



# UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

## Amsterdam Law School

### Fact Sheet Incoming Exchange Students 2025-2026



| General Information               |   |
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| <b>Name of institution</b>        | University of Amsterdam                             |
| <b>ERASMUS code</b>               | NLAMSTERD01   |
| <b>Name of department/faculty</b> | Amsterdam Law School                                |
| <b>Website</b>                    | <a href="#">Amsterdam Exchange Programme in Law</a> |
| <b>Course Catalogue</b>           | <a href="#">Courses open for exchange students</a>  |
| <b>Online Campus tour</b>         | <a href="#">Amsterdam Law School Tour - YouTube</a> |

| About          |  |
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| <b>General</b> | <p>With some 5,000 students and 500 staff members, The Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam is one of the largest faculties in the Netherlands. It offers students a wide variety of courses and has a strong international orientation, with both a global and a European focus.</p> <p>The Faculty of Law favors an interdisciplinary approach, collaborating with other law schools in the Netherlands and incorporating such fields as economics, psychology, sociology and even health care with the study of law.</p> <p>The faculty maintains strong ties with the corporate world and many staff members are also legal practitioners. Social engagement is another</p> |

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|                           | <p>characteristic of both staff and students, who frequently offer their services to various law clinics.</p> <p>The faculty is located on <a href="#">Roeterseiland Campus</a>, an open city campus designed to offer future-proof teaching and research facilities. The university offers students many possibilities to develop themselves in or outside the university.</p> |
| <b>Education</b>          | The Faculty offers three bachelors programmes (two specialised and one general) and eighteen masters (LLM) programmes. Several of these LLM programmes are taught in English.   |
| <b>Academic tradition</b> | The research undertaken at the Faculty of Law is characterized by its international orientation and its high standards.   |

| <b>Academic information</b>              |  |
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| <b>Courses open to exchange students</b> | <a href="#">Courses open for exchange students</a>   |
| <b>Course information</b>                | <p>For information about each course, consult the <a href="#">Course Catalogue</a>.</p> <p>To avoid scheduling conflicts, the Amsterdam Law School advises exchange students to choose their courses within one Master's programme (please see above). Students who choose courses from different programmes run the risk of conflicting classes and exams. Please consult the <a href="#">timetable</a> before registering for a course.</p> <p><b>Obligated introductory courses</b></p> <p>In order to participate in the field of European law, it is required that students have completed an introductory course at their home university in which they obtained a basic knowledge of the field of law concerned.</p> <p>Students who have not completed such a course must take the introductory course: <a href="#">European Union Law, An Introduction</a>.</p> <p>Students who are interested to take courses in the field of International law but without having a background in international law need to take the introductory course <a href="#">International Law, introduction</a>.</p> |

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| <b>Resit exam</b>       | In case students did not pass their exam the first time, it is not possible to take a resit exam at their home university. Resit exams should be taken at the University of Amsterdam. |
| <b>Course placement</b> | Not guaranteed.  |
| <b>Faculty calendar</b> | <a href="#">Academic calendar</a>  |
| <b>Timetables</b>       | <a href="#">Timetable</a>  |

| <b>Faculty requirements</b>  |   |
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| <b>Online application</b>    | <p><b>After you have been nominated for an exchange by your home university</b>, you will receive an e-mail with a link to start your online application.</p> <p>Exchange need to complete this form in order to be admitted.</p> <p>Applicants must have a valid e-mail address at all times. Without a valid e-mail address we are not able to inform you about important matters, such as application matters or housing.</p>  |
| <b>Entrance requirements</b> | Students must have completed <b>at least 120 ECTS</b> (or the equivalent in local credits) before their semester at the Amsterdam Law School.   |
| <b>Language requirements</b> | <p>All courses in the Amsterdam Exchange programme of the Amsterdam Law School are taught in English. Proficiency in the English language is therefore a prerequisite. Applicants from non-English speaking countries must present <a href="#">proof of proficiency</a> by providing a copy of either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A TOEFL score* of at least 100 iBT; with a minimum of 24 for subscores reading and writing, a minimum of 22 for subscore listening and a minimum of 25 for subscore speaking.</li> <li>2. An IELTS score* with a minimum score of 7; with a minimum of 6.5 for each subscore;</li> <li>3. Cambridge English Language Assessment*: minimum grade C1 Advanced with a minimum score of 190.</li> <li>4. If your bachelor's program has been completely taught in English, this is sufficient.</li> <li>5. An International Baccalaureate or European Baccalaureate Diploma</li> </ol> |

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|                                       | * The test results may not be more than two years old, calculated from the start date of the English-language Master's programme in question. |
| <b>Deadline nomination (partner)</b>  | 1 April: Fall semester<br>1 October: Spring semester  |
| <b>Deadline application (student)</b> | 1 May: Fall semester<br>15 October: Spring semester   |

| <b>Transcripts</b> |  |
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| <b>Grades</b>      | <p>In the Netherlands grades are awarded on a grading scale from 1-10, 10 being the highest. A passing grade is a 6 or higher. Very good/excellent grades are an 8 or higher. A 'pass' is given for courses/seminars which are not graded, but for which the student has met the requirements.</p> <p>After you have completed your courses, your grades will be published in the <a href="#">UvA's Student Information System (SIS)</a>. Please refer to the table below for the UvA Grading Scale.</p> |
| <b>Transcripts</b> | After we have received all the grades we will make a transcript. We will send a digital transcript, directly via e-mail to the home university and the student. Upon request, we can send a hard copy to the home university.  |
| <b>ECTS</b>        | Workload per semester: 30 ECTS and one course is 6 ECTS.   |

**See grading scheme on the following page!**

| 10 point grading scale | ECTS Quality Assessment | Distribution percentage | Recommended U.S. Grade | Recommended ECTS Grade |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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                      |

| <b>Additional Student Services</b>       |  |
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| <b>Practical Matters</b>                 | Please refer to the <a href="#">website</a> for information on practical matters, such as arrival in Amsterdam, costs, housing, immigration, visa, health insurance etc.   |
| <b>Education Desk</b>                    | Students at the Law Faculty can consult the Education Desk concerning practical and administrative questions, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Making an appointment with a study advisor</li> <li>2. Discussing problems with registrations for courses or exams</li> </ol> <a href="#">Contact the Education Desk</a>  |
| <b>Disabilities</b>                      | If you have a disability, chronic condition or dyslexia and have or expect problems in studying because of this, the University of Amsterdam can provide extra support. Visit our <a href="#">website</a> to see what kind of support is available.  |
| <b>Student Associations</b>              | There is a variety of student associations with an international focus. Many offer activities and services that are specifically oriented towards international students. Take a look at our <a href="#">website</a> to find associations that match your interests.   |
| <b>Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam</b> | Each semester, the University of Amsterdam welcomes over a 1,000 international students to Amsterdam. The <a href="#">Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam</a> (ESN Amsterdam) is the student organisation that helps these students to make the most of their exchange by organising cultural and social activities. ESN offers an introduction week for international students to kick off the academic year. |

