

# A&M ARSC Only Exchange: Vrije Universiteit (Netherlands)

**Deadlines to Apply are March 1 for Fall 2025 and September 1 for Spring 2026**

## OVERVIEW

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), is a public research university in the Zuidas District of Amsterdam, recognized among the top 150 universities in the world. Founded in 1880, the VU enrolls approximately 29,000 students and prides itself as a multidisciplinary collection of free thinkers who together will build a better world for the planet and its people. Amsterdam, where Vrije University is located, is the capital and the largest city in the Netherlands. The metropolitan area is home to around 2.4 million people, 75 museums, 350 festivals a year, and a picturesque 17th central canal ring. The city is within easy traveling distance of London, Paris, Barcelona, Berlin, and Brussels.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all TAMU students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Have a minimum TAMU GPA of 3.0
- Be a TAMU student for at least one semester prior to application
- Attend TAMU for at least one full semester after the exchange
- All students must be in [Good Academic Standing](#) and [Good Conduct Standing](#) with Texas A&M University to participate in education abroad programs.
- Please check with the provider/host institution for any course pre- or co-requisites requirements (if applicable).

## COURSEWORK

Course offerings at VU are available here [Exchange Program Courses](#). VU Amsterdam uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Exchange students typically enroll in 30 ECTS per semester, but must take a minimum of 24 ECTS. Most courses are 6 ECTS credits. 6 ECTS generally equates to 3 TAMU credit hours.

## SEMESTER DATES

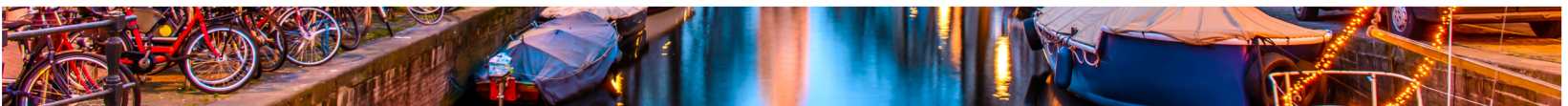
**Fall 2025:** September 1, 2025 to January 30, 2026

**Spring 2026:** February 2 - June 26, 2026

**Annual Year:** September 1, 2025 - June 26, 2026

## ESTIMATED COSTS

Exchanges are one of the **most cost-effective** ways to go abroad. You still pay tuition to Texas A&M at the beginning of the semester and will then pay your living expenses while abroad. Students that participate in an exchange program still **receive their regular Texas A&M scholarships** and can also apply for additional funding specific to studying abroad.



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