Cover Sheet for Proposed Reciprocal Exchange Agreement

1. Name and location of partner institution: Universiteit van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2. Proposed duration of agreement:
   Starting date: 1/1/2013   Ending date: 12/31/2015

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5. Purpose of agreement:
   Study Abroad

6. Eligible Participants:
   Undergraduate students

Signature(s) of Loyola Contact:

Signature  Name  Date

Signature  Name  Date

Application for Exchange with Universiteit van Amsterdam
List Colleges/Departments Participating:

- College of Humanities and Natural Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Music and Fine Arts students - There are no related courses for this college.

Approval of Participating Departments and Colleges Listed Above

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Application for Proposed Exchange

Please answer the following questions that are appropriate for the proposed exchange.

1. Please describe the proposed exchange.

The proposed exchange is with the Universiteit van Amsterdam. While we already have an exchange in the Netherlands with Nijmegen, this exchange will provide us with additional courses not available at Nijmegen and in a larger city. Currently, Loyola and UvA exchange students through ISEP but because it is a very competitive exchange on both sides, both UvA and Loyola students are often not placed at the respective institutions.

The following information is taken directly from the website: A modern university with a rich history, the University of Amsterdam (UvA) traces its roots back to 1632, when the Golden Age school Athenaeum Illustre was established to train students in trade and philosophy. Today, with more than 30,000 students, 5,000 staff and 250 study programmes (Bachelor’s and Master’s), many of which are taught in English, and a budget of more than 600 million euros, it is one of the largest comprehensive universities in Europe. It is a member of the League of European Research Universities and also maintains intensive contact with other leading research universities around the world.

Teaching and research at the UvA are conducted at seven faculties: the Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Economics and Business, Law, Science, Medicine and Dentistry, with programmes offered in almost every field. Over time, the UvA has risen to international prominence as a research university, gaining an excellent reputation in both fundamental and socially relevant research. The UvA’s thriving doctoral programmes provide an excellent foundation for engaging in high-quality teaching and research.

The UvA seeks to offer an inspiring international academic environment in which both staff and students can develop their talents optimally. Characterised by a critical, creative and international atmosphere, the UvA has a long tradition of open-mindedness and engagement with social issues, in keeping with the spirit of the city with which it is inextricably linked.

Because we currently exchange students through ISEP, UvA and Loyola are exchanging 2 students during 2012/2013 who were not accepted through ISEP.

2. What is the purpose of the proposed exchange? Faculty exchange? Student exchange? Other?

Student Exchange

3. What are the strengths of the institution abroad?

UvA is ranked among the top 15 universities in Europe and the top 50 world-wide. With over 2,000 international students and researchers from over 80 countries, the University offers both international and Dutch students a unique opportunity to acquire academic knowledge in a truly global environment.
A large offering of English-taught programmes makes the UvA more accessible to international students than most other European universities. Classes are composed of both international and Dutch students. The UvA has one of the largest numbers of international Master’s study programmes of any university in Europe, with over 100 taught in English and several of the courses offered being unique to the UvA.

4. What kind of new opportunities does this program provide for students?

While this is the second general exchange program in Netherlands, there are a wide variety of courses available including numerous courses on the Netherlands through the Cluster on Contemporary Dutch Culture and Dutch language courses which are not available in Nijmegen. Additional courses are available in Film Studies. The addition of this program will allow us to better place students in the appropriate exchange. Some students would do better in a smaller institution and others are interested in being in a larger city.

Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands and possibly, the world's most multi-cultural city. Its population of 750,000 inhabitants contains 177 nationalities, more than New York City. It is a centre of culture, commerce and entertainment and the faculty's central location means students have every opportunity to enjoy student life. This exchange will allow students to take courses for major, minor, common curriculum as well as elective credit.

5. Who does it serve (e.g. specific majors, students of a particular language from any major, all undergraduate students, etc.)? How many? Is there demand or demonstrable need among the students? Is this a site that might be valuable to other departments or colleges? Have they been contacted them?

This exchange will be available to students in humanities, social sciences, and business. There are options available for students in environmental studies but not in other science majors. There are no major courses for students from the College of Music and Fine Arts.

6. What are the admission requirements for the program? (Exchange Programs generally require a 2.75 or higher GPA.) Are there pre-requisites?

This exchange will require a minimum 3.0 GPA.

7. If students' matriculate at an overseas institution please provide the following information in as much detail as possible.

a. Academics

i. What courses would students be able to take? Are these courses for foreigners or are our students integrated with national students? Please provide a course catalogue or the Web site address if only available online.

The current curriculum is comprised of over 100 international study programs. English taught courses can be found in Humanities, Social Sciences, Psychology, Business & Economics, Future Planet Studies. There are only limited courses available for students in the College of Music and Fine Arts.

College of Economics and Business
The Amsterdam Business School has the prestigious EQUIS accreditation (European Foundation for Management Development). Exchange students and independent students can take almost all courses from the
Bachelor's in Economