



# How To Choose A University Abroad

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**WHY STUDY ABROAD?**

# Why you **really** should study abroad?



## BECAUSE STUDENTS LIKE IT!

“ I was the shyest, least confident girl ever, and I have grown so much, and become someone I really do not feel like I would have if I had stayed in England and gone to university there. ”

**Keren Hewett**



“ [T]he key to studying abroad... [is] being prepared to meet and interact with different cultures so you can appreciate and embrace them. This will lead to you being able to make the most of your experience and learn things you never thought you would. This is the true value that a university abroad offers, a new perspective of the world. ”

**Etain Dobson**



## BECAUSE EMPLOYERS RECOMMEND IT!



“The best students have one thing in common. They love learning with – and more importantly from – each other. At [Google], we refer to this new type of talent as having **cultural intelligence.**”

Shuvo Saha  
Director of Google’s Digital Academy

“ Cultural Intelligence (CQ) is about having a thirst to learn from **people who are not like you.** ”



**What is the single  
most important  
consideration when  
thinking about where  
to study abroad?**



## WHY STUDY ABROAD – YOUR CHOICE OF SUBJECT

Which **subject** do you want to study at university?

- Over **3,800** courses taught entirely in English at European and Asian universities.

The screenshot shows the AstarFuture website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for STUDENTS, PARENTS, ADVISORS, SUBJECTS, COUNTRIES, WHAT TO STUDY, and NEED HELP. The main heading is 'Study Engineering in The Netherlands', with 'Study' in white and 'Engineering in The Netherlands' in white text on a blue background. Below the heading, it says 'search among 3551 undergraduate courses taught in English'. There is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder text 'Enter course name, subject, university or country'. The background of the website is a photograph of a canal in a city, likely Amsterdam, with buildings and a bridge.



## WHAT TO STUDY - BUSINESS

“ Doing a course called International Business Management, **it makes sense to do it in another country.** ”

**Archie Buse**



**PRAGUECITY  
UNIVERSITY**



# WHAT TO STUDY - PSYCHOLOGY

Not as much choice, but still some **good options!**



**university of groningen**

**BSc in Psychology  
(3 years)**

- Small class of 15 students
- Strong emphasis on research



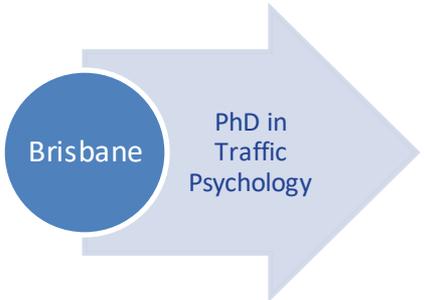
**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT**

**Bachelor in Psychology**

**University of Split, Croatia**



**Ritwik Swain**





# WHAT TO STUDY – MEDICINE, VET MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Sometimes, studying abroad might be your **Plan B!**

## Medicine



UNIVERSITÀ  
CATTOLICA  
del Sacro Cuore



European  
University  
Cyprus



Sveučilište u Rijeci  
University of Rijeka

## Veterinary Medicine



University of Zagreb



UNIVERSITY of  
NICOSIA

## Dentistry



Universidad  
Católica  
de Valencia  
San Vicente Mártir



UCAM  
UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA  
DE MURCIA





# WHERE TO STUDY – A DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL MODEL

But some universities **don't teach subjects!**

Liberal Arts offers **breadth of education**. Great if you are not sure what you want to study or find UK degrees too narrow.





## WHERE TO STUDY – TRY FOR A WHILE

Gap year in the USA – **get a taste of US education**

### Green River Gap Year:

- 3, 6 or 9 months
- Earn university credits
- On-campus dormitories
- Combine academic studies with travelling and volunteering



“ My [Green River] gap year experience was everything I thought it would be and more... [T]o be able to study different classes to figure out what I want to do and what I enjoy in my life was a really good experience for me! ”

**Maria Johansson**

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# **How to compare universities abroad and in the UK?**

# HOW TO CHOOSE – ACADEMIC QUALITY: RANKINGS OR....



Universit  Bocconi  
MILANO

Good universities  
partner with  
good universities.





## HOW TO CHOOSE – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

What **grades** and **subjects** will you need?

Easier to get in?

Maybe...

...but not easy!

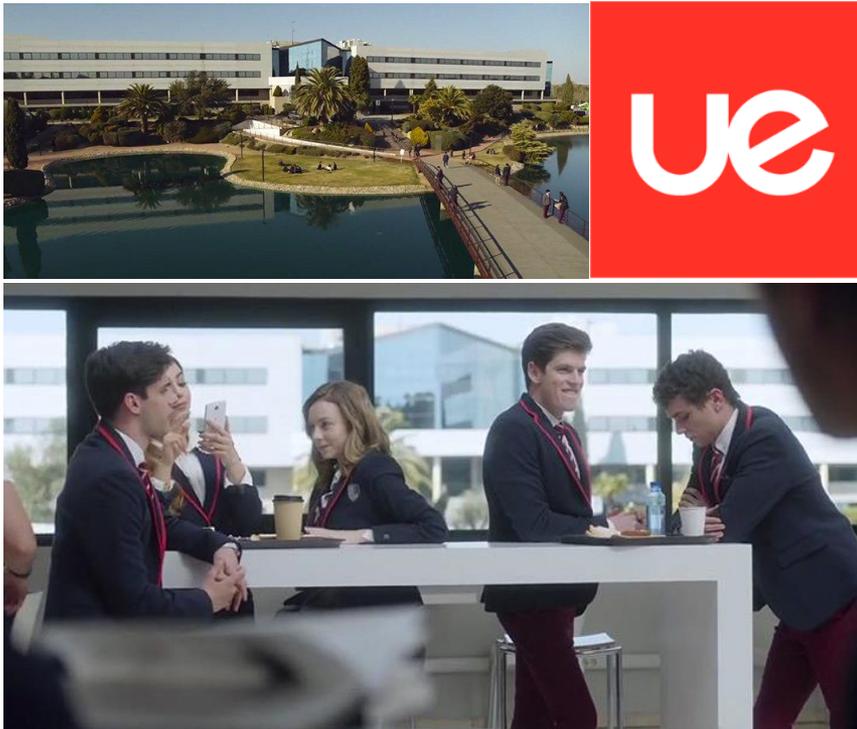


You cannot compare  
**Entry Requirements.**

Additional tests may be  
needed.



## HOW TO CHOOSE – QUALITY OF LIFE?



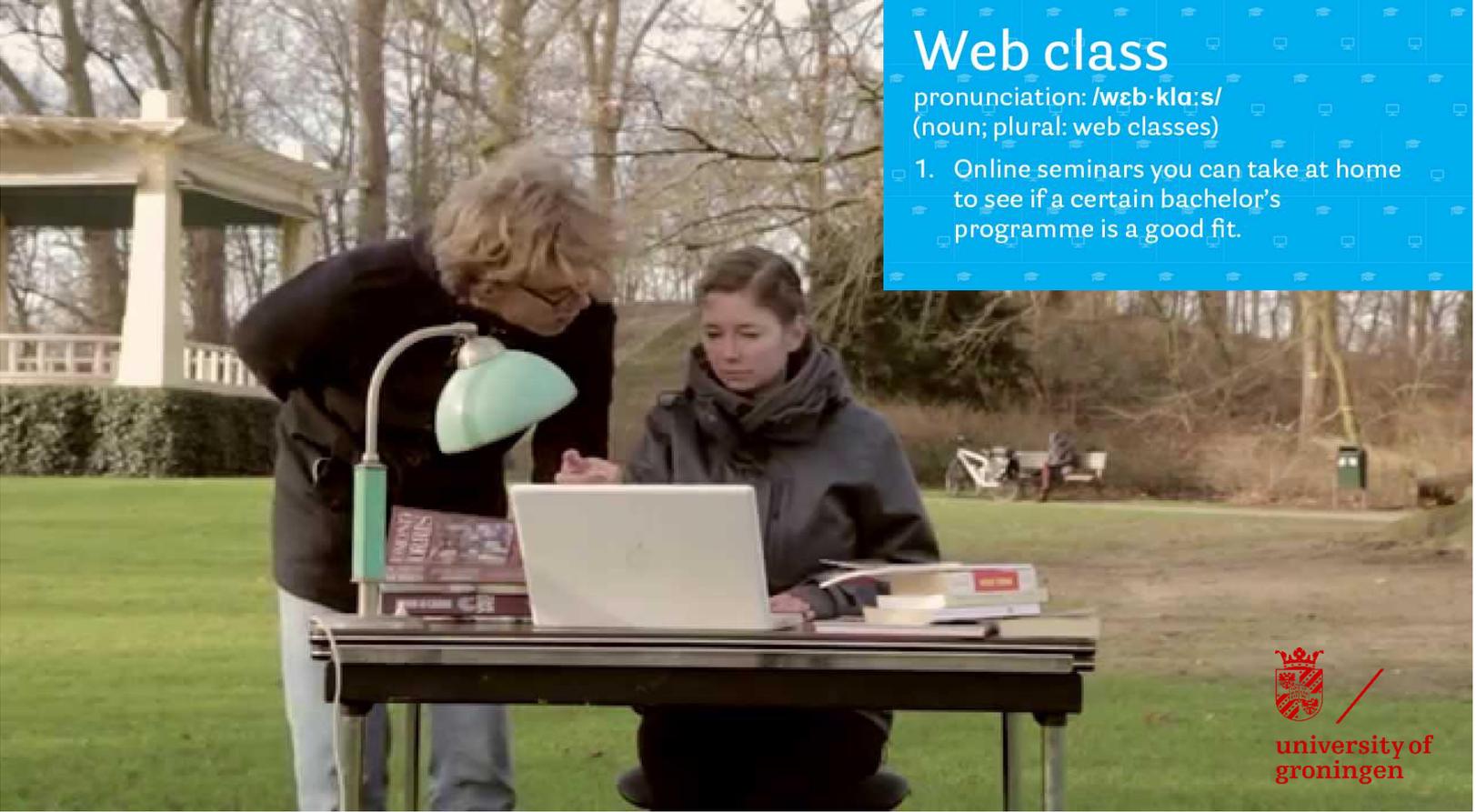
As seen on Netflix!

“ Since visiting the **open day**, I just knew that Van Hall Larenstein was for me and from then I felt very satisfied with my decision to study [there]. I would encourage students to visit the open day if they have the opportunity. ”

Ella Peters



# HOW TO CHOOSE – QUALITY OF TEACHING?



## Web class

pronunciation: /web·klɑ:s/  
(noun; plural: web classes)

1. Online seminars you can take at home to see if a certain bachelor's programme is a good fit.





**What about the  
practical implications  
of going to university  
abroad?**



# THE PRACTICALITIES – RECOGNITION OF DEGREES

Will your degree be **recognised**?



**THE HAGUE**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
APPLIED SCIENCES

**PRAGUECITY  
UNIVERSITY**





## THE PRACTICALITIES – HOW TO APPLY

~~UCAS~~

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION

  
STUDIELINK

Usually you can  
apply **directly!**

Deadlines are often  
**later** than in the UK.



# THE PRACTICALITIES – THE FINANCIAL REALITY!

Is it **cheaper** to study abroad?

**YES**

Fees can be **lower**.



**NO**

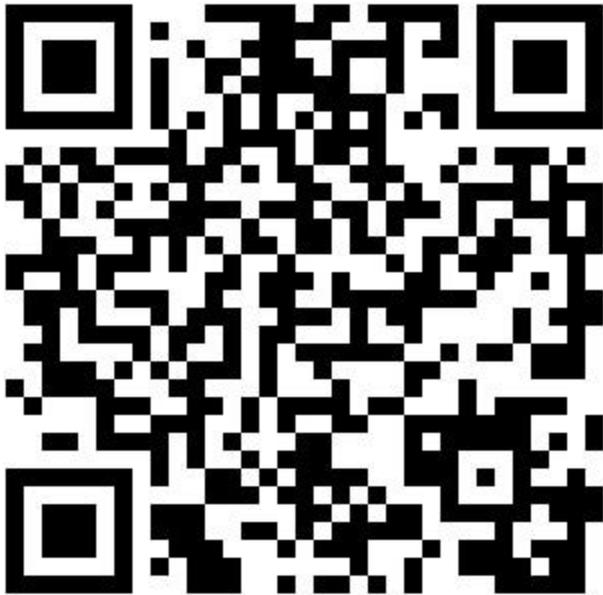
Loans are **harder** to get.

**BUT...**

**BREXIT!**



## WHAT NEXT



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