

The City Of Utrecht

Utrecht’s historic streets, cobbled squares and picturesque canals are filled with people enjoying all the sights, sounds and tastes the city has to offer. You’ll have lots of options for taking a break in the charming city centre, whether you’re grabbing a coffee in the shade of the Domtoren, a vast Gothic church tower, or a drink in one of the many wharf cellar bars of the unique *Oudegracht* (Old Canal) district.

Utrecht has a small-town feel, but it’s one of the biggest cities in the Netherlands – the main hub of the Dutch railway system and a vibrant cultural centre. 60,000 students live here, giving the community a creative vibe and a young and talented workforce. The city and UU work closely on tech and social innovations, and Utrecht frequently tops lists of the happiest, most liveable – and of course, most bicycle-friendly – places to live.

Citywide programmes help keep Utrecht healthy and sustainable – and like the rest of the Netherlands, the city is safe, clean and has excellent infrastructure and public services. And don’t be shy about making friends with locals! The Dutch are an easy-going people, and English is widely spoken here.



Utrecht is one of BBC Travel’s top five happiest cities.



Utrecht was voted Most Beautiful Canal City in Europe by GoEuro.

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Welcome to Utrecht University!

Founded in 1636 and located in the heart of the Netherlands, UU is one of world's best universities, recognised internationally for its high-quality, innovative approach to research and teaching. Studying at Utrecht University means studying at one of the world's best universities.

Two types of exchange students

- 1 Exchange students are enrolled at partner institutions that signed Erasmus+ or Bilateral exchange agreements with UU. Exchange students only pay tuition fee to their home university; the selection of courses available depends on the type of agreement (university- or faculty-wide).
- 2 Visiting students, or free-movers, are enrolled universities that do not have a partnership with UU. Free-movers can apply for a selected number of programmes and pay a tuition fee to UU for their participation.

Utrecht University participates in the Erasmus+ programme and holds an Erasmus+ charter for higher education.

Utrecht University offers over 400 English-taught courses open to exchange students from over 500 partner institutions. Some of our courses are also open to visiting students.



Faculty of Geosciences - The Faculty of Geosciences studies the Earth: from the Earth's core to its surface, including man's spatial and material utilisation of the Earth – always with a focus on sustainability and innovation. This faculty offers courses in Earth Sciences, Human Geography and Innovation, Environmental Energy.

Faculty of Humanities - The Faculty of Humanities aims to contribute to a better understanding of the Netherlands and Europe in a rapidly changing social and cultural context. The faculty offers courses in the disciplines of History and Art History, Languages, Literature & Communication, Media & Culture Studies and Philosophy & Religious Studies.

Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance - The Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance at Utrecht University is a unique combination of three departments. This multidisciplinary approach makes the faculty an outstanding partner for knowledge exchange at a high level. This faculty offers courses in Essentials of Business, Labour Economics, European Governance, Introduction to Public Administration and Organizational Science and more.

Faculty of Medicine - Students at the Faculty of Medicine benefit from close collaboration with Utrecht Medical Centre (UMC) in the field of education and (bio) medical research. Furthermore, the faculties' Biomedical Sciences programme has been heralded as the best in the Netherlands by the 2017 University Selection Guide.

Faculty of Science - With 8 Nobel Prize winners as alumni, the UU Faculty of Science stands for world-class research and innovative education. The faculty is the largest science faculty of the Netherlands and is home to over 5900 students. This faculty offers courses in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Information & Computing Sciences and Pharmaceutical Sciences. There are also (limited) research opportunities.

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences - The Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences opened in 1963. Now, over fifty years later, the faculty is known as a leader in its field in education and research. The faculty aims to shape young talent through a wide array of programmes, and to deepen their understanding of issues in the field of behaviour and society. This faculty offers courses in Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology, Pedagogical Sciences and Educational Sciences.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine - The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine has a unique position in the Netherlands. It is the only institution where veterinarians are trained and where researchers are working together on innovative scientific research. In addition, the faculty provides specialistic clinical care in the largest academic veterinary hospital in Europe. Thanks to this position, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is a point of contact for all veterinary matters, both nationally and internationally.

UCU - UCU is broadly modelled after US college campuses: all buildings are located together on our historic site, including student accommodation, academic buildings and social facilities. UCU's Liberal Arts & Sciences programme includes a broad range of disciplines. Exchange students at UCU are guaranteed on-campus housing and included into a diverse and motivated student body.

UCR - University College Roosevelt: a Liberal Arts and Sciences College with a vibrant academic community and a buzzing student life. A place where students are eager to make the most of their talents. A place where dedicated professors, ranked the best in the Netherlands, teach in small classes. A place where you can truly explore your interests by choosing courses ranging from music to biology and from politics to rhetoric. A tried and tested stepping stone for an international career. The place to be!

Student life

Home to 60,000 students and a lively cultural scene, the city of Utrecht feels both intimate and exciting. From canals and parks to international restaurants, cinemas, bars and boutiques, you'll find a dynamic atmosphere here, with lots to explore. The city is also very safe and clean – just like the rest of the Netherlands.



Cultural Centre Parnassos

The cultural centre of UU, Parnassos offers courses and workshops in dancing, acting, singing, photography, drawing, music and more. You'll get a nice discount and access to facilities, like a practise space with a piano. Parnassos also hosts concerts and other performances, and is a popular hang-out spot.

