

IRO Fact Sheet for incoming students

University College Venlo

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Semesters	Fall semester: September – January (max. 30 ECTS) Spring semester: February – July (max. 30 ECTS)
Resits	Resit semester 1: last week of January Resit semester 2: first week of July
Introduction Days (mandatory)	One week prior to classes start (end of August for fall semester and end of January for spring semester) <i>The introduction entails both academic and social activities.</i>

Application Deadline	Fall semester: 1 May of each year Spring semester: 1 November of each year
Deadlines Course Registration	Fall semester: 31 July Spring semester: 1 December
Courses and Curriculum	Please refer to our course overview .
Language of Instruction	English
Language Requirements	Minimum recommended level of English: 'B2' of the Common European Frame-work of Reference. In order to successfully participate an advanced level of English is necessary.
Teaching Method	Problem-Based Learning. For more information, please have a look at this video or read this section of the website.
Transcript of Records	An official Transcript of Records, including an explanation of the grading system, will be issued by the IRO within 5 weeks after the end date of your exchange. A digital copy will be send to the student. Upon request, the transcript can also be send to the home university.
Nomination Procedure	Your home university should send us an email to announce their acceptance of your choice to spend a semester abroad at UCV, including the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your First name, Surname • Your E-mail address • Your Nationality/Nationalities • Your current Study Level



<p>Application Procedure</p>	<p>After you have been nominated by your home institution, an application form will be send to you by email. Please return the completed form to us and add scanned copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A passport picture • Copies of the ID page(s) of your passport • Official academic grade transcript of current studies • If applicable: copy of Bachelor diploma
<p>Visa and Residence Permit</p>	<p>For a temporary study period in the Netherlands, nationals from countries outside the European Union need an entry visa/residence permit.</p> <p>Please visit the Maastricht University Visa Office website for the most up-to-date information.</p>
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Everyone (temporarily) living in the Netherlands is obliged to have a health insurance, including students. Liability insurance is also highly recommended. For more information please refer to our website.</p> <p>If you have an insurance but are not sure if it is valid in the Netherlands, please contact your insurance company. Some insurance companies (like AON) offer special student packages, in case you do not have a health and liability insurance.</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>We advise incoming students to start searching for suitable accommodation well in advance.</p> <p>The best way to experience the 'Venlo Student Life' is living in Venlo. Together with the Students Information Point, Maastricht University works at expanding the offer of student housing in Venlo.</p> <p><u>On campus Housing facilities</u> From September 2019 onwards, Campus Venlo offers 28 brand new on-campus student studios within walking distance to the market square, restaurants and cafes and opposite to the city cinema. All studios are furnished and have their own kitchen, bathroom, a combined living and bedroom.</p>

Sources of information

	<p>When looking for a (un)furnished room in Venlo, we recommend students to check the CheckVenlo website, where you will find a variety of links that will direct you to housing agencies that can help you find a suitable place.</p> <p>https://www.checkvenlo.nl/en/studentroom-in-venlo</p> <p>www.HousingAnywhere.com: website on which local, outgoing students sublet their room for a short period of time to incoming students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Interesting Websites	<p>Life and Study: https://www.studyinholland.nl/</p> <p>Practical Matters: https://www.studyinholland.nl/practical-matters</p> <p>Scholarships: https://www.studyinholland.nl/scholarships/find-a-scholarship</p>
Costs of Living	Infosheet – costs of living.
(Free) Dutch language preparation	https://www.duolingo.com/
Language Courses	https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/service-centres/language-centre-0

