



# Student exchange options for the Faculty of Spatial Sciences

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## INTRODUCTION

Each year, many students of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences study abroad for (part of) a semester, **as part of their degree-program at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences (in other words, as an 'exchange student')**. The majority of the bachelor students visit a foreign university and take courses or, sometimes, work on their bachelor thesis. The Faculty's master students also utilize other specific options to take courses or work on their master thesis. (The Faculty of Spatial Sciences does not provide options to do internships abroad – students are expected to organize internships themselves).

This information guide is meant as a manual for students of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences (FSS) that have developed a plan to study abroad during their enrollment in a degree program (bachelor, master, PhD) at FSS. We expect students that want to study abroad to make a first orientation on options themselves – this includes visiting the general information session (delivered on Thursday, October 25, 2018 – see powerpoint on website of FSS), and having a personal consultation with the coordinator for the student exchange programs of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, Paul van Steen (see page 8 how to organize this personal meeting). A good preparation is of vital importance if you want to make your study abroad a success.

## READER'S GUIDE

This manual is organised in the following way:

- page 3 A few guidelines for the preparation of a foreign study experience.
- page 4 An overview of the many partner universities. These partners can be classified in 2 groups:
- **Partner universities of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences (or the University of Groningen)**. These are universities that have established a formal agreement with the Faculty of Spatial Sciences or the University of Groningen for the exchange of students and the recognition of credits achieved abroad. For almost all of these destinations, bachelor and master level students (so, not PhD students) of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences can apply for an additional scholarship (ERASMUS scholarship, or University of Groningen "Marco Polo Funds" scholarship – see page 3).  
With each of the partner universities, agreements have been made that regulate, among others, the number of students that can be exchanged in one academic year. Each year, for a few universities, it turns out that there is more demand for participation in a specific exchange program than the number of spots available. A selection process will then be used to determine who can go to these universities.
  - **All other destination options**. Because the Faculty of Spatial Sciences or the University of Groningen has not made arrangements with the universities in this group, the interested student has to make all preparations himself (herself). Additional scholarships might be available, but can in no way be guaranteed.
- For efficiency reasons, it is the policy of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences to prioritize the exchange options with partners of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences (or the University of Groningen).
- pages 5-8 Information on the partner universities of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences of University of Groningen.
- page 8 Locations where more information can be found.

## TIMETABLE FOR APPLICATION AND SELECTION

Each year in October or November, the Faculty of Spatial Sciences organises an information session on study abroad options. The next meeting is on **Thursday, October 25, 2018, 17:00-19:00, room 'Blauwe Zaal' in building 5412**.

The application and selection process timetable for exchanges in 2019/2020 is:

- **application forms** (on website, see below) to be submitted as signed hard copy before **Monday, January 7 2019, 17:00**
- selections for non-European destinations before February 15, 2019
- selections for European destinations before March 15, 2019

More information on the website ( website Faculty of Spatial Sciences → Teaching → Courseguide → Studying abroad ).

# PREPARATION

## Transforming a first idea to a detailed plan

If you have the intention to study abroad, please take the following issues into account:

- What?** Determine what (which discipline, which types of courses) you would want to be engaged in abroad. This is first and foremost related to your degree program: bachelor or master (or PhD, but see ‘Scholarships’ below).
- Bachelor students can study abroad in their last (= third) bachelor year, but only if they have completed all courses of their first year. Bachelor students can take courses abroad (semester 1), or conduct their bachelor thesis (semester 1, or semester 2-b, or sometimes semester 2-a + 2-b). The first semester of the third bachelor year is reserved for the optional ‘minor’ program. You can not take a ‘minor’ program abroad, but you can take any combination of courses abroad (if necessary supplemented by courses at UG) to create a program of 30 EC’s of elective courses (‘keuzevakken’). As a general rule, bachelor students are not allowed to take master level courses abroad.
  - Master students can do courses at the master level abroad, and/or work on (part of their) master’s thesis. The incorporation of a study abroad program in most one year master programs is difficult. Please start preparing a study abroad experience in your master program timely, and consult the advisor for international student exchange programs, Paul van Steen.
- Where?** In which language region would you like to study? (How good is your command of that language?) In which country? In which city? Are courses offered in English there? Does the partner university require proof of a good language command (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS)? – be advised that those language tests must be paid for (for example, the TOEFL test fee as published on October 23, 2018 is USD 255).
- When?** Determine, on the basis of your study program, in which part of the academic year you could study abroad. Compare that to the educational timetable of foreign universities. The academic timetable of almost each university abroad is different from that in Groningen.
- Money?** Scholarships are available (for Dutch and non-Dutch students) (see below), for bachelor and master level students. You might be able to rent your room to another student, for example an exchange student visiting Groningen.
- Some foreign destinations can be quite expensive. For ERASMUS partner universities, you do not have to pay enrollment or tuition fees (tuition fee = ‘collegegeld’). Also for partner universities of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences or the University of Groningen outside Europe, tuition fee is waived. But the tuition fee at a non-partner university in the United States could easily be \$ 15,000 per semester. Also, large differences in costs of housing and daily expenses between cities can be observed.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

For all European partner universities of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, bachelor and master (not PhD) students can apply for the so-called ERASMUS+ scholarship. For other destinations, a restricted number of University of Groningen “Marco Polo Fonds” scholarships are available (not for PhD students).

The exact amount of these scholarships (that you can never receive Erasmus and Marco Polo at the same time), depends on the length of your stay and your destination. ERASMUS and Marco Polo funds can be applied through the International Office of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences. Both scholarships require a study abroad period of at least 3 months (maximum 5 months for Erasmus; maximum 10 months for Marco Polo).

**Erasmus scholarships:** in 2019/2020 (to be confirmed) € 273 per month for ‘expensive’ European countries (e.g., U.K., Sweden, Austria, Finland), or € 222 per month (e.g., Germany, Portugal), or € 171 per month (e.g., Poland, Latvia, Hungary).

**Marco Polo scholarships:** in 2019/2020 (to be confirmed), for example: United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand: € 290 per month; Latin America, China, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan: € 230 per month

For more information, see <http://student.portal.rug.nl/infonet/studenten/studeren-buitenland/marco-polo-fonds>

Also, the **Groninger Universiteitsfonds (GUF)** has some scholarships for master students, € 1000 for excellent students (average mark in master Dutch 8.0 or higher, and average mark in bachelor 7.5 or higher). Scholarships for other students are maximum € 300 or € 400 (condition: minimum average grade in bachelor 7.0). More information: <http://www.rug.nl/guf>

Information on these scholarships (for students of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences): Paul van Steen, walk-in hours.

## OVERVIEW

see also <http://www.rug.nl/frw/is>

### Partner universities of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences or MFE (University of Groningen):

#### Europe (ERASMUS):

- |     |                                   |     |   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|---|
| A1  | Austria: Vienna (TU Wien)         | A20 | Norway: Helsinki (new 2019/2020, to be confirmed) |
| A2  | Austria: Vienna (WU)              | A21 | Norway: Kristiansand                              |
| A3  | Belgium: Ghent                    | A22 | Poland: Krakow                                    |
| A4  | Czech Republic: Prague            | A23 | Poland: Wroclaw                                   |
| A5  | Estonia: Tallinn                  | A24 | Portugal: Lisbon                                  |
| A6  | Finland: Joensuu                  | A25 | Spain: Barcelona (new 2019/2020, to be confirmed) |
| A7  | Germany: Berlin                   | A26 | Spain: Zaragoza                                   |
| A8  | Germany: Bremen                   | A27 | Sweden: Lund                                      |
| A9  | Germany: Hamburg                  | A28 | Sweden: Stockholm                                 |
| A10 | Germany: Oldenburg                | A29 | Sweden: Uppsala (new 2019/2020)                   |
| A11 | Germany: Münster                  | A30 | United Kingdom: Belfast                           |
| A12 | Greece: Athens (new 2019/2020)    | A31 | United Kingdom: Cardiff                           |
| A13 | Greece: Volos                     | A32 | United Kingdom: Coleraine                         |
| A14 | Hungary: Budapest                 | A33 | United Kingdom: Edinburgh                         |
| A15 | Hungary: Pécs                     | A34 | United Kingdom: Leeds                             |
| A16 | Iceland: Akureyri (new 2019/2020) | A35 | United Kingdom: Lincoln (new 2019/2020)           |
| A17 | Italy: Milan                      | A36 | United Kingdom: Newcastle                         |
| A18 | Latvia: Jelgava                   | A37 | United Kingdom: Reading                           |
| A19 | Latvia: Riga                      | A38 | United Kingdom: Southampton                       |

#### UNITED STATES AND CANADA

- B1 USA: Muncie, Indiana
- B2 USA: Omaha, Nebraska
- B3 USA: Geneseo, New York State
- B4 USA: Seattle, Washington

#### UNITED STATES (NEURUS – see page 8)

- B5 USA: Phoenix, Arizona
- B6 USA: Irvine, California
- B7 USA: Gainesville, Florida
- B8 USA: Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

#### AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

- B9 New Zealand: Auckland

#### ASIA

- B10 Hong Kong (Baptiste University)
- B11 Indonesia: Yogyakarta
- B12 China: Renmin University (Beijing)

#### LATIN AMERICA

- B13 Brazil: Santo Andre
- B14 Brazil: Fortaleza (new in 2019/2020)
- B15 Mexico: Mexico City
- B16 Chile: Santiago

#### (MF = Multi-Faculty Exchange, see top of next page)

- MF1 Canada: Calgary
- MF2 New Zealand: Victoria University of Wellington
- MF3 Australia: Macquarie University
- MF4 Australia: Australian National University
- MF5 Japan: Osaka University
- MF6 Japan: Tohoku University
- MF7 Korea: Seoul (Korea University)
- MF8 Korea: Seoul (Seoul National University)
- MF9 China: Fudan University
- MF10 Brazil: Sao Paulo (USP)
- MF11 Colombia: Univ. de Antioquia
- MF12 Mexico: UNAM

### All other universities

“The rest of the world”. Many of these other options can be accessed through intermediate parties or programs. Students are required to make all preparations themselves. This includes submitting documents to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences program coordinators that demonstrate the appropriate level of the courses that will be taken abroad.

## MF = University of Groningen Multi-Faculty Exchanges

Coordinated by University of Groningen (**not** coordinated by Faculty of Spatial Sciences). For more information, visit: <http://www.rug.nl/about-us/internationalization/international-partner-agreements/multi-faculty-exchange-programmes?lang=en>

If you want apply for MF, you need to submit the application form of/for Spatial Sciences **AND** the MF application form  
Be advised that for all MF exchanges, you need an official TOEFL/IELTS etc. language test result!

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FACULTY OF SPATIAL SCIENCES

Most information on partner universities can be found on the internet (see below). Experience reports from previously exchanged students from the Faculty of Spatial Sciences are placed on Nestor – to be enrolled in the Nestor organization “Spatial Sciences Abroad”, send an email to Paul van Steen. For questions, consult the International Office: Paul van Steen, [p.j.m.van.steen@rug.nl](mailto:p.j.m.van.steen@rug.nl), room 5417.0019, consultation/walk-in hours: 2 or 3 times per week (see specifications on office room door, or consult [www.rug.nl/staff/p.j.m.van.steen/teaching](http://www.rug.nl/staff/p.j.m.van.steen/teaching))

## EUROPE Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany

- A1 AUSTRIA – Vienna University of Technology, Dept. of Spatial Development & Infrastructure/Environmental Planning (Vienna)**  
what? Planning, bachelor/master; bachelor courses in German, master courses in German or English  
when? 5 months (courses in full semester), October-February, March-July  
website? <http://raum.tuwien.ac.at> <http://srv03.ai.tuwien.ac.at/international/index.php/incoming-english.html>
- A2 AUSTRIA – Wirtschaftsuniversität, Department of Urban and Regional Development (Vienna)**  
what? Economic Geography, Economics; 2 bachelor students, 1 MSc student; courses; many courses in English  
when? 5 months (courses in full semester), September-January, March-July  
website? <http://www.wu.ac.at/io/en>
- A3 BELGIUM – Ghent University, Dept of Architecture & Urban Planning (Faculty of Engineering & Architecture) (Ghent)**  
what? Urban Planning, architecture; courses; only for MSc students  
when? 4 months, late September-early February, early February-early July  
website? <http://www.ugent.be/en/exchange> [www.architectuur.ugent.be/en/](http://www.architectuur.ugent.be/en/)
- A4 CZECH REPUBLIC – Charles University (Prague)**  
what? Demography (for master), Human Geography (for bachelor – some courses in English)  
when? 4 months (October – early February, mid-February-June)  
website? <http://www.cuni.cz/UKEN-1.html> <https://www.cuni.cz/UKEN-201.html#1> (courses)
- A5 ESTONIA – Tallinn University, School of Humanities (Tallinn)**  
what? Geography, planning; other disciplines  
when? 5 months, September-late January or late January-June  
website? [www.tlu.ee/exchange](http://www.tlu.ee/exchange)
- A6 FINLAND – University of Eastern Finland, Dept. of Geography and Historical Studies (Joensuu)**  
what? Geography; (environmental) planning; cultural/area studies; bachelor/master courses, many in English  
when? 4 months (start in September, January or March)  
website? <http://www.uef.fi/en/home> [www.uef.fi/en/web/admissions/exchange-students](http://www.uef.fi/en/web/admissions/exchange-students)
- A7 GERMANY – Humboldt Universität (Berlin)**  
what? Geography, planning; courses (almost all in German); bachelorproject, masterthesis  
when? courses 5 months, Oct.-Febr. or April-August, bachelorproject/masterthesis 3, 4 or 5 months  
website? <http://www.geographie.hu-berlin.de/>  
[https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/aus-dem-ausland/erasmus\\_europe](https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/studierende/aus-dem-ausland/erasmus_europe)

## EUROPE Germany (continued), Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy

- A8 GERMANY – Universitat Bremen, Institute of Geography (Bremen)**  
what? Geography, Planning; courses (in German)  
when? 4 to 5 months  
website? <http://www.geographie.uni-bremen.de/>  
<http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/international/ways-to-the-university-of-bremen/visiting-students-exchange.html>
- A9 GERMANY – Universitat Hamburg, Institute für Geographie (Hamburg)**  
what? Geography, Planning; courses (in German)  
when? 5 months, October-February, April-July  
website? <http://www.geo.uni-hamburg.de/geographie>
- A10 GERMANY – Carl von Ossietzky University, Institute for Biology and Environmental Sciences (Oldenburg)**  
what? Environmental/Ecology courses, Geography, Planning; courses (in German)  
when? 5 months, October-February, April-July  
website? <http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/geo/>
- A11 GERMANY – Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität (Münster)**  
what? Geography, planning; courses (in German)  
when? 5 months, October-February, April-July  
website? <http://www.uni-muenster.de/Geographie/>  
<http://www.uni-muenster.de/studieninteressierte/en/austausch/index.html>
- A12 GREECE – Panteion University, School Economics & Public Administration, Dept Economic & Regional Development (Athens)**  
what? Planning, Economic Geography, only a few courses in English each semester, but in 2-b: bachelor thesis  
when? 4-5 months, late September - January and February – June, for bachelor thesis: mid April to mid July.  
website? <http://erasmus.panteion.gr/index.php/programs/incoming-students>
- A13 GREECE – University of Thessaly, School of Engineering, Dept of Planning and Regional Development (Volos, Greece)**  
what? Planning, Regional development, only some master level courses in English  
when? 4-5 months, late September - January and February - June  
website? <http://www.uth.gr/en/index.php> <http://www.prd.uth.gr/en/>
- A14 HUNGARY – Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Science (Budapest, Hungary)**  
what? Geography/Social Sciences; master (and some bachelor) courses in English  
when? 5 months, early September - early February, early February - early July  
website? <http://www.elte.hu/en> <https://www.elte.hu/en/incoming-mobility/courses>  
<https://www.elte.hu/en/faculties/science>
- A15 HUNGARY – University of Pecs, Faculty of Science (Pecs, Hungary)**  
what? Geography, tourism; courses (in physical and human geography in English); bachelorthesis, master thesis  
when? 5 months (courses), 3, 4 or 5 months for bachelorproject or master thesis; Sept-Jan, Feb-June  
website? <http://english.pte.hu/tartalom/867> [https://pte.hu/english/erasmus\\_exchange\\_programmes](https://pte.hu/english/erasmus_exchange_programmes)  
<http://www.ttk.pte.hu/en>
- A16 ICELAND – University of Akureyri (Akureyri, Iceland)**  
what? Social sciences; Regional/Rural Geography; courses in English  
when? late August – late December, early January – late May  
website? <http://english.unak.is/students/incoming-exchange-students/exchange-student-application>
- A17 ITALY – Politecnico di Milano, School of Architecture, Urban Planning, Construction, Engineering (Milan, Italy)**  
what? Geography, planning; some courses (master level) in English; bachelorproject, master thesis  
when? 4 or 5 months, mid-September to late February, late February to mid-July  
website? <http://www.auic.polimi.it/en/>

## EUROPE Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

- A18 LATVIA – Latvia University of Agriculture (Jelgava, Latvia)**  
what? Rural studies; Geography and Planning; bachelorproject; master thesis.  
when? 3 months (bachelorproject, masterthesis), full semesters (courses – if available in English)  
website? <http://eng.llu.lv> <http://www.llu.lv/en/exchange-studies>
- A19 LATVIA – University of Latvia, Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences (Riga, Latvia)**  
what? Geography, Arts; more and more courses in English; bachelor thesis; master thesis  
when? for courses full semester; for bachelor or master thesis semester 1-a or semester 2-b  
website? <http://www.lu.lv/eng/faculties/fges/> <http://www.lu.lv/eng/istudents/exchange/>
- A20 NORWAY – Helsinki University, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Geography (Helsinki, Norway)**  
what? Geography (at least 50% of courses), Area and Cultural Studies, Social Sciences; bachelor/master courses  
when? 4 months, mid-August-late December; early January - late May  
website? [www.uia.no/en/studies/exchange-students](http://www.uia.no/en/studies/exchange-students)
- A21 NORWAY – Agder University, Department Development Studies (Kristianstad, Norway)**  
what? Geography, Planning, bachelor courses (in English) – courses in many disciplines possible  
when? 4 months, mid-August-late December; early January - late May  
website? [www.uia.no/en/studies/exchange-students](http://www.uia.no/en/studies/exchange-students)
- A22 POLAND – Jagiellonian University, Institute of Geography and Spatial Management (Krakow, Poland)**  
what? Geography, Planning; courses (bachelor or master, in English); bachelor thesis, master thesis  
when? 5 months, October- late February; late February - June  
website? <http://www.geo.uj.edu.pl/institut.php?page=zaklady&lang=1>  
[http://www.dmws.uj.edu.pl/en\\_GB/przyjezdajacy-studenci/program-erasmus](http://www.dmws.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/przyjezdajacy-studenci/program-erasmus)
- A23 POLAND – Wroclaw University, Faculty of Earth Science and Environmental Management (Wroclaw, Poland)**  
what? Geography, courses at bachelor's and master's level  
when? 5 months, mid-September – January, February – June  
website? <https://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/faculty-earth-science-and-environmental-management>  
<https://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/incoming-students/exchange-students>
- A24 PORTUGAL – Universidad Nova de Lisboa, Dept. of Geography and Regional Planning (Lisbon, Portugal)**  
what? Geography, heritage, planning; bachelorproject; masterthesis  
when? 3, 4 or 5 months  
website? [http://www.fcsh.unl.pt/internacionalizacao-en/mobilidade/erasmusplus?set\\_language=en](http://www.fcsh.unl.pt/internacionalizacao-en/mobilidade/erasmusplus?set_language=en)
- A25 SPAIN – Universidad de Barcelona, Faculty of Geography and History (Barcelona, Spain)**  
what? Geography, history; courses; perhaps also bachelorthesis (to be confirmed)  
when? regular teaching term mid-September to late January and early February to late May  
website? [gih-erasmus@ub.edu](mailto:gih-erasmus@ub.edu) <https://www.ub.edu/web/ub/en/estudis/estudiar> [UB/estudiar](#) [UB.html](#)
- A26 SPAIN – Universidad de Zaragoza, Dep. de Geografia y Ordenacion del Territorio (Zaragoza, Spanje)**  
what? Geography, heritage, planning; courses (bachelor, in Spanish); bachelorthesis; masterthesis  
when? 3, 4 or 5 months, regular teaching term mid-September to mid-January and early February to late May  
website? <http://wzar.unizar.es/servicios/inter/Incoming.htm>
- A27 SWEDEN – Lund University, Dept. of Human Geography and Human Ecology Division (Lund, Sweden)**  
what? Human Geography, Development Studies; courses (in English) at bachelor's and master's level  
when? 5 months, mid August – mid January, mid January – late May  
website? <http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/international-admissions/exchange-study-abroad/exchange-studies>

## EUROPE Sweden (continued), United Kingdom

- A28 SWEDEN – Stockholm University, Department of Human Geography (Stockholm, Sweden)**  
what? Geography, Planning; courses (only master students, in English)  
when? late August - mid January, mid January – late May  
website? [http://www.humangeo.su.se/exchange\\_students](http://www.humangeo.su.se/exchange_students)
- A29 SWEDEN – Uppsala University, Department of Earth Sciences (Uppsala, Sweden)**  
what? Geography; other subjects; courses  
when? 3 or 5 months, late August - mid January, mid January – late May  
website? <https://www.uu.se/en/admissions/exchange/>
- A30 UK – Queen’s University, School of the Natural and Built Environment (Belfast, Northern Ireland)**  
what? Human Geography, Planning, Architecture  
when? 3 to 4 months, late September – mid December; early January – mid April  
website? [www.qub.ac.uk/schools/NBE](http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/NBE) <http://www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Studyabroad/>
- A31 UK – University of Cardiff, School of Planning and Geography (Cardiff, Wales)**  
what? Human geography and planning, courses, bachelor/master level  
when? 4 to 5 months, mid September – late January, late January – mid June  
website? <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/geography-planning> <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/erasmus>
- A32 UK – University of Ulster, School of Geography and Environmental Sciences (Coleraine, Northern Ireland)**  
what? Environmental Science, courses, bachelor level  
when? 4 to 5 months, mid September – late January, February – mid June  
website? <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/es/> <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/international/exchanges-study-abroad>
- A33 UK – Scotland's Rural College, Research Group Land Economy, Environment & Society (Edinburgh, Scotland)**  
what? (research) master thesis supervision  
when? 4 months, dates depend on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year courses  
website? [http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120037/land\\_economy\\_environment\\_and\\_society](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120037/land_economy_environment_and_society) <https://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120263/erasmus>
- A34 UK – Leeds Beckett University, School of Built Environment & Engineering (Leeds, England)**  
what? Geography and planning, urban issues, housing; courses, bachelor level  
when? 4 months, mid September – mid January, late January – late May  
website? <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/aet/benv/> <http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/study-abroad/inbound-exchange/>
- A35 UK – Lincoln University, School of Geography (Lincoln, England)**  
what? Human geography, rural studies, courses, bachelor level  
when? 4 to 5 months, mid September – mid January, early February – mid May  
website? <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/geography/> <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/>
- A36 UK – Newcastle University, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology (Newcastle, England)**  
what? Human geography, courses, bachelor level  
when? 4 to 5 months, late September – late January, or late January – mid-June  
website? <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/gps/geography/> <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/mobility/newcastle/europe/>
- A37 UK – University of Reading, School of Archaeology, Geography and Environmental Science (Reading, England)**  
what? Human Geography, Physical Geography, courses, bachelor level  
when? 3 months, late September – December, or early January – late March  
website? <http://www.reading.ac.uk/sages/> <http://www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/vso-incomingstudents.aspx>
- A38 UK – University of Southampton, Dept of Geography and Environment (Southampton, England)**  
what? Geography and (environmental) planning, courses, bachelor level  
when? 4 to 5 months, late September – late January, or late January – mid-June  
website? <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/geography>  
<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/exchanges/incoming-students.page>



## UNITED STATES

*excluding Multi-Faculty Exchange universities*

- B1 Ball State University (Muncie, Indiana)**  
what? Planning, architecture, design; courses (bachelor and master level)  
when? 4 months, mid August – mid December, early January – early May  
website? <http://cms.bsue.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/cap/programs/urbanplanning/>
- B2 University of Nebraska (Omaha, Nebraska)**  
what? Geography, international studies; courses (bachelor level)  
when? 4 months, mid August to mid December, early January – early May  
website? <http://www.unomaha.edu>
- B3 State University of New York at Geneseo**  
what? Geography; courses (bachelor level); bachelorthesis  
when? 4 months (mid-August to mid-December; February-May)  
website? <http://www.geneseo.edu/geography/> <https://www.geneseo.edu/ojp/incoming-exchange-students>
- B4 University of Washington, School of Architecture and Urban Design, Seattle (USA)**  
what? Planning, Real estate; courses; master students  
when? 3 or 4 months, mid September to mid December, early January to mid March, late March to mid June  
website? <http://urbdp.be.washington.edu/>

## UNITED STATES: NEURUS (B5, B6, B7, B8)

<http://www.neurus.org>

### **NETWORK FOR EUROPEAN AND UNITED STATES REGIONAL AND URBAN STUDIES**

For MSc (also Research Master) and PhD students Spatial Sciences (all disciplines). This is a full semester exchange program, with an exchange to the US usually in the second semester. The focus is on the master thesis or on a research project that can be incorporated in a larger research (e.g., PhD study). The NEURUS program includes the participation in seminars and workshops (workshop and seminar in Europe in September; seminar in the United States in April). Core universities in USA

- B5 Arizona State University, Phoenix**  
**B6 University of California, Irvine**  
**B7 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida**  
**B8 University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign**

*More information on NEURUS and special scholarships for participation in NEURUS: Paul van Steen*

## AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

*excluding Multi-Faculty Exchange universities*

- B9 NEW ZEALAND - University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand**  
what? Geography, Planning; courses July-November or February-June.  
when? 4 to 6 months, July-November or February-June.  
website? <http://www.auckland.ac.nz>  
<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/international-students/study-options-for-international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange.html>

## ASIA

*excluding Multi-Faculty Exchange universities*

- B10 HONG KONG – Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)** *in cooperation with Faculty of Economics and Business*  
what? courses, undergraduate  
when? August-December, January-June  
website? <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/eng/main/index.jsp>  
[http://ar.hkbu.edu.hk/curr/ug\\_std/course\\_reg\\_withdrawal/course\\_offer\\_exchange\\_intl\\_visiting\\_std/](http://ar.hkbu.edu.hk/curr/ug_std/course_reg_withdrawal/course_offer_exchange_intl_visiting_std/)
- B11 INDONESIA – University of Gadjah Mada, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (Yogyakarta, Indonesia)**  
what? courses; bachelor level (a nice package of courses in English in international studies, politics, social sciences)  
when? 4 months, September-December, March-June  
website? <http://fisipol.ugm.ac.id/en/>
- B12 CHINA – Renmin University, School of Public Administration and Policy (Beijing, China)**  
what? courses; (bachelor level and) master level; Planning (but also other disciplines possible)  
when? 4 months, early September – mid January, late February – late June  
website? <http://www.ruc.edu.cn/en>

## LATIN AMERICA

*excluding Multi-Faculty Exchange universities*

- B13 BRAZIL – Federal University of ABC (Santo Andre, Sao Paulo State, Brazil)**  
what? courses bachelor level (territorial planning, economics, real estate); bachelor and master thesis supervision  
when? 3 (to 4) months, February-April, May-July, August-December  
website? <http://ufabc.edu.br/en/>
- B14 BRAZIL – University of Fortaleza (UNIFOR) (Fortaleza, Brazil)**  
what? courses bachelor level  
when? 3 (to 4) months, February-April, May-July, August-December  
website? <https://www.unifor.br/english>
- B15 MEXICO – Mexico Institute of Technology (ITAM), Mexico City** *in cooperation with Faculty of Economics and Business*  
what? courses bachelor level (Economics/Business, also some courses in English in other disciplines)  
when? t.b.a.  
website? [http://intercambio.itam.mx/licing/licing\\_eng.html](http://intercambio.itam.mx/licing/licing_eng.html)
- B16 CHILE – Catholic University of Chile (PUC), Santiago** *in cooperation with Faculty of Economics and Business*  
what? some courses in English (in Planning and Geography), bachelorproject or masterthesis supervision  
when? t.b.a.  
website? <http://www.uc.cl/en>

## MORE INFORMATION.....

1. On Nestor ("Spatial Sciences Abroad" organization): short study abroad experience reports can be found, written by Spatial Sciences students that have been exchanged in the past. These reports contain a lot of practical information and suggestions. In order to read these reports, you need to be enrolled. Email Paul van Steen [p.j.m.van.steen@rug.nl](mailto:p.j.m.van.steen@rug.nl) to request enrollment.
2. Personal advice meetings with the Faculty's student exchange coordinator, Paul van Steen, are organized in October, November, December and January of each academic year, following the general information session (this year on **Thursday October 25, 17:00-19:00**, 5412.BlauweZaal). Use the list on office door 5417.0019 to subscribe for a personal advice meeting of 20 minutes after October 25th.
3. Walk-in hours. During the whole academic year, Paul van Steen has 2 or 3 walk-in hours per week. See the note on his office door (room 0.19), or check internet: [www.rug.nl/staff/p.j.m.van.steen/teaching](http://www.rug.nl/staff/p.j.m.van.steen/teaching)