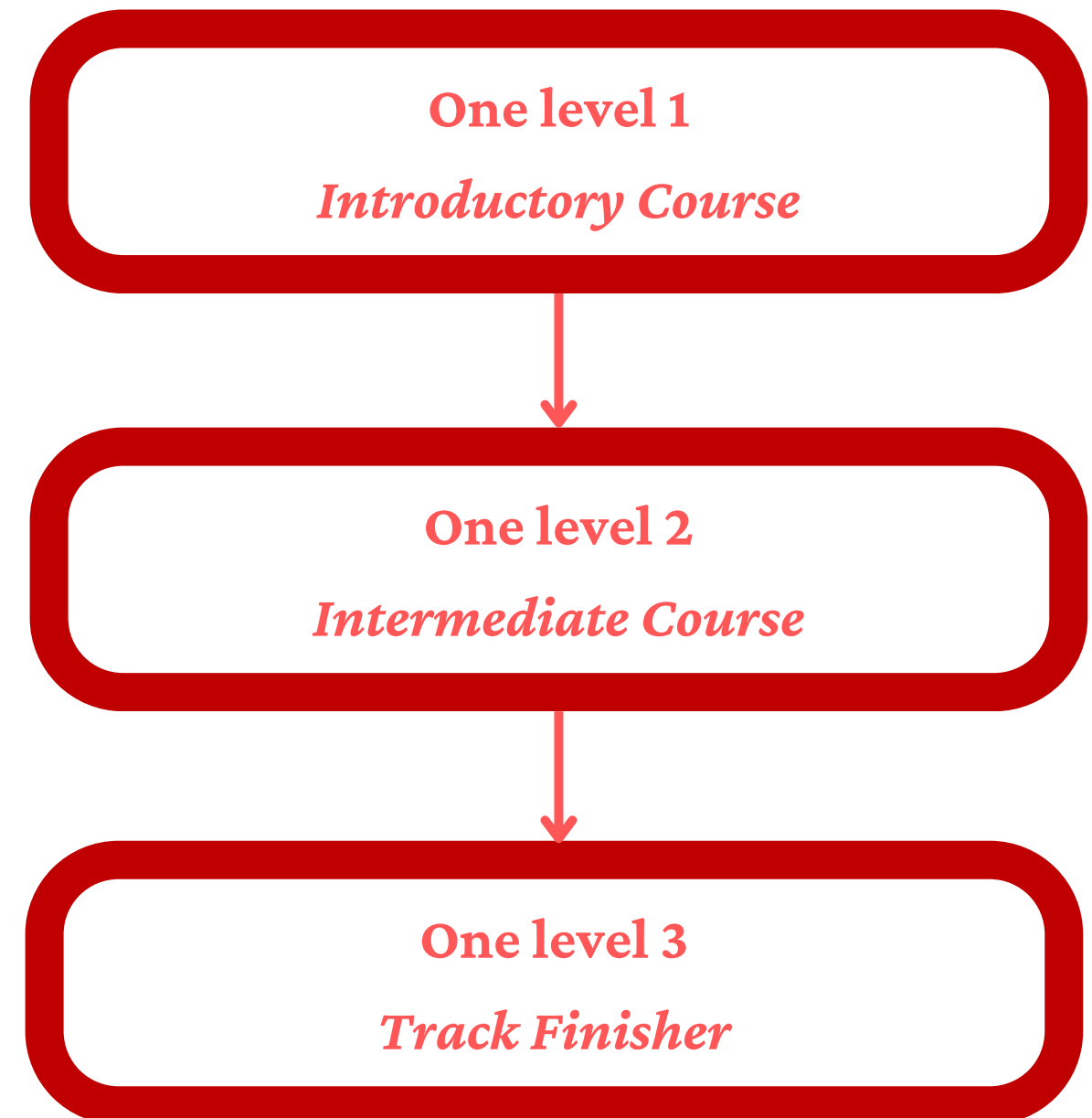
A MAJOR CONSISTS OF...

At least 2 tracks in *one* domain
(most common choice)

OR

At least 2 tracks in *two different* domains
(inter-domain major)

ONE TRACK CONSISTS OF...



CREDIT LOAD

60 ECTs per
year
(minimum)

7.5 ECTs per
course

2.5 ECTs
Labs

180 ECTs in
total

75 ECTs per
major

4 courses
at lvl 3

90 ECTs
SCI major

15 ECTs
Thesis

UCU REQUIREMENTS

60 ECTS per
year

FOR ALL FIRST YEARS

- Research in Context
- One HUM course
- One SCI course
- One SSC course

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- Language and Culture
 - Lvl 1 for bilingual students
 - Lvl 2 for monolingual students
- Options available
 - Arabic
 - Chinese
 - Dutch
 - French
 - Italian
 - German
 - Latin
 - Spanish

Completed
by 4th
Semester

Language
Exam to skip
levels!

