

BOSTON COLLEGE

# The Netherlands



Office of International Programs



## Welcome to the Netherlands

Historically a hub of worldwide exploration and trade, the Netherlands evokes images of windmills, tulips, and bicycles. The home of both Rembrandt and van Gogh, this low-lying country is also known for its social tolerance, membership in prominent international organizations, and global court system in The Hague. The Netherlands combines tradition with exemplary models of social service, transportation, architecture, and urban planning.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in the Netherlands can study at one of three universities which offer many English-taught courses. BC study abroad locations include Amsterdam, the country's largest and most diverse city, and the smaller university town of Utrecht, located about forty minutes from Amsterdam. All students are fully immersed at comprehensive partner institutions offering a wide range of courses. No matter what students' academic and personal interests entail, they will find a suitable program in the Netherlands.



## AMSTERDAM

A major European center of commerce and culture, Amsterdam's picturesque canals, beautiful seventeenth century architecture, and world-renowned museums offer a combination of old and new. With its tolerant atmosphere, Amsterdam offers a vibrant arts, culinary, and social scene and is an ideal place for intellectual and extracurricular pursuits.

### The Program

BC students are fully integrated into either the University of Amsterdam (UvA) or Amsterdam University College (AUC) and live in host school residences. Students choose from a wide range of English-taught courses.

**University of Amsterdam (UvA)**   
[www.studeren.uva.nl/exchange](http://www.studeren.uva.nl/exchange)

Founded in 1632, UvA is the Netherlands' most international university and enrolls close to 25,000 students in seven faculties. Most BC students enroll in the International School for Humanities and Social Sciences (ISHSS). Courses in the ISHSS program include European studies, ethnicity and nationalism, gender, sexuality, political science, international relations, sociology, and communications. UvA also offers advanced programs in other areas.

### Program Highlights

- Dutch language course for visiting students
- International student body of 2500

**Amsterdam University College (AUC)**   
[www.kernbureau.uva.nl/auc](http://www.kernbureau.uva.nl/auc)

Established as a collaboration between the University of Amsterdam and VU University Amsterdam, AUC is a small, selective honors college which supports interdisciplinary teaching and learning. AUC offers courses in the liberal arts and is particularly strong in the sciences and life sciences. BC students live with AUC students and make their own meals.

### Program Highlights

- Access to UvA and VU University facilities
- Modern, residential campus in the heart of Amsterdam





Utrecht

## Program Highlights

- All on-campus activities and courses are conducted in English
- Forty percent of students from abroad
- Access to facilities at the University of Utrecht

For more detailed information about these BC study abroad programs in the Netherlands, visit the OIP web site at [www.bc.edu/international](http://www.bc.edu/international).

In addition to BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in approved external programs listed on our web site.

## UTRECHT

Located in the Netherlands' geographic center, Utrecht is a lively city and an important juncture where traffic, trade, distribution, and services meet. One of Europe's premier knowledge centers, 50,000 of its 300,000 inhabitants are students at Utrecht's several universities and research institutes. The city is home to many art galleries and museums, has picturesque courtyards and canals, and offers a number of annual festivals.

### The Program

[www.uu.nl/EN/faculties/universitycollege](http://www.uu.nl/EN/faculties/universitycollege)

As the international honors college of Utrecht University, University College Utrecht (UCU) offers an academic education in the spirit of the liberal arts and sciences. UCU has 700 students from a variety of countries worldwide and offers an in-depth, interdisciplinary approach to education. Courses across a broad liberal arts and science curriculum are available, including history, philosophy, mathematics, sociology, and political science. BC students are fully immersed in UCU and reside with other UCU students on a lovely campus that is close to the city center and adjacent to Utrecht University. A meal plan is available.

