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WELCOME BY THE DEAN

Dear future UCR student,

Your application for studying at UCR has been accepted. Congratulations! UCR will change your life. Our college is a place in which academic challenges, intellectual experiments, personal growth, hard work, community spirit, hilarious fun, friendship, and engaged citizenship go hand in hand. Our student community will invite you to join the social, cultural, athletic, musical, artistic, and political life of the college and the city. We offer good and affordable housing, in residences shared with other UCR students.

You will build your own program from required elements as well as tracks in over thirty academic disciplines that will make you a stronger writer, speaker and presenter. Maybe urgent societal challenges such as sustainability, international migration, and socio-economic inequality will interest you, or maybe you will become captivated by more perennial questions of truth, the good, and beauty. UCR has something for everyone.

Two thousand students have graduated from UCR since we started in 2004. They are now scholars, writers, scientists, entrepreneurs, medical doctors, conservationists and environmentalists; lawyers, musicians, bankers, business developers, activists, teachers, artists, politicians, diplomats – and so much more. What sets them apart is their self-confidence, their civic engagement, and their entrepreneurial sense of opportunity.

We sensed these same qualities in you, which is why we look forward to welcoming you to our community soon.

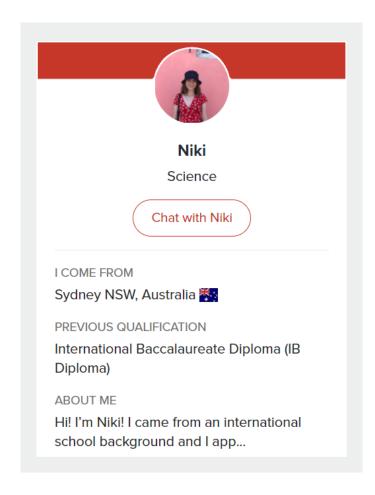
In this brochure, we explain the steps you need to take next now that you have been accepted to UCR. We will tell you more about what you can expect from orientation week, and where you will live. You will also discover ways to talk with current students, and other bits of information that will prepare you for your exciting future at UCR in Middelburg.

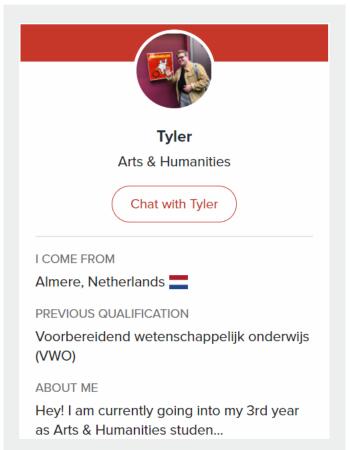
Talk to your fellow students

We are sure you will have some questions now that you have been offered a place to study at UCR. Which campus location should you choose? What do you really need when moving in? Which courses are well-loved by students? What can you expect from living in Middelburg?

The best people to answer these questions are our current students. The good news is that you can now chat with them via the Unibuddy platform on our website.

You can find this feature at www.ucr.nl/chat.





Steps to take next

1. ACCEPT OUR OFFER

In the acceptance email you received from us, you were sent a link to our acceptance form. Use this form to share your decision with us. If you choose to accept our offer, you will have to answer a few more questions and then you will receive information about paying your deposit.

This fee will be deducted from your first tuition fee invoice. Once your acceptance form has been submitted and you have paid the deposit, you will start your enrolment.

2. VISA

If you need a visa to enter, live, and study in the Netherlands, or a residence permit, UCR will start a second process to arrange this on your behalf.

Be aware that you may need to provide information that proves you have sufficient financial means, have adequate health insurance, and in some cases, are willing to undergo a tuberculosis test. This is further explained during the visa process.

3. ENROLMENT

In order to start your studies at UCR, you need to be fully enrolled at our mother institution, Utrecht University. For this, we need to ensure that your previous education is sufficient to study in Middelburg, which can be done by sending us certified copies of your documents.

Some diplomas can be verified digitally, such as VWO or IB (do note that online verification needs to be specifically requested for the IB diploma).

You have received additional information about this with your invitation.

4. FINANCE

Students starting in the Spring semester pay half of the tuition fee for a full year. You will receive an invoice before the start of the semester, after which you will need to transfer the tuition fees to UCR directly. The automatic payment request in Studielink will not work. This is because UCR is a financially independent institution, which means that we collect our own tuition fees.

The tuition fee is dependent on a number of factors. If you have a Dutch or EEA nationality, you likely qualify for the institutional fee ($\{0.459 - \text{halved to } \{0.459 - \text{halved t$

If you have a non-EEA nationality*, you will need to pay the higher tuition fee (€8,007 – halved to €4,004) and a visa fee before your visa application can be approved.

