University College Utrecht (UCU) is the International Honors College of Utrecht University. It offers UNH Honors students an engaging, residential environment in which the foundations are laid for their academic and professional careers. You benefit from the College’s small classes, international student body, individual mentorship, and the freedom to create your own plan of study.

The 2013 Keuzegids (Dutch study choice guide) has rated University College Utrecht as the best undergraduate program in the Netherlands. UCU scored particularly well on quality of education, academic development, and the career success of its graduates.

Located in a beautiful section of the Netherlands, you will fall in love with Utrecht’s classic old-Dutch city center with 17th-century buildings, a medieval bell tower, several high-quality museums, and terraced canals that encircle the old city. A university town since the Middle Ages, Utrecht has long enjoyed a vibrant student culture — with exhibits, live music, theater, dance, films, low-priced restaurants and open-air markets. Utrecht is easily navigable by foot, bicycle (most popular), and bus, and, as the center of the Dutch rail system, enjoys easy access to other European cities (Amsterdam is 35 minutes away, Paris 3 hours, Cologne 2 hours). For more information on University College Utrecht, visit www.ucu.uu.nl

“Before I left for Europe, I was very nervous about being so far away and what it would really be like. But before too long, I found I was having the time of my life and didn’t want to leave Utrecht. I loved the experience, and feel it has made me more skilled in interacting with the world. The memories I made were unforgettable.”

Matt Sullivan
— Microbiology ’14
**Academics:** UCU is a small, selective College of 710 students within Utrecht University. Students have access to classes from across the curriculum at UCU and classes are taught in English. Undergraduates are encouraged to think across the borders of disciplines and to develop cross- or interdisciplinary ways of thinking. The ability to think creatively and 'outside the box', grounded in a solid basis of disciplinary knowledge, is an important competence for further study and professional careers.

**Housing and Meals:** UCU has its own residential campus in a lovely part of the historic city of Utrecht. UCU has multiple residence halls. Each hall is divided into different units. Between 6 and 12 students live in a unit, in which each has a private room and shares a living-room, basic kitchenette and one or more bathrooms. The units are a mix of different genders, ages, and nationalities. Most rooms are single, although some doubles are available. The Dining Hall serves hot lunches and dinners. On weekdays, there is lunch in the afternoon and dinner in the evening. Breakfast is on your own.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** Students are strongly encouraged to take part in a wide array of on-campus organizations, special interest committees and contests. For example, the University College Students Association (UCSA) strives to enrich students’ non-academic life with social and cultural activities. UCSA consists of about 30 committees and teams that organize activities including workshops, performances and excursions throughout the year. In addition, UCSA publishes the campus newspaper *Boomerang*. All exchange students are invited to join one or more of these committees. UCU students have access to all the social and recreational facilities that Utrecht University has to offer, such as Olympos, UU’s sports center, with its football (soccer) teams, fitness, aerobics classes, tennis courts, squash halls, and more.

**Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid:** UNH students pay their normal tuition and some fees, which is often the most affordable way to study abroad. UNH currently allows federal, state and institutional aid except work study to transfer for all UNH Study Abroad programs. Because each student’s financial aid package is unique, you will need to work with the UNH Financial Aid Office to learn how your financial aid will apply.

**Travel and Insurance:** Students purchase their flight independently. Visit the study abroad section of the CIE website for information about the UNH Insurance and Travel Assistance Program.

**Eligibility/Application Deadlines:** Students need to meet UNH study away eligibility requirements. Visit the study abroad section of the CIE website for details. Specific to UCU, it is required that eligibility is established by September 25 for the spring semester and by February 12 for fall semester or academic year. Students should be in junior standing when participating on the exchange. Once eligibility has been established and students have been nominated by CIE for the exchange, students can apply on-line in the electronic *Embark*-system by October 1 for the Spring semester and by March 1 for the fall semester or academic year. UCU will review applications on capabilities to study at UCU. Once students are accepted, they will be informed by the UCU admissions office.

**What next?** To find out more details about exchanges, attend a Study Abroad Information Session. Contact Catherine D’Auteuil, the Coordinator of Student Programs with questions.