METHODOLOGY REQUIREMENT

- Research in Context
- For SSC
 - Research in Practice
 - One more methodology course at level 2
- For SCI
 - 3 consecutive lab courses
 - 1 math course
- For HUM
 - Depends on your track
 - Check the UCU website!

ACADEMIC RULES & REGULATION



The screenshot shows the website for University College Utrecht. The header includes the university logo, the word "Students", a search bar, and a "Log in" button. A breadcrumb trail reads: Students > University College Utrecht > Practical Information > Rules and Regulations > Academic Rules and Regulations. Below the header is a large banner image with the text "University College Utrecht". A navigation bar contains links: Academics, Organise Your Studies, Student Life, Practical Information (highlighted), and Contact. The main content area is titled "Academic Rules and Regulations" and contains the text: "The Academic Rules and Regulations outline important aspects of studying at University College Utrecht. Read the document carefully."

Art. 3.5 – Credit requirements

1. The programme has a credit load of 180 (ECTS) credits.
2. The degree programme contains courses at advanced level (level 3) with a minimum credit load of
 - a. 45 credits for students who started in Fall semester 2020 or later
 - b. 37,5 credits for students who started before Fall semester 2020.
3. The programme of study requires students to complete a total of 30 credits each semester. Any surplus degree credits from previous semesters and terms since enrollment at UCU can count towards this.

Art. 3.6 – Degree and major requirements

1. In the first year, each student must:
 - a. Earn at least 60 credits;
 - b. Complete the Research in Context course (UCACCACA11);
 - c. Complete the breadth requirement by completing of at least one course in academic disciplines in each of the three academic domains, HUM, SCI and SSC (see Art 1.2.b). INT courses, language courses and language and culture courses cannot be used to fulfil the academic breadth requirement.
2. The degree Bachelor of Arts is conferred upon students who have successfully:
 - a. Completed a major consisting of at least **75 credits**, including at least **two academic disciplines**, in one of the academic domains Humanities, Science or Social Sciences, or a combination of these academic domains (i.e. interdomain); Completed **tracks** in these two different disciplines. Level 3 track finisher courses must be taken at UCU.
 - b. These 75 credits do not include the required methodology course(s) or language and culture courses taken to satisfy the language and culture requirement or the second language requirement.
 - c. Completed a **bachelor thesis** within the major with a credit load of 15 credits in the final year. The thesis may be in either academic domain of an inter-domain major.
 - o Alternatively: completed a bachelor thesis within the major (or in either academic domain of an inter-domain major) with a credit load of 7,5 credits in the final year in addition to a 7,5 course at level 3 which is identified as a Capstone course in the University Course Catalogue.
 - d. Of the **45 credits at level 3** required for the degree (art 3.5), at least **30** must be within the major (including the thesis).
 - e. Completed a **Language and Culture course** in a language that the student is not proficient in no later than semester 4. Language and Culture courses offered at UCU are identified as such in the University Course Catalogue. The instructor of the Language and Culture course determines the appropriate level based on the student's prior experience with the language, and performance on an assessment test.
 - f. Demonstrated mastery of a **language other than English at UCU level 2** (or higher). Students highly proficient in a (home) language other than English can demonstrate their mastery of a second language with school transcripts or other officially recognised means of assessment.

Go to:

<https://students.uu.nl/en/university-college-utrecht/practical-information/rules-and-procedures/academic-rules-and-regulations>

EXTRA OPTIONS AT UCU

Minor

- 4 courses in a track, including 1 level 3 course
- Must be in a different discipline to your major
- Can only take 1 minor
- A minimum of 7,5 ECTs taken at UCU
 - Exception: Entrepreneurship minor



Double Degrees

- Double degree in Physics and Law
 - Law requires Dutch
- 4 years
- Specific requirements for each (see UCU website)