The tuition fees change yearly and this first invoice will be lower than in regular years, for more information check **ucr.nl/tuition**.

*Some residence permits may also qualify you for the EEA fees.

5. HOUSING

All students at UCR live on our wonderful campus for the full duration of their program. You will receive a specific invite with more information about applying for housing. Housing is organized by Villex (**dewoonuniversiteit.eu**), and you will be able to indicate your preferred campus location. Read more about our different campus locations later on.



6. TRAVELTO MIDDELBURG

Before setting off for Middelburg, you should make all the arrangements for moving and organize the right (health) insurance. Once Villex has contacted you about picking up your keys, it is time to travel to UCR. There are several options.

By plane, you can travel to the following airports: Schiphol, Rotterdam The Hague, Eindhoven, Antwerp, or Brussels. All of these locations allow easy train travel to Middelburg.

By train, you can take a direct train from Amsterdam Centraal to Middelburg (in the direction of Vlissingen) with various connecting stops in between, such as Den Haag Holland Spoor, Rotterdam Centraal, and Roosendaal.

Use the NS Reisplanner app or the 9292 app to help you with your journey.

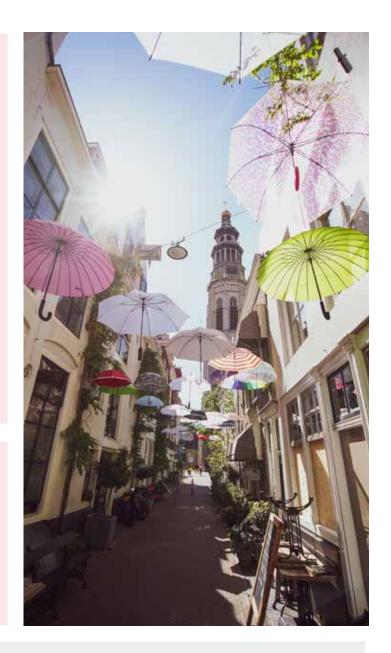
By car, if you come from the direction of Antwerp, Roosendaal or Rotterdam, please follow the signs for Vlissingen on the A58. Take exit 39 for Middelburg and drive onwards on the N57. Please follow the Centrum signs further.

Once you have arrived, you can pick up your keys from Villex and start to decorate your room!

7. ORIFNTATION

In the week before the start of your first semester, you will be introduced to all things relating to UCR. During Orientation, you will experience the academic and social sides of studying in Middelburg. You can read more about this later on. Make sure to be in Middelburg on January 24, 2022.

Note: Orientation is obligatory, as you will receive necessary information about the UCR program and procedures during this time.



KEY DATES FOR 2022

January 13 First possible campus move-in date

January 9 Deadline for sending your certified copies

January 24 Orientation

January 31 First day of the semester

The full academic calendar is available on our website: www.ucr.nl/calendar

Orientation

After you have completed all the steps on the previous pages, arrived in Middelburg and moved into your new home, you will be welcomed to UCR during Orientation. In the week before your classes start, you will be introduced to all things UCR, Middelburg and Zeeland.

Orientation is there to welcome you into the community through a range of events. This week will set the tone for the rest of your UCR career, as you will meet many of your future classmates and professors. You will receive all the information necessary to function well as a student by going to the library, taking an ICT workshop, and meeting your Tutor.

Throughout the week, you will do activities focused on social life and the UCR community - think of a sports day, a pub crawl, and dinner across all campus locations. You will spend most of your time with your "family," a group of around ten fellow first-year ("siblings") and two older students ("parents") to lead the way. Supported by the "godparents," Roosevelt's All Student Association (RASA) is in charge of organizing most of the social events.

During the week, you will also be focusing on academics. At registration on the first day, anything missing for your enrolment will be collected. You will also meet your Tutor, who will help you throughout your time at UCR. Tutors are there to be the first point of contact, such as when you need to choose your courses or have any concerns about your progress. When you first meet your Tutor, you will also get your schedule. This will list the four courses you will be taking in your first semester at UCR, including one or two mandatory ones; Research Methods & Statistics or Academic Writing & Presenting. Finally, you will also have workshops on how to build your own program and what it means to study Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Most of all, Orientation is about good preparation and having fun, so make sure to be there on January 24, 2022!



Housing Locations

All students will live in the center of Middelburg within 15 minutes walking distance of our academic buildings. There are four main campus locations and some other dorm options outside of these main ones where UCR students live.

1. BACHTENSTEENE

Located next to the main UCR buildings, it has space for 76 students. At this campus location, students have a studio apartment with their own living and sleeping area, bathroom, and a kitchenette. The rooms range from 20 to 25 m2. There are communal living rooms on the ground, first and second floor, as well as laundry rooms. The large communal kitchen on the ground floor is perfect for large dinner parties and cooking together!