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Sports Centre Olympos

Located on UU's De Uithof Campus, Olympos includes a gym and facilities for more than 70 sports – and your student OlymPas grants you unlimited access for just 14,50 euros per month! Dozens of student sports clubs meet here, and there's also a sports bar where you can meet with friends and relax.

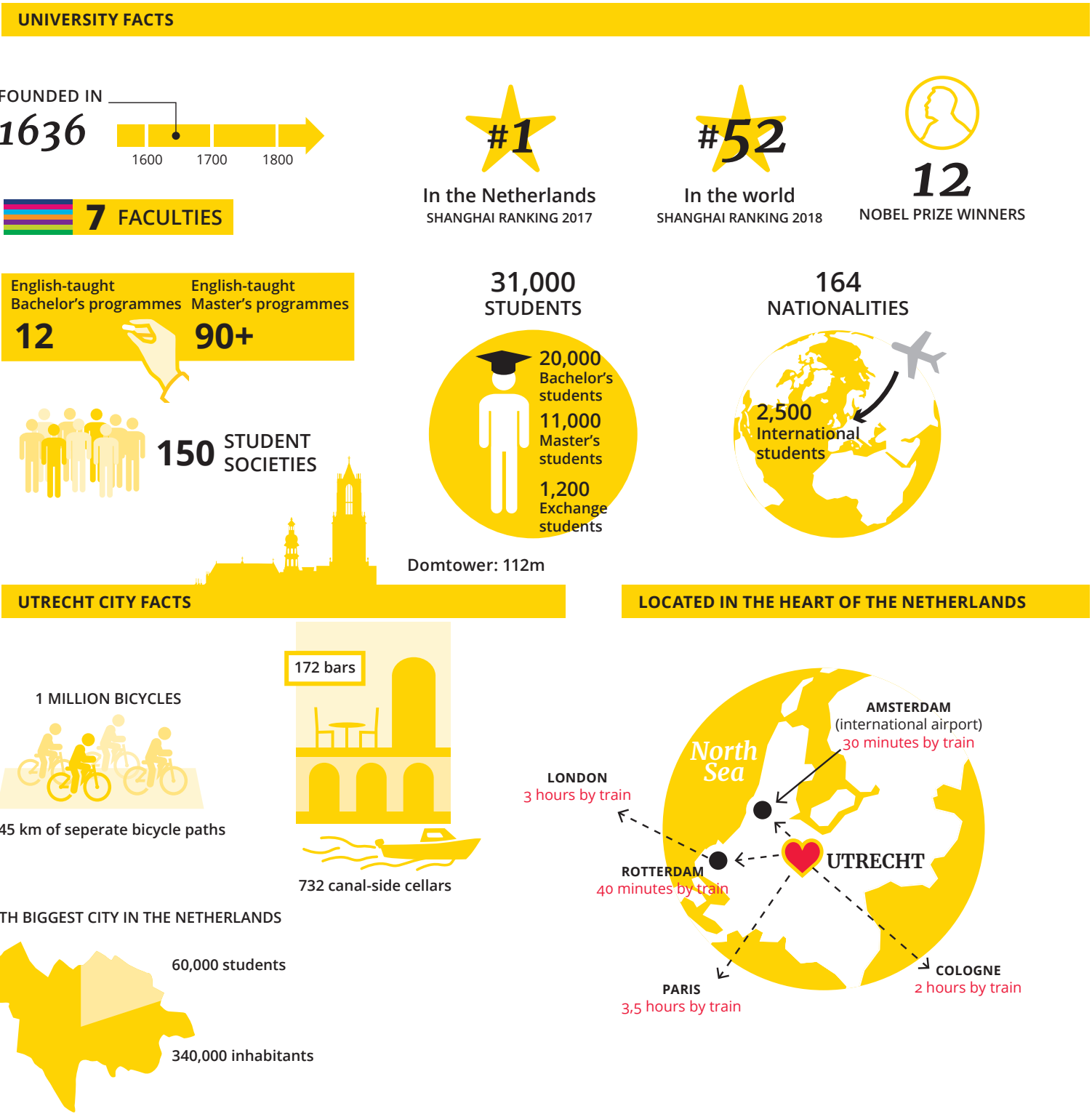
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Student Organisations

There are a number of different student organisations in Utrecht. Some are specific international students organisations (Erasmus Student Network, International Neighbour Group, AEGEE), others are associated with a specific graduate school. Student organizations organise social activities, lectures and excursions.

Facts and Figures



Sara Loli

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"I chose Utrecht University because it is a prestigious and well-ranked institution among Dutch and European universities. On the one hand, at UU you are challenged by professors to analyse, discuss and formulate

your own conclusions, instead of simply following the literature alone. On the other hand, there is great balance in the student life in Utrecht. Once I managed to find my rhythm, I had time to have fun and relax without it affecting my studies. My advice is to get out of your comfort zone and learn from the Dutch: Be open, say what you think and don't hesitate to ask!"



Finances

Living in Utrecht you can expect to spend between € 800 and € 1,000 per month on living costs, including housing, food and transportation.



Student Services

If you have questions about studying at Utrecht University, please contact the International Office.

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