

Study Abroad Information session Year 2

Institute of Political Science

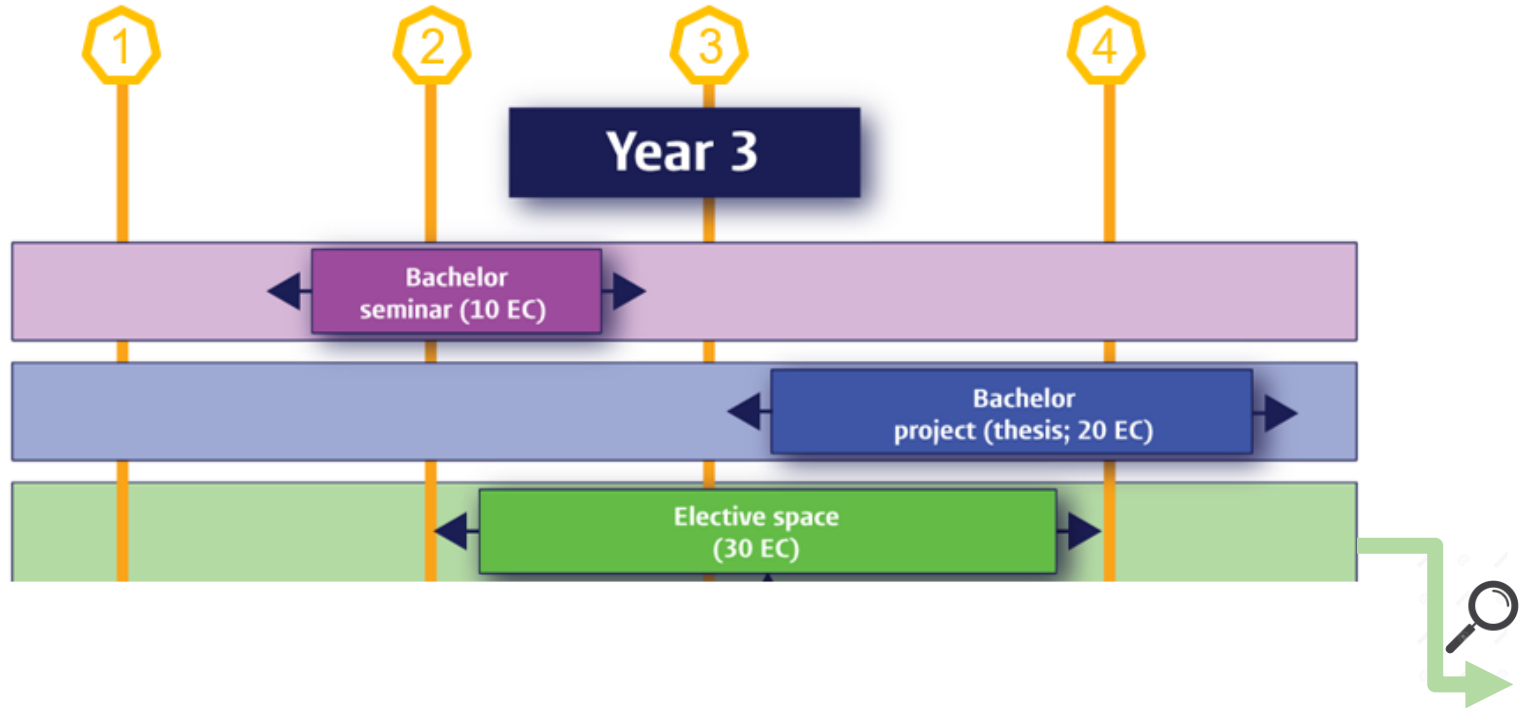


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Thinking about your 3rd year in Y2



Thinking about your 3rd year options in year 2



Option 1	Study abroad (30 EC)		
Option 2	Minor (abroad) (30 EC)		
Option 3	Elective courses (30 EC)		
Option 4 Make a combination by selecting 2 out of 3 elements →	Elective courses (15 EC)	Mini minor (15 EC)	Research Internship (15 EC)

Year 2

November

Faculty
exchange

December

Uni wide
exchange

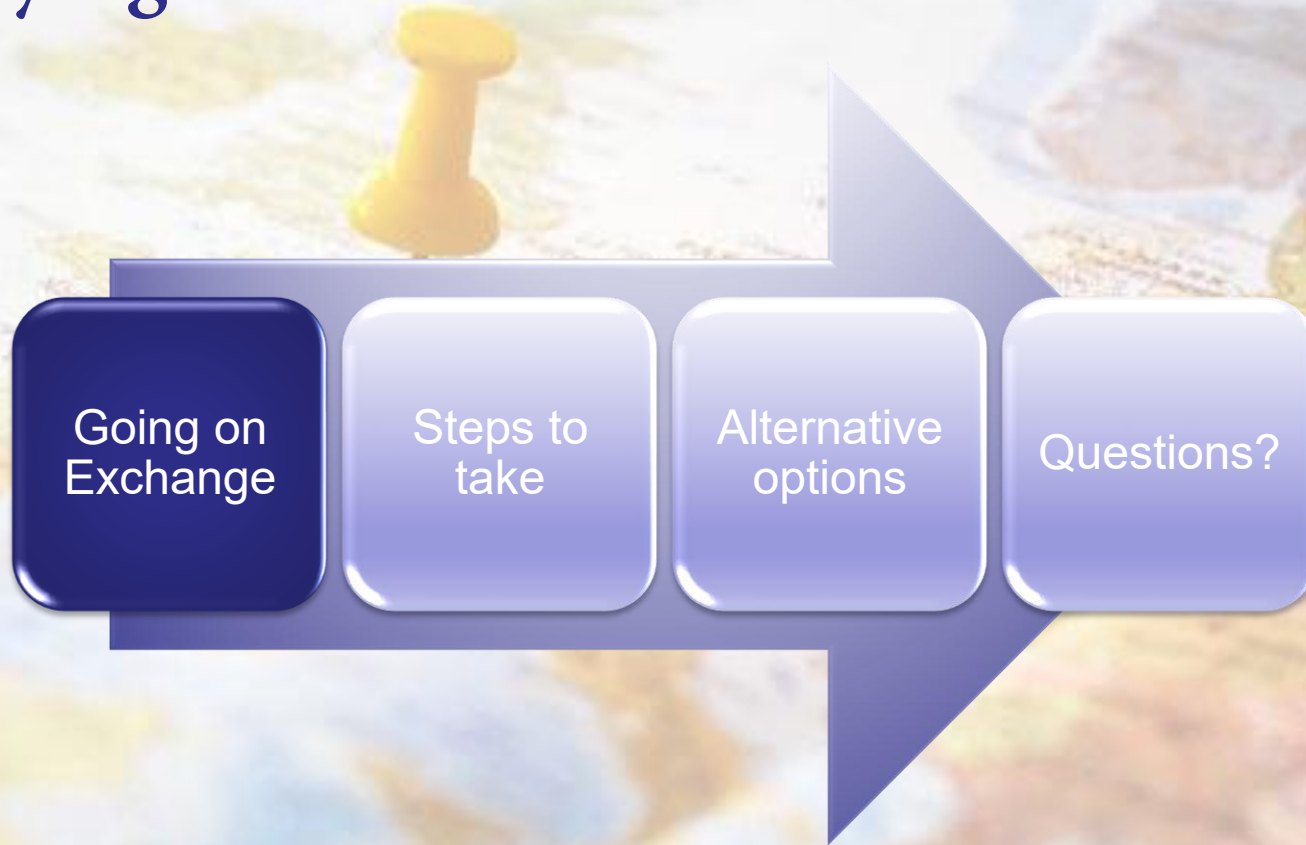
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Minor with
admissions