2. BAGIJNHOF

Open to 180 students who live in houses with 9 or 15 fellow students. They share a common room, kitchen, laundry facilities and bathrooms, but each student has their own private bedroom between 10 and 20 m2. This historic location can be found in one of the oldest neighborhoods of Middelburg, and is only a mere five-minute walk from UCR's academic buildings. Bagijnhof is known for its great social atmosphere with impromptu parties, late-night homework sessions and house dinners.



3. KOESTRAAT

Located in the heart of Middelburg, 5 minutes' walking distance from UCR. I 20 students are able to live here, enjoying one or two person studio apartments between I 4 and 35 m2. Each apartment has a kitchen and bathroom with shower. A cozy common room can be found on each floor, where students can host floor dinners, study sessions and parties. Laundry rooms, a bicycle shed, an elevator and a 2-minute walk to the grocery store make this a pleasant and convenient location to live at.



4. J. ROGGEVEENHOF

A seven-story building, located just outside the city center, and has incredible views of Middelburg. It takes about 15 minutes to walk to UCR, and it is even faster by bike. The building has 180 rooms of approximately 20 m2, each with private kitchen and bathroom. Roggeveen also has one twin room per floor, where two students share a bathroom and kitchen. Roggeveen is known for its great sense of community and welcoming floor dinners. There are three common rooms, three laundry rooms, an elevator and a bicycle shed.



Explore the campus in 360: www.ucr.nl/campus

What to do in your free time?



"At UCR I have met some of my dearest friends!"

TZAITEL VIRGILI BANÚS (CLASS OF 2023)

SOCIAL SCIENCE MAJOR IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Keeping up with academics is hard work (although it does pay off).

Luckily, we can distract ourselves with different social activities! For example, I have been going to football practice where I have met some of my dearest friends and had an amazing time! We play twice a week.

The best thing is that you do not have to be a pro-player, we are there for the fun. It has been really nice to do some physical activity, disconnect from studies and spend time with friends.

I have also been able to develop my interest in photography by joining the photography society (LENSE). I have been the chair of LENSE for a semester now and I have learned so much about organizing events, leading meetings, and photography itself. The best thing about being in LENSE is that we join other societies' activities to take pictures. This allows us to enjoy many different events during the semester.

I'm looking forward to collecting many more memories during the orientation of new students by taking pictures and videos of their experiences.

STUDENT LIFE

A university is not complete without a social life – meet the student organizations that will make your time at UCR a lot more fun!



Roosevelt's All Student Association (RASA) is central to student life in Middelburg. It serves as the umbrella association for all the societies and teams. These groups organize extracurricular activities that are open to all students.



Academic Affairs Council (AAC), who save the day by handling complaints, monitoring academic standards and representing the students in governance. They help you to reach your full academic potential.



Common House Elliott (CHEF) is the completely student-run venue with a bar, study areas, classrooms, and meeting spaces. Many of the activities at UCR, as well as the weekly parties, are hosted in Elliott.



Housing Affairs Council (HAC) will make your life easier when it comes to all things housing and represents your housing interests.





COMMITTEES

Middelburg may be a small city, you will never be bored. Under the umbrella of RASA, you will find many committees that aim to make your time studying at UCR the best, most fun, and most social it can be. From cooking to theater, and from debating to science experiments, there is something to do for everyone. You can find all the different societies and teams on rasa.nu. Are you looking for something specific and it does not exist yet? Then you always have the freedom to set something up yourself!

ZEELAND

In addition to events and activities organized by students, Middelburg and its surroundings have a lot to offer. There are many beaches nearby, you can go see a movie at the cinema in Vlissingen, a play in the theater, or you can visit the Zeeuws Museum. There are also volunteering and work opportunities throughout the city. You may sit down at one of the many lunchrooms, cafés, bars or restaurants for a bite to eat or a drink. In short, Middelburg is a lively city that you will soon call your future home.





TO EXPERIENCE UCR FOR YOURSELF YOU CAN:

Attend an Open Day. These are hosted online and in person throughout the year. Learn about our program, experience our campus and interact with our students and faculty. Find an Open Day and sign up via www.ucr.nl/opendays

Schedule a Campus Visit. Talk about our program with one of our staff members and enjoy a personal campus tour. Visits are possible throughout the year with the exception of weekends and national holidays. Schedule your in-person visit via www.ucr.nl/meet

Chat with current students. The best way to learn about our program, campus, city, housing and student life, is to chat with our current students. Find students and ask any questions you may have via www.ucr.nl/chat

Still not convinced?



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