Summer/winter courses

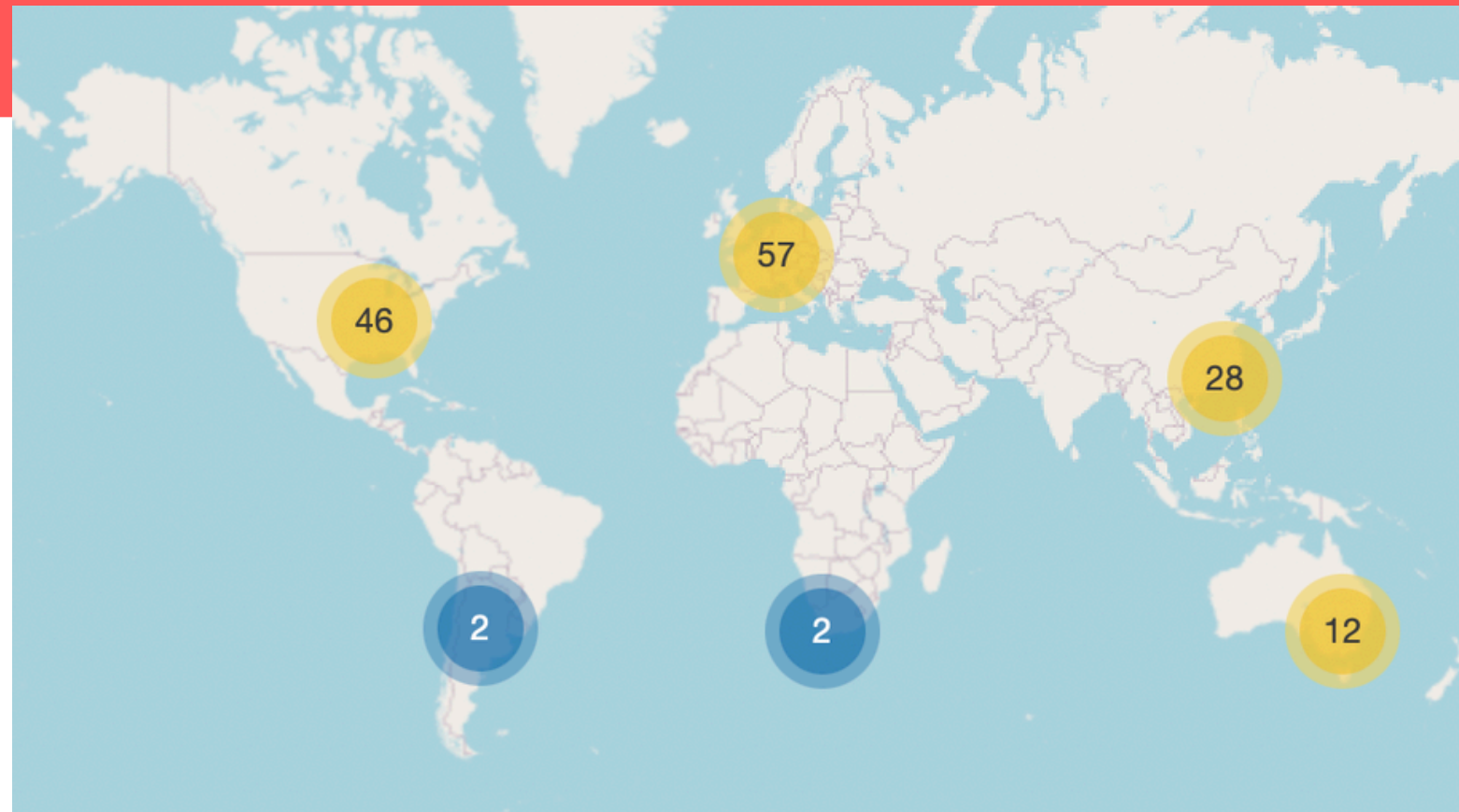
- Winter term: January 6 - 24
 - lab courses (2,5 ECTs)
 - programming course (5 ECTs)
- Summer term: May 26 - June 27
 - 2 lab courses (2,5 ECTs each)
 - 1 SSC or HUM course worth 7,5 ECTs
 - Eg. Multivariate Statistics, Beginner Italian, Intro to acting, etc.



EXTRA OPTIONS AT UCU

Exchange

- Destinations around the world (see the UCU & UU website)
- 4th or 5th semester
- Information sessions: 1st of October



Curriculum enrichment options

- East Africa program
- Field Research Aruba
- Geographical Field Course (summer term)
- Global Mental Health Project Jamaica
- Cultural Heritage Programme
- UU Honours courses
- Student-Led Honours seminar



EXTRA OPTIONS AT UCU

Off-campus courses

- At the wider Utrecht University or any other Dutch university
- From second year onwards
- Up to 3 courses if you don't go on exchange, otherwise 2
- Exceptions for double degree, exchange and entrepreneurship minor