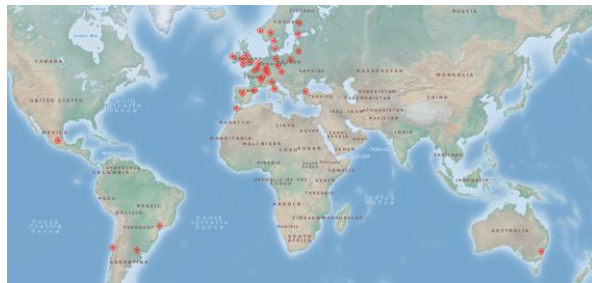
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Minor w/o
admissions

Studying abroad in 2027-2028



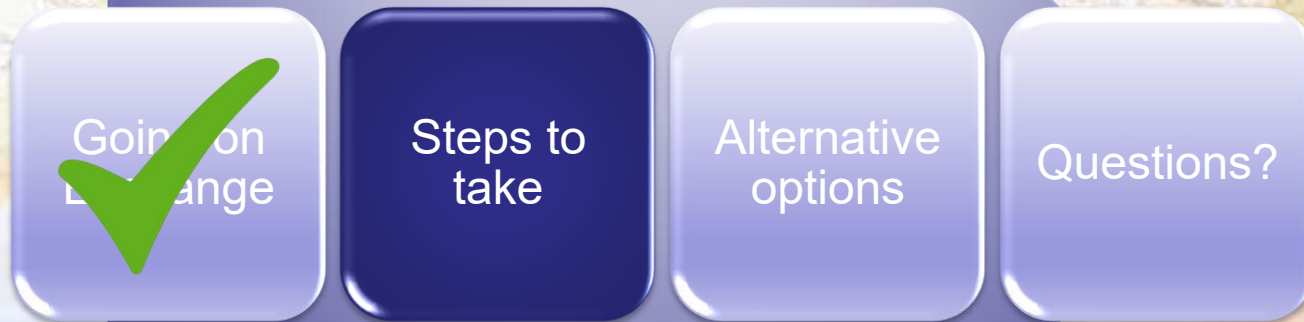
Going on Exchange



	Faculty Exchange	University wide Exchange
Agreement on	Institute level	University level
Open to	Students from the Institute of Political Science	All students of LU
Courses	Often min 50 % Faculty courses	Across all disciplines*
Where	Inside and outside the EU	Outside the EU
Deadline	15 November 23:59	01 December 23:59
Allocation basis	GPA and motivation letter	Lottery

*Not all Uni-Wide partners teach Political Science. Check your options before applying, to see if they align with your wants/needs.

Studying abroad in 2027-2028



Steps to take

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Application

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Second/third round



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To qualify to be selected for an exchange programme you need to have (on the day of the deadline):

- ◆ 60 ECTS Y1 and preferably 15 ECTS Y2B1
- ◆ GPA ≥ 7
- ◆ A motivation letter (see template on Brightspace)
- ◆ Sometimes: additional language requirements



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- > Go to the LU [world map tool](#)
 - Faculty: FSW-Political Science
 - Exchange programme: Uni-wide or Faculty Exchange
- > Make a list of your preferred options, max 10.

Orientation: Things to keep in mind

Academic Calendar



Semester, exam and resit dates

Courses



PolSci? Language? MSc? Research?

Language



Language of instruction? Certificate? Career?

Housing



Uni or private? Housing situation? Costs?

Location



Campus? Big city? How far away? Travel?

Faculty



Course offer often faculty-wide, so which faculty?

Finances



No host tuition fee, but travel + living expenses!

Orientation: Finances

Destination	Scholarship	Deadline	Amount	Payment
Inside the EU + Norway + Turkey	Erasmus+	2 months before departure	€330 - €390*	Per month
*Erasmus top-ups available for Sustainable travel / Students with a DUO supplementary grant / Students with a disability, diagnosed medical conditions, or special needs				
Non-Erasmus exchange	Lustra+	2 weeks before departure	€ 450 – 650	One-off award
Check website	NL Scholarship	01 April – for either semester!	€ 2500	One-off award

Please note: these amounts are for 2026-27. The 2027-28 amounts will be announced at a later date.



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Applying via uSis:

1. Go to uSis > the study abroad tile > 'I want to study at a partner university via an exchange programme'.
2. Enter the requested data and upload your motivation letter
3. Select your (max. 10) exchange destinations in order of preference. Only apply for partners you would be happy to be placed at!
4. Submit your application.

Deadlines

Faculty Exchange 15/11/2026 – 23:59

Uni-wide Exchange 01/12/2026 – 23:59

Steps to take

Check your eligibility

Notification by e-mail within one week.

Orientation

Accept or decline **within 7 days** in the study abroad portal.

Internal application

When accepting your place, you must agree to the Regulations on Studying Abroad.

Accepting offer

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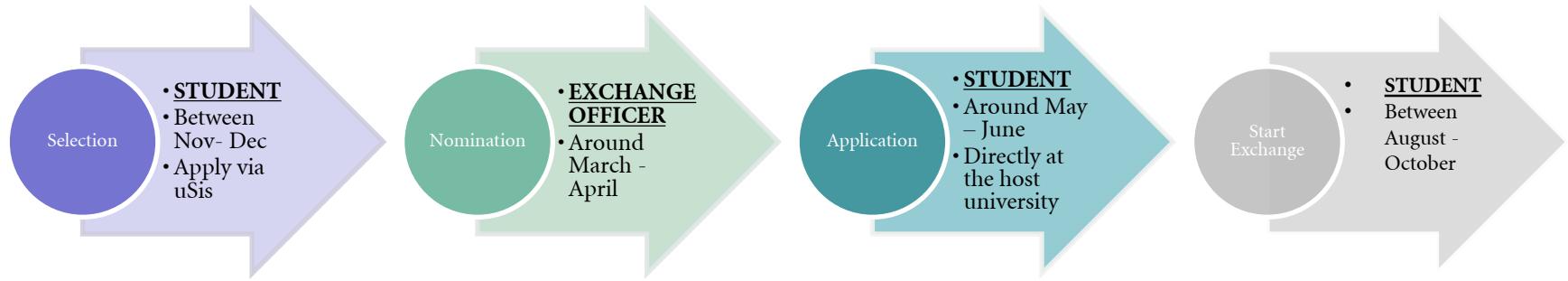
Accepting offer

Second/third round

	Round 2 Faculty Exchange	Round 3 Faculty Exchange
When	15-02-2027	15-07-2027
Open to	All students that have not applied for another exchange programme or have not accepted another offer. Perfect if you failed a Y1B2 course.	All students that have not applied for another exchange programme or have not accepted another offer. Perfect if you failed a Y1B3/4 course.
Requirements	60 ECTS Y1 GPA $\geq$ 6.75*	60 ECTS Y1 GPA $\geq$ 6.5*
Available places	Unfilled places PolSci Unfilled places FGGA	Unfilled/cancelled places PolSci Unfilled/cancelled places FGGA
Semester for exchange	Fall 2027 OR Spring 2028	Spring 2028

*Some partners maintain a higher GPA requirement; this will be on the WorldMap

Selection, nomination, application



Studying abroad in 2027 - 2028



Alternative options



Semester long:

- Freemover
- Minor abroad
- ISEP

Other:

- Research internship abroad



Short stay:

- Summer school
- Fieldwork (minor)
- BIP



Alternative options – Minor Abroad

- NVIC: Middle East Studies
Cairo, Egypt
Fall semester only
Apply through Uni-Wide exchange (deadline: 1 December)
GPA $\geq$ 7.0
Lottery
- NIMAR: Culture and Society in Morocco / Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Morocco
Urban Studies in Morocco
Rabat, Morocco
Fall semester
Spring semester (15 spots available)
Apply through [EduXchange](#)
Apply through Faculty Exchange (round 1, 2 or 3)
No GPA requirement
No GPA requirement
First-come, First-served
Based on motivation
- Future Challenges Lab: Co-creating sustainable practices in and beyond the Indonesian City
Jakarta, Indonesia
Fall semester only
Apply through [EduXchange](#)
No GPA requirement
Selection Minor

Alternative options – ISEP

- Worldwide Study Abroad options
- GPA: ≥ 6.5
- 60 Credits Year 1
- Paid semester abroad: 2026-27 cost around €5500, including tuition, housing and meals
- Not all ISEP Universities are Research Universities
- Not all ISEP Universities teach Political Science
- After selection for ISEP, contact the Exchange Office to discuss your choices
- You must obtain approval before submitting your choice list to ISEP
- Apply through Uni-Wide exchange; deadline 1 December

Alternative options – Freemover

- Choose your own destination, worldwide
- Pay tuition fees to Leiden University AND to host university
- Not all universities/countries are open to paid Freemovers
- Host university must be a research university
- Prior approval from Exchange Office required – contact us at least 6 months in advance
- If you go abroad without approval, any obtained credits will not count towards your Elective Space



Alternative options – Summer/Winter School

- From 1 to 12 weeks
- Many options within and outside of Europe
- Credit transfer may be possible; [get BOE approval](#) before you go!
- Exchange Office must be notified before you go, even if you do not want/get credit transfer
- Online Summer/Winter Schools also available
- Contact Exchange Office at least two months before Summer/Winter School starts!
- Great place to start: [Summer Schools in Europe](#)
- (East) Asian universities also have great Summer School options

Alternative options – Research Internship

- May be possible to get up to 15 EC for research internship
- Contact Internships Office for more information
- Ms Eline Joor: Internshipsps@fsw.leidenuniv.nl



Partner Universities

- Quick overview of partners
- Overlapping semester dates in red – there are usually ways around this
- **Spring exchange to Japan - risks of graduating late!**
 - Be aware: if you go on exchange to Japan during the spring semester, there is a high chance you won't be able to graduate on time! Your transcript is usually not final until early September – or even October – and therefore your grades can't be validated before that time. This will impact the start of your Master's degree.
 - Our advice: only go to Japan in Spring if you don't mind taking a few months off to work or travel between the end of your Bachelor's and the start of your Master's, or if you're extending your Bachelor's.

Central European University, Vienna, Austria

1. Trimester dates:

- September-December
- January-March
- April-June

2. Available fields of study:

- Culture, Politics and Society
- Data Science and Society
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics

3. Interesting courses:

- Between Hype and Science-Fiction: The Politics of Artificial Intelligence
- Cultures of Hate: Antisemitism, Colonialism, Gender and Holocaust
- Sex, History, Power

4. Important:

- Classes exclusively in English
- No need for language certificate if English taught Bachelors
- Trimesters; **you can do 20 EC in Fall, or 40 EC in Spring**
- CEU prefers if you come in Spring; with the trimester system, you can only go in Fall if you are in Honours College (as then you cannot go in Spring).



Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

1. Semester:

- Fall: Early September to early January
- Spring: End of January to end of June

2. Study fields:

- Political Sciences, Social Sciences, Labor Sciences, History, Art History, Archaeology, Cultural Management, Philosophy, Ethics, Religious Sciences and Secular Thought.
- At least 60% in Political Science; 40% allowed in other study fields or departments or faculties
- Ability to follow up to 2 Master's courses (if approved by Professors) – specialized Master in Gender Studies not allowed

3. Interesting courses:

- Law of armed conflicts
- Migration and Gender
- Decision-making in the EU
- Histoire du monde arabo-musulman contemporain
- Introduction to political communication
- EU's Eastern Neighborhood
- Ethnicité et nationalisme

4. Important:

- Courses available in English, French, and Dutch
- B1 French necessary for French-taught courses
- ULB offers free French courses at the ULB Language Unit



Charles University, Prague, Czechia

1. Semester:

- Fall: late September – mid-February
- Spring: mid-February – End of June

2. Study fields:

- Students are obligated to take a min. of 51% of their courses from the offer at the host faculty. The rest (max. 49% of courses) can be selected from the other faculties (upon prior discussion with the respective faculty coordinator). Others include Faculty of Law, Humanities, Theology; Institute of Economic Studies

3. Interesting courses:

- Baltic regional cooperation and Russia
- Energy Security in Israel and the Middle East
- Interinstitutional Relations: European vs. Domestic Institutions (EU)
- NATO and EU in Crisis Management
- Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
- Resolving the Israel-Palestine Conflict after October 7th 2023
- Security in Euroatlantic Area and Global Regions
- The (Dis)United States of America: Federalism and State Politics
- The EU's troubled neighbourhood and the Common Foreign and Security Policy

4. Important:

- To give incoming students an opportunity to learn basics of Czech language, CU organizes an Intensive Czech Language Course. The course takes place 3 weeks before the beginning of each semester in an online/in-person format
- Charles University's faculties are spread throughout Prague. Keep this in mind when selecting courses from other faculties.



Tallinn University, Estonia

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – late January
- Spring: late January – late June

2. Study fields:

- School of Governance, Law and Society.
- Incoming exchange students from Leiden University may take up to 30% of the courses from other schools of TLU.

3. Interesting courses:

- E-government, E-democracy and Digital Society
- Political History and Society of Baltic States in the 20-th Century
- Baltic Sea Region and Cooperation
- Legal Philosophy and Ethics
- Soviet Culture and Society
- State, Politics, and Government
- EU Law

4. Important:

- Estonia has a Russian-speaking minority, also in Tallinn. You can learn Russian at Tallinn University and will be able to use the language with part of the population – but not ethnic Estonians.



Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

1. Trimester dates:

- Late September – December
- January – March
- April – June

2. Study fields:

- Political and Administration Sciences
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics

3. Interesting courses:

- The Politics of Care: from Global Servants to Welfare Revolution
- Public Policies II
- Analysis of Social Inequalities
- Employment Policies and Labour Market
- International Public Law
- Environment, Society and Politics
- Politics and Globalization

4. Important:

- Trimesters; **you can do 20 EC in Fall, or 40 EC in Spring**, so choose wisely
- UPF are working on a 10 EC course to be taught before the start of the 1st trimester. This would focus on the local region, and be free for exchange students. If you take this course, you could get the full 30 EC at UPF in Fall.
- For (Castilian) Spanish-taught courses, B1 Spanish is required.
- Courses also available in Catalan – check the language of instruction very carefully!



Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

1. Semester dates:

- Fall: Early September – late January
- Spring: Late January – late May

2. Study fields:

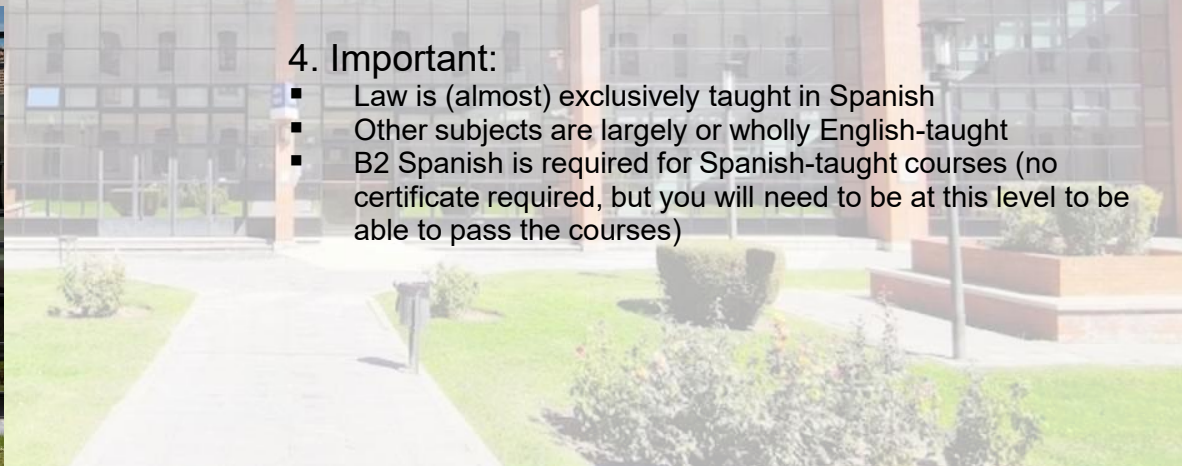
- Political Science, Business, Law, Economics, Management, Finance, PPE

3. Interesting courses:

- Spanish Politics
- Politics and Communication
- Global Policy Issues
- Political Advising
- Fundamental Rights and their Guarantees
- Local Politics
- Conflict and Violence
- Politics and Gender

4. Important:

- Law is (almost) exclusively taught in Spanish
- Other subjects are largely or wholly English-taught
- B2 Spanish is required for Spanish-taught courses (no certificate required, but you will need to be at this level to be able to pass the courses)



Sciences Po Grenoble, France

1. Semester:

- Fall: September – mid-January
- Spring: January - June

2. Study fields:

- Minor, taught in English, French (B2), or English & French (B1)

3. Courses as part of this minor:

- French language course
- France, État, Institutions, Société
- Elective courses, for instance:
 - Change in Global Politics
 - Crime and security
 - Global perspectives on social movements and activism
 - Science for Society: policies and politics of responsible research

4. Important:

- One “track” to choose among 3: Depends on your level of French
 - English taught courses (Track 1): B2.2 in English
 - French and English taught courses (Track 2): B2.2 in English, FEIS class requires B1 in French.
 - French taught courses (Track 3): B2.2 in French



Sciences Po Strasbourg, France

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August - late December
- Spring: early January – early May

2. Study fields:

- Offers the Certificate of European Studies (CES), a minor in EU politics and institutions
- Wide choice of modules in subjects including Political science, Sociology, International relations, Contemporary history, Economics and business, Law and Modern languages.
- Majority of modules should be at Sciences Po Strasbourg. Up to two modules may be taken at another school/faculty within the University of Strasbourg (subject to prior approval by the school/faculty concerned).

3. Courses aside from the CES:

- Public policies in the face of environmental challenges
- The Evolution of the Media in the 21st Century
- Secret State
- La France ingouvernable ? Histoire politique de la France contemporaine
- Communication politique et Gouvernement des opinions
- Génocides et violences de masse

4. Important:

- The CES has limited space, so apply early
- The CES is only available to students who speak up to A1 French (possibly A2.1). If your French is better than that, you cannot take the CES but can take other courses
- B2 French necessary for French-taught courses
- French language pre-semester course offered free of charge. French language classes are also on offer during the semester



Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

1. Semester:

- Fall: September - January
- Spring: January - May

2. Study fields:

- Political Science only

3. Interesting courses:

- Processus d'Action Publique
- Engagement et Participation
- Institutions Politiques et Droit Constitutionnel
- Anthropologie Politique
- Histoire de la démocratie
- Religions et politiques
- Action politique et changement
- Transformation des sociétés contemporaines

4. Important:

- Only very few courses available in English, not enough to get to 30 EC.
- French B2 required



SciencesPo Paris, satellite campuses, France

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – mid-December
- Spring: mid-January – late May

2. Study fields:

- Political Science
- Certificate of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities

3. Focus areas of the different campuses:

- French-taught:
 - Dijon: Europe with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe
 - Nancy: Europe with a focus on the Franco-German region
 - Poitiers: Latin America, Spain and Portugal
- English-taught:
 - Le Havre: Asia and the Pacific
 - Menton: the Middle East and Mediterranean
 - Reims: North America and Africa

4. Important:

- You must note which campus you would prefer, with a 2nd campus as back-up
- Reims can receive 4 students. The other campuses can receive only 1 student max. There are 4 places in total
- For French-taught campuses, B2 French is required. For Poitiers, Spanish and/or Portuguese will be very helpful.

SciencesPo

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

1. Semester:

Fall: mid-October – mid-February

Spring: mid-April – mid-July

2. Study fields:

- Broad variety; with few exceptions, all undergraduate degree programs are open to exchange students.
- Restrictions: law, business administration, and economics

3. Interesting courses:

- Introduction to Comparative Politics with a Focus on Africa
- Right-wing extremism in Germany
- Classism and Political Education
- Transnational Activism in Global Politics
- Politics from below – Politics from above: the case of Iran
- The Left, the Right, and Human Rights in Latin America

4. Notes:

- No language requirement; B2 German advised
- Many subjects at undergraduate level are taught in German, though there are enough courses available in English
- Option to follow six-week intensive preparatory German language course (20 x 45 min. of instruction per week) at beginning of each semester.
 - Course fee ± €800 – limited places



Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-October – 1st week of February
- Spring: mid-April – late July

2. Study fields:

- All fields available

3. Interesting courses:

- Democratic Backsliding in the United States
- Elections in Comparative Perspective: Political Actors, Electoral systems and Campaigns
- The Party Politics of Autocratic Regimes
- Mass Media, Social Media and the Democratic Republic

4. Important:

- Language requirement: German B1 (for courses taught in German), English B2 (for courses taught in English).
- Many courses at the Institute of Political Science are taught in German, which is why incoming students are advised to attend additional courses at Heidelberg institutes such as the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) or the South Asia Institute (SAI). They regularly offer courses in English that are also related to political science.



Universität Konstanz, Germany

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-October – **end of February (lectures until 1st week of February, exams entire month of February)**
- Spring: mid-April – late July

2. Study fields:

- Students are registered at one department and are recommended to select 50% of their courses at their home department. The other 50% can be taken in other departments
 - Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics;
Faculty of Humanities

3. Interesting courses:

- Working with refugees – a practical project seminar
- The political consequences of technological change
- Who will lead and who will follow? An introduction to informal leadership and social network analysis
- Political communication during crises
- Contemporaneous conflicts in the MENA region: causes and consequences

4. Important:

- B2 German required if you want to take courses taught in German.



University of Galway, Ireland

1. Semester:

- Fall: early September to Christmas
- Spring: early January to early May

2. Study fields:

- Political Science and Sociology
 - Spring semester seems to have better course options

3. Interesting courses:

- Contemporary American Politics
- Revisiting Violence
- Development and Change
- Songs of Rebellion: Power, Resistance, and Affect
- Contemporary African Politics
- Security & World Affairs: People, Planet, Places
- Women, Men and Economy: Critical Explorations of Theory & Policy
- Ocean and Marine Politics

4. Important:

- Housing in Galway is in short supply. Apply for university housing. Usually, if you are not offered a room in June/July, many more become available in August, so don't give up if you're not housed in the first round.



Università di Bologna, Italy

1. Semester :

- Fall: September - January
- Spring: February - June

2. Study fields:

- Political Science, as well as other fields

3. Interesting courses:

- Comparative Constitutionalism
- Diplomacy in a Global World
- Health Economics in the European Union
- Judicial Protection in the European Union
- Politics and Society in the Balkans
- Geography of development and territorial analysis

4. Important:

- Political Science is taught mostly at Campus Forlì, 70km from Bologna.
- Campus Bologna does not have many courses within Political Science, especially English-taught ones.
- BSc students are allowed to choose MSc courses, but this is still not always allowed by the teachers – tread carefully.



LUISS, Rome, Italy

1. Semester:

- Fall: September - January
- Spring: February - June

2. Study fields:

- Economics and Business;
- Business Administration;
- Management and Artificial Intelligence;
- Global Law;
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics

3. Interesting courses:

- Economics Of Electricity Markets And Energy Transition
- Political Economy Of Development
- Chinese Institutions And Culture
- AI, Critical Thinking, And Knowledge-Making
- Global Governance Through Interreligious Dialogue
- Migration And Development In The Mediterranean
- Sociology Of Terrorism And Political Violence

4. Important:

- Optional free Italian language course (3 EC)



Vilnius University, Lithuania

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – late January
- Spring: early February – late June

2. Study fields:

- Majority of courses should be in Political Science / International Relations. Minority of courses may be from other faculties

3. Interesting courses:

- Asia-Pacific Studies
- Biotechnology and Sustainability: from Technical to Political Questions
- Governing Emotions: Interaction Between Regimes, Emotions
- Mass Atrocities & International Intervention
- Media in Conflict
- Political and Radical Islam
- Workshop: Negotiations

4. Important:

- Option to take Russian language



University of Oslo, Norway

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-August – mid-December
- Spring: mid-January – mid-June

2. Study fields:

- Students are expected to choose courses from the Department of Political Science but are also allowed to choose some of the courses at other faculties

3. Interesting courses:

- Nuclear Weapons and International Conflict
- The 2024 US Elections in a Global Context
- Chaos politics? Theory Meets Reality in Comparative Politics
- Between Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Post-communist Region
- Political Science Approaches to Climate Action

4. Important:

- Norwegian language course also available for EC



University of Bergen, Norway

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-August – late December
- Spring: early January – late June

2. Study fields:

- Students can take courses from across the university. Most students choose courses from the departments of Politics and/or Governance

3. Interesting courses:

- Russian Politics
- Comparative Arctic Indigenous Governance
- Scandinavian Politics and Government
- Varieties of Political Regimes: Latin America in Comparative Perspective
- Globalization and the Geopolitics of Forced Migration
- Challenges of Global Poverty

4. Important:

- Norwegian language course also available for EC



University of Warsaw, Poland

1. Semester:

- Fall: 1st October – **mid-February**
- Spring: mid-February – late June

2. Study fields:

- List of courses available can be found on the World Map. Many English-taught courses are available.

3. Interesting courses:

- Foreign Policy of Central and Eastern European Countries
- History of the Modern MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region
- Islamic Law and International Relations
- Post Soviet Russia. Getting Right its Politics, Identity and Culture
- Regionalism in the Baltic-Black Sea Region
- The Future of Warfare: AI, Drones, Robotics, and Space in Contemporary and Future Conflicts
- The Central and East European Perspective on Russia
- Ukraine in IR

4. Important:

- Exchange students are entitled to one class of Polish language, to one foreign language class and one sports class free of charge in addition to courses offered by their receiving unit (within the limit of 30 ECTS/semester).
 - Sports classes cannot count towards your Elective Space in Leiden



University of Jyväskylä, Finland

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – mid-December
- Spring: early January – late May

2. Study fields:

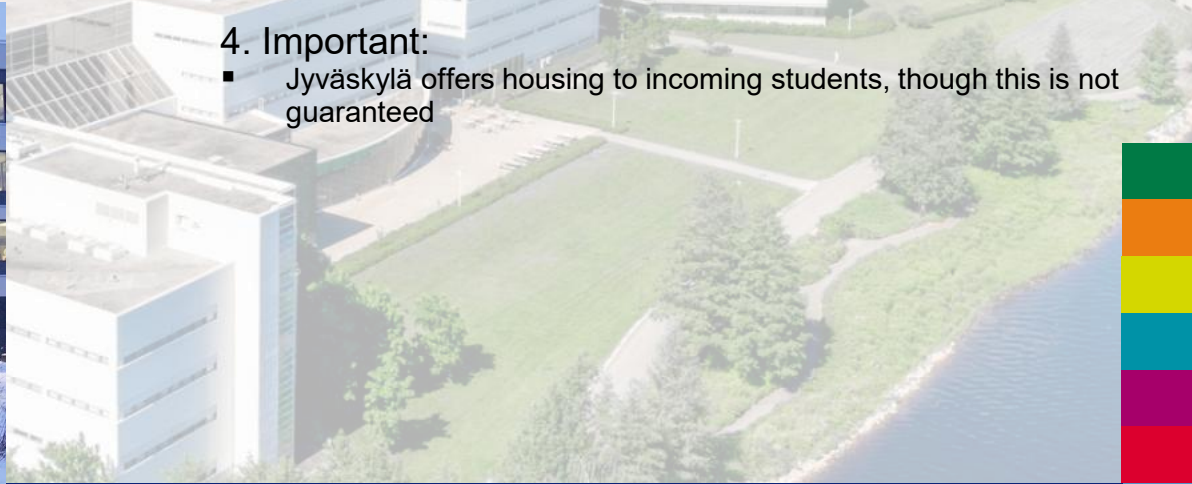
- Political Science
- MAC minor (Intercultural Communication)

3. Interesting courses:

- Crises, Conflicts and Security
- Migration Policy
- Political Critique
- Climate change and society
- Care Policy: Ageing, Disability and the State
- Introduction to Finnish art and culture
- Current Trends in Development Policy

4. Important:

- Jyväskylä offers housing to incoming students, though this is not guaranteed



University of Gothenburg, Sweden

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – mid-January
- Spring: mid-January – early June

2. Study fields:

- Social sciences
 - Global Studies
 - Political Science
- Humanities (not guaranteed, but usually granted)

3. Interesting courses:

- Global gender studies: introduction to contemporary gender studies
- Human rights in policy and practice
- Environmental politics in theory and practice
- Conflict and conflict management
- Swedish environmental politics in a comparative perspective
- Comparing Media Systems around the World: the Past, Present and Future
- Opinions in a Mediatized Society. PR, Journalism and Public Opinion

4. Important:

- Compulsory introduction week
- Apply early for housing – this is in short supply



University of Malmö, Sweden

1. Semester:

- Fall: late August – mid-January
- Spring: mid-January – early June

2. Study fields:

- Faculty of Culture and Society
 - Global Political Studies
 - Urban Studies
 - Art and Communication

3. Interesting minors (30 EC):

- Gender Studies
- Human Rights
- International Migration and Ethnic Relations
- Peace and Conflict Studies

4. Important:

- More course/minor availability in Fall than in Spring
- It may be possible to take courses from other Faculties, but this is not guaranteed
- Housing available but not guaranteed



Université de Genève, Switzerland

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-September – 1st week February
- Spring: mid-February – late June

2. Study fields:

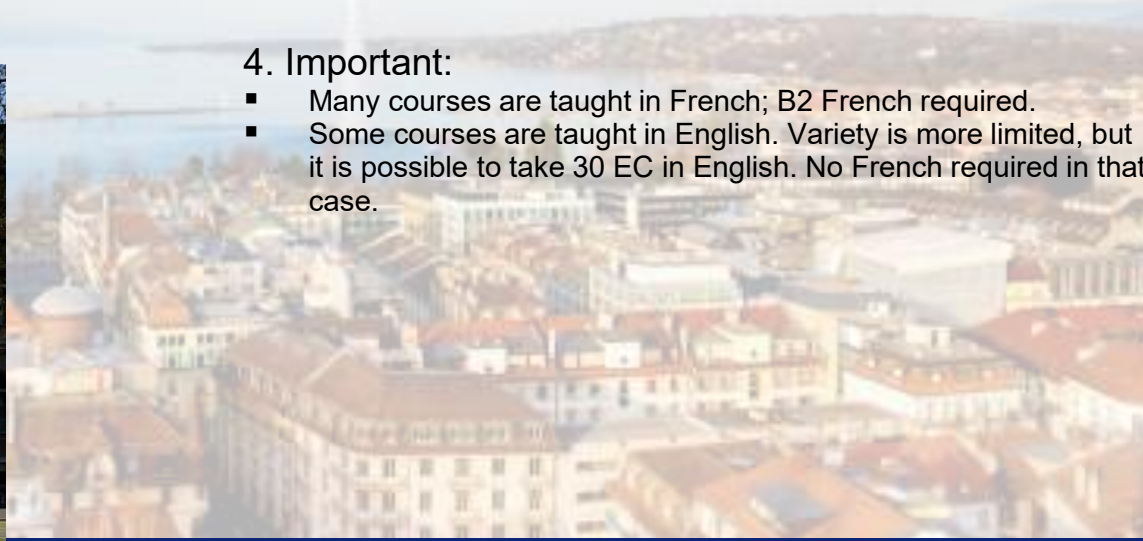
- Institute of Global Studies

3. Interesting courses:

- International Trade
- Fundamentals of Strategy
- Econometrics
- The EU and the return of geopolitics
- L'impact des nouvelles technologies sur les Relations Internationales
- Economie, état et institutions

4. Important:

- Many courses are taught in French; B2 French required.
- Some courses are taught in English. Variety is more limited, but it is possible to take 30 EC in English. No French required in that case.



Boğaziçi Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-September – late January
- Spring: early February – early June

2. Study fields:

- At least 2 courses from Department of Political Science and International Relations. Other courses allowed from all departments (i.e. Economics, History, Law, Philosophy, Sociology).

3. Interesting courses:

- Introduction to Turkish politics
- Politics and society in the middle east
- Twentieth century diplomatic history
- Contemporary American politics
- Political economy of exclusion
- Issues in Turkish foreign policy

4. Important:

- Boğaziçi uses ECTS alongside their own credit system. Leiden University transfers the EC noted on the Boğaziçi transcript.



School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

1. Semester:

- Fall: late September – mid-January
- Spring: mid-January – late May

2. Study fields:

- Courses on many topics, focused on countries in
 - Asia
 - The Middle East
 - Africa

3. Interesting courses:

- Migration and Diaspora: Decolonial Approaches
- World Social Theory: Imagining Society from 500BC to 1900
- Issues in Gender and Development
- Contemporary African Literature
- Global Forced Migration
- The Margins of Philosophy

4. Important:

- This exchange is meant for students interested in (countries in) the mentioned regions.
- Priority is given to students interested in regions to which exchange is not possible, either at all, or for them specifically (for instance, due to anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and/or sentiments).
- Housing in London can be difficult to find, so apply early to have the best chance for SOAS housing.



Aberystwyth University, Wales, UK

1. Semester:

- Fall: late September – late January
- Spring: late January – late May

2. Study fields:

- Courses from the Department of International Politics. Permission may also be given for courses in History, but this is not guaranteed.

3. Interesting courses:

- War, Strategy and Intelligence
- Identity and Nationhood in Wales
- The Arab-Israeli Wars
- Nationalism in Theory and Practice
- UK Politics Today: A Union Under Strain?
- Women and Global Development
- From Mincemeat to Cyberwars: A Global Perspective on Covert Operations since 1945

4. Important:

- Housing is available; a lot of it is on the beach with beautiful coastal views
- Aberystwyth teaches some of its courses in Welsh – always check language of instruction



University of Manchester, UK

1. Semester:

- Fall: late September – mid-January
- Spring: mid-January – late May

2. Study fields:

- Political Science only

3. Interesting courses:

- War Memories and Reconciliation in East Asia
- American Politics: Why Do They Do That?
- Revolutions in Global Politics
- The Politics and Philosophy of Nationalism
- Gender, War & Militarism
- Global Capitalism, Crisis and Revolt
- Between War and Peace
- Feminist Policymaking in Global Politics

4. Important:

- Transcripts for Fall and Spring are only available in August.
- Manchester offers housing to incoming students, though this is not guaranteed.
- POL/IP: IELTS needed, or VWO English 7 or above.
- IRO: No IELTS needed.



University of Exeter, UK

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-September – mid-January
- Spring: mid-January – late May

2. Study fields:

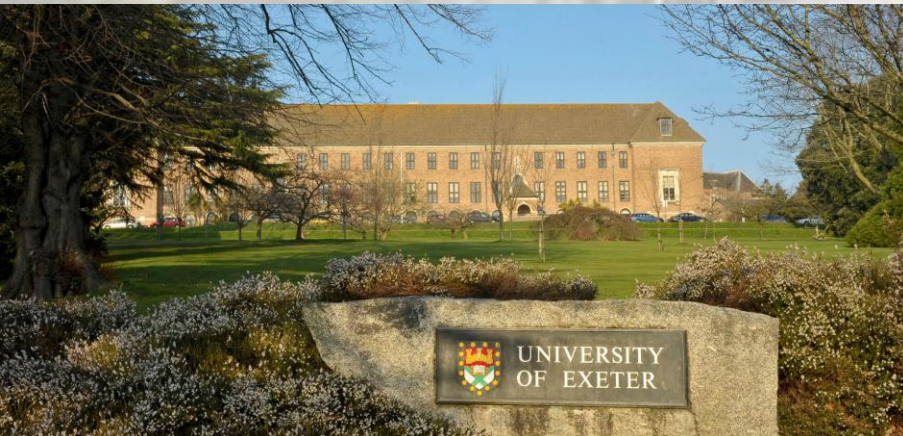
- Most fields available, though not Law. Students are encouraged to choose courses outside of Political Science.

3. Interesting courses:

- Russian for Beginners
- Crimes of the Powerful
- Marxism(s) and International Relations
- Brexit: Causes, Interpretation and Implications
- The Politics of World Economies
- Decolonising Global Justice
- The Kurds: History and Politics
- Elementary Persian
- Strategy and psychology in foreign policy

4. Important:

- There are two campuses.
- Penryn campus focuses on sustainability, history, politics, and international relations.
- Streatham campus offers History, Arab and Islamic Studies, Politics & International Relations, and Sociology
- You have to choose one campus; they are too far apart to study at both.



CIDE, Santa Fe, CDMX, Mexico

1. Semester:

- Fall: mid-August – early December
- Spring: early February – early June

2. Study fields:

- CIDE teaches Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Public Administration, Law, and History, but with a focus on Political Science and International Relations

3. Interesting courses:

- Español para extranjeros y cultura mexicana (compulsory!)
- Seminario de teoría política y ficción
- Seminario sobre Desarrollo

4. Important:

- B1 Spanish is required. DELE not required; certification by Leiden Language Centre or other official centre for Spanish language teaching is enough. Native speakers do not need certification if they completed their secondary education in Spanish.
- All teaching at CIDE is in Spanish. All staff do also speak English. Students can request permission to write papers in English; teachers usually permit this.



Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1. Semester:

- Fall: August - November
- Spring: March - June

2. Study fields:

- Political Science, International Relations, Economics, Law, among others

3. Interesting courses:

- Language, Culture and Identity
- Argentina: Language and Cultural Identity
- Dictatorship and Political Activism: the 60s & 70s in the South Cone and their consequences
- Origins and Development of Peronism in Argentina: history, politics and public opinion
- Current Political Issues in Latin America
- The Social Brain: Understanding the Relationship between Cognition & Environment

4. Important:

- B2 Spanish is required for Spanish-taught courses. DELE not required; certification by Leiden Language Centre or other official centre for Spanish language teaching is enough. Native speakers do not need certification if they completed their secondary education in Spanish.
- A large number of English-taught courses is also available.
- UTDT's semesters are inverse to ours – always refer to the dates!



Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago

1. Semester:

- Fall: August - December
- Spring: March - July

2. Study fields:

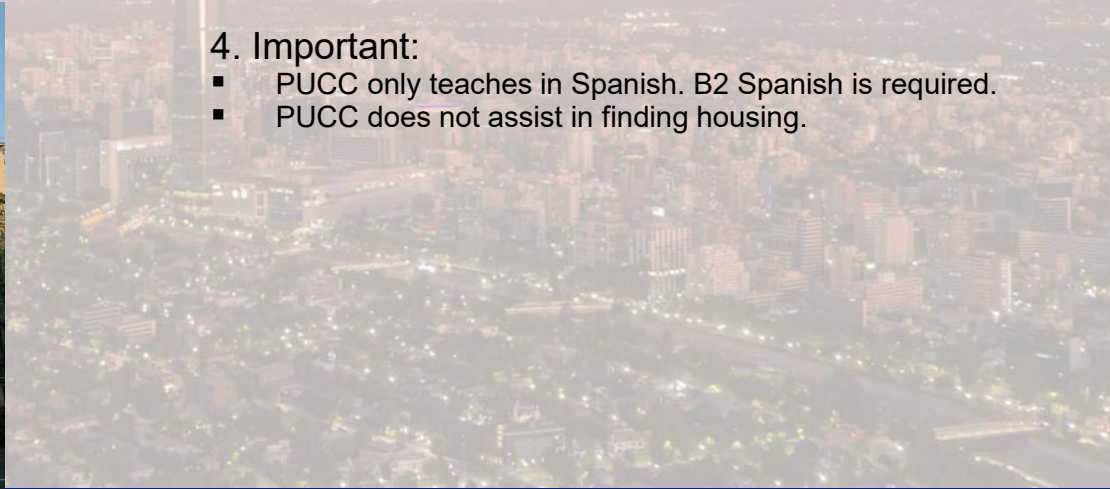
- All fields, including Political Science, Business, Economics, History, Law, Philosophy, and Sociology

3. Interesting courses:

- Política Regional en América Latina
- Democracia, Interculturalidad y Pueblos Originarios: Desafíos Sociales y Políticos
- Chile y América Indígena
- Democracia Ayer y Hoy
- La Política de Defensa y sus Desafíos en el Escenario Internacional Actual
- Análisis de la Actualidad Internacional

4. Important:

- PUCC only teaches in Spanish. B2 Spanish is required.
- PUCC does not assist in finding housing.



University of Wollongong, Australia

1. Semester:

- Fall: Mid-July – mid-November
- Spring: late February – late June

2. Study fields:

- Faculty of the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Arts, English and Media; Humanities and Social Inquiry
- Faculty of Business and Law
 - Accounting, Economics and Finance; Management, Operations and Marketing; Business; Law

3. Interesting courses:

- Global media and social justice
- Indigenous geographies: Questioning country
- Australian Politics
- Global aid and development: challenges and prospect
- War and Humanitarianism
- Ocean Conservation, Development and People

4. Important:

- Wollongong's semesters are opposite ours; their academic year starts in January
- University accommodation is available
- Australian visa fee has increased considerably



Ashoka University, New Delhi, India

1. Semesters:

- Fall: mid-August – mid-December
- Spring: mid-January – early May

2. Study fields:

- All departments, including Political Science, History, Economics

3. Interesting courses:

- Technology Law and Policy: A New Frontier for Business and Society
- Rise of China and the Shifting Balance of Power in Southeast Asia
- Shaping the India Way: Foreign policy institutions, sites and forces
- India in Asian Geopolitics
- India-China; Distant Neighbours
- Authoritarianism and Islamism in the Modern Middle East
- Global Politics and Football

4. Notes:

- Students can choose max. 4 courses (4 credits each) = 30 ECTS.
- 1 optional (2 credits) co-curricular course in languages
- Campus just north of New Delhi; shuttle bus to the nearest metro station for easy access to New Delhi city centre
- Housing available: Male-only, Female-only, and gender-neutral buildings.
- Mix of socio-economic backgrounds; many students (also from outside India) are on full scholarships



Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

1. Semesters:

- Fall: August - January
- Spring: February - June

2. Study fields:

- All departments, including International Relations, Regional Development, Economics, and Business

3. Interesting courses:

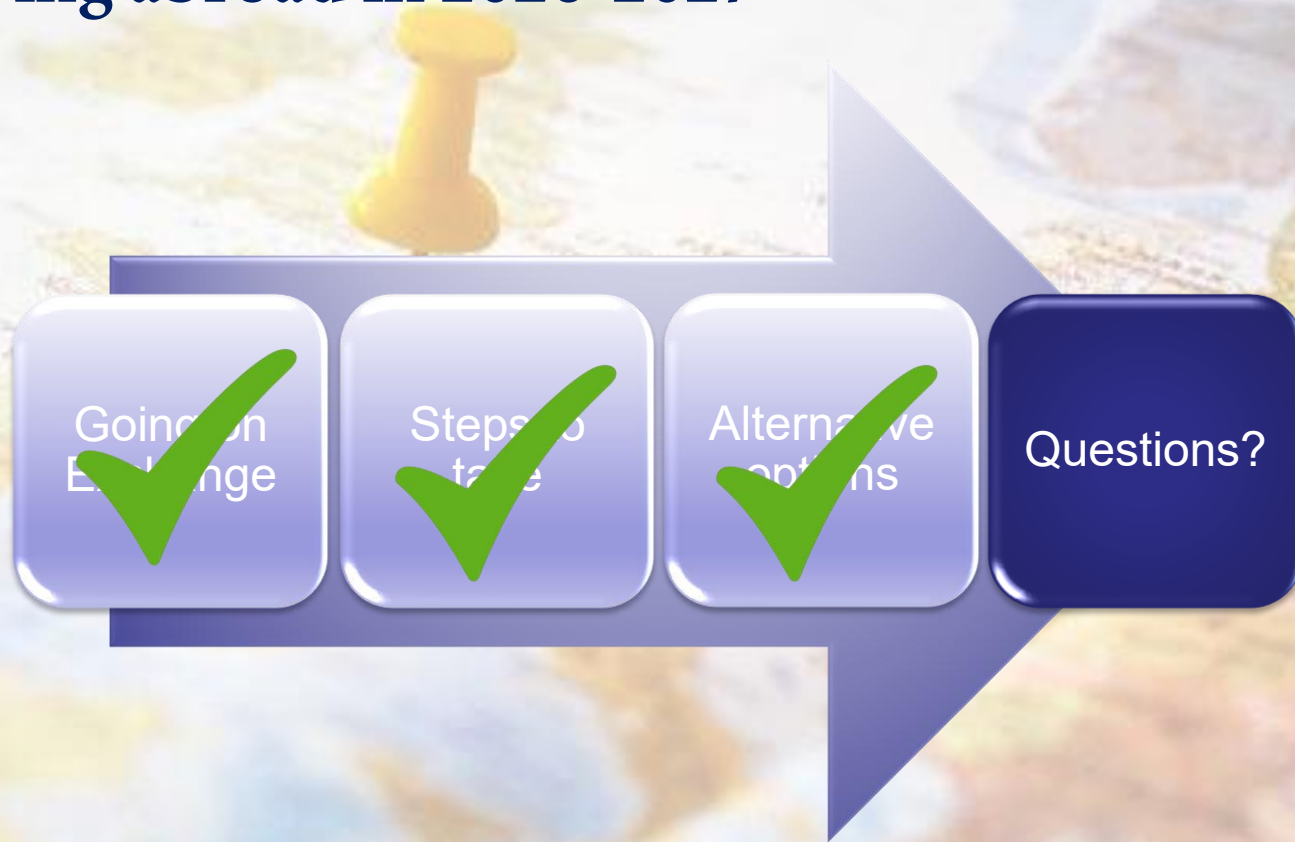
- Ethnic Conflict
- Gender and Politics
- International Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian Actions
- Security Cooperation in ASEAN
- Introduction to Democracy Studies
- State Formation in South Asia

4. Notes:

- Cost of living is very low
- On-campus and off-campus (private) boarding houses available
- Choose one major to focus on; you can take courses from other majors, as well, but must largely choose courses from one major
- Study visa fee is around €375



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Questions?

