Incoming exchange students of the College of Social Sciences are placed in the Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. This faculty wide programme is carried out by the International Office Social Sciences in co-operation with the department of Child Development and Education, the Department of Communication Science and the Department of Psychology.

**Important Websites:**
- [www.uva.nl/exchange-sbs](http://www.uva.nl/exchange-sbs) (prospective students)
- [Exchange programme Social Sciences](http://www.uva.nl/exchange-sbs) (current students)

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION**

**Nomination deadlines for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**
- First Semester (31 August 2020 - 29 January 2021): 15 April 2020
- Full year (31 August - 25 June 2021): 15 April 2020
- Second Semester (1 February 2021 - 25 June 2021): 15 September 2020

**Student Application Deadlines for the 2018-2019 Academic Year**
- First Semester (31 August 2020 - 31 January 2019) 15 April 2020
- Full year (31 August 2020 - 25 June 2020) 15 April 2020
- Second Semester (1 February 2021 - 25 June 2021) 1 October 2020

For admission to the Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences we require:
- At least 1.5 years of academic training in a relevant field or 90 EC. **Note: for placement in 3rd year courses an academic training of at least 120 EC is required.**
- The GPA should be equivalent to at least a C (ECTS-system) or a “good”.
- Non-native speakers of English have to submit one of the following English proficiency tests with the following minimum score
  - TOEFL (International) IBT 88
  - TOEFL (International) PBT 570
  - IELTS 6.5
  - Language assessment in the Erasmus Mobility Tool: minimum B2 ECFR

**NB:** In some cases we can accept institutional tests. If in your opinion the English test reports of your institution should be accepted by us, please contact us. As a rule a test score is valid for a period of two years.
**Application Procedure**

1) You are kindly requested to nominate your selected students by using the [online application form](#).

2) Your selected students have to apply online by using the online application form. They are asked to upload their transcript and a photocopy of the identity page of their passport. The form is available [here](#).

3) For non-native speakers of English: the official English test report can come in later (sent to us directly by the testing organization).

Students will be informed on their acceptance within 4 weeks after the application deadline.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Academic calendar:**

- **First semester:**
  - First Block: 31 August - 23 October
  - Second Block: 26 October – 18 December
  - Third Block: 4 January - 29 January

- **Second semester:**
  - First Block: 1 February - 26 March
  - Second Block: 29 March - 28 May
  - Third Block: 31 May – 25 June

**Courses**

Courses are mainly 6 ECTS (one block, 8 weeks) or 12 ECTS (two blocks, 16 weeks) and are mostly offered in the first two blocks of the semester. Students are expected to take a minimum of 24 ECTS per semester. A maximum of 36 ECTS per semester is allowed but not recommended since this is a very high workload for 16 weeks.

Students are expected to have an appropriate background in the field they choose. Most of the English taught courses are year 3 courses (final bachelor year); next to these courses there are some courses on a more introductory level as they serve as starting course in one of the minors. Next to these courses, students can take Bachelor’s courses from the *Exchange Programme - Humanities*, with whom the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences collaborates. However, Social Sciences students will have second priority in these courses so participation cannot be guaranteed.
The courses offered in the Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences are organized around the following research priority areas and research focus points:

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Updated programme information and course descriptions are available in the course catalogue after June 1.

Transcripts will be sent to the home institution within 5 weeks after the end of the semester.

Our grading table is available [here](#).

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**General information for incoming students, including Visa and Insurance information:**

**Students with disabilities**
Students with disabilities are advised to contact the International Office at an early stage in the admission process. Information on services provided by the University of Amsterdam is available at


**Housing**
The University of Amsterdam housing office will send students information on the housing procedures by the end of May and early November. In the past years we were able to accommodate the majority of our incoming students, but unfortunately not all. Housing at the UvA is not guaranteed.

The rental periods are always fixed periods. Exchange students will automatically be assigned for one or two semesters (depending on the duration of the exchange).
**Information package**
Accepted students receive an *Information Package* from the International Office Social Sciences approximately 2 months before the start of the programme. The Information package contains:
- Practical information about studying in the *Exchange Programme Social and Behavioural Sciences*
- Instructions for course registration
- Information about Dutch language courses at the University of Amsterdam.

The Office for International Student Affairs publishes the UvA START Magazine, including practical information on studying in The Netherlands and at the UvA: [https://magazines.uva.nl/magazine/start-international/cover/](https://magazines.uva.nl/magazine/start-international/cover/)

**Orientation period**
The *International Student Network* (ISN) of the Universiteit van Amsterdam organizes an Introduction period previous to the start of the semester: [http://isnamsterdam.nl/](http://isnamsterdam.nl/)

The *International Office- Social Sciences* organises an introduction period for international student including a welcome meeting and drinks, academic meeting, lecture on plagiarism, and library skills workshops. See [http://student.uva.nl/ess](http://student.uva.nl/ess) for more information.

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