Pass/fail courses

- Only 1
- Is not one of your graduation requirements



Honours

- Courses at UU:
 - Da Vinci Project
 - Descartes College
- Student led honours seminar
- Check out the website and contact person is Gerard van der Ree



Internships & Research Assistantships

- Academics and non-academic internships
- Find them yourself
- RAs as assistants to faculty members



CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: SSC MAJOR



SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	SEM4	summer term	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context		Research in Practice	Environmental and Labour Law	Chinese Language and Culture I	UU: Environmental law	Internship	Applied Multivariate Statistics	Thesis
Introduction to Philosophy		Political Science: State of the Art		International Relations	International Human Rights		Development Studies	Thesis
Introduction to Comparative Politics		Introduction to Law		International Law	Comparative Constitutional Law		International Organizations in Theory and Practice	International and Transnational Crimes
Introduction to Linguistics		Energy Systems and Sustainability		Introduction to Geography	European Integration		International Journalism	Introduction to China
30 ECT	0 ECT	30 ECT	7.5 ECT	30 ECT	30 ECT	7.5 ECT	30 ECT	30 ECT
								180 ECT

Major:
Social Sciences
Tracks in **Law**
Politics and
Geography

Requirements:
RIC, RIP,
Multivariate stat
Chinese I
BREADTH

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: HUM MAJOR



SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	SEM4	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context		The Literary Canon of Human Rights	Audiovisual Documentary: Production and Theory	Introduction to Media Studies	Politics and Religion in the Modern World	UU: Storytelling in Media and Performance	UU course: Music, Play, and Performance
Maths for Poets		Beginner Dutch		Literature and the Meaning of Life	Geopolitics and Diplomacy in the 21st Century	Tragedy: Sophocles, Nietze and the defiance of Reason	UU course: Literary Toolbox
Intro to Literature		Political science: State of the Art		Creative Writing	Postcolonial Interventions: Literature Media & Politics	International Journalism	Thesis
Introduction to Political Theory		Intro to Performance		Dutch L&C 1	Digital Citizen: Mapping Spheres of Change	The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers in the modern World	Thesis
30 ECTS	0 ECTS	30 ECTS	7.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS
							187.5

Major: Humanities tracks in Literature and Media Studies
Minor in Politics

Requirements: RIC, Creative Writing Dutch level 1 BREADTH

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE: SCI MAJOR



SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	winter term	SEM4	SEM5	SEM6
Research in Context	Microbiology Lab: microbes for sustainability	Calculus and Linear Algebra	Cell Biology Signaling lab	Biochemistry	Research Assistantships	Arabic Language and Culture I	Advanced Molecular Cell Biology	Thesis
Intro to Linguistics		Introduction to Chemistry	Environmental Health	Molecular Cell Biology II		UU: Language Acquisition	Advanced Human and Animal Physiology	Thesis
Molecular Cell Biology I		Human and Animal Biology		Mechanisms of Diseases		Human and Animal Physiology	Pharmacology	UN Simulation and Negotiation
Introduction to Law		Psycholinguistics		Biostatistics		Immunology and Infectious Diseases	Public Health: From Theory to Practice	Multilingualism
30 ECTS	2.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	5 ECTS	30 ECTS	2.5 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS
								190 ECT

Major: Science Tracks in **Biology** and **Medical Science**

Minor: Hum **Linguistics**

Requirements: Maths: Calculus Labs German L&C 2 BREADTH

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING

Check time slots

- Make sure the courses you want to take don't clash
- Find alternatives in different semesters (or at the UU)

Entry requirements

- Pay attention to requirements, especially with methodology courses
- If you don't meet them approach the teacher, exceptions are possible!

What if you don't get a course you need guaranteed?

- Talk to your tutor!!
- Drop/Add form each semester
- Look at other semesters

USEFUL RESOURCES AND GROUPS

Tutors!

**Track Reps &
Fellows**

**Academic
Rules &
Regulations**

Teachers

**Connect
Centre**

FLISS

**Neuro-
divergent
students
group**

**Science
student
assistants**

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Monday 18h-19h

Wednesday 18h-19h

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CURIOUS ABOUT THE UCU TRACKS?

**TRACK AND THESIS MARKET: 1ST OCTOBER
14H-16H IN LOCKE**

ANY QUESTIONS?

**NOW, IT'S TIME TO CRAFT YOUR OWN
CURRICULUM**

[CURSUSPLANNER.UU.NL](https://cursusplanner.uu.nl)

CURRICULUM EXAMPLE

SEM1	winter term	SEM2	summer term	SEM3	winter term	SEM4	summer term	SEM5	winter term	SEM6
30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT		30 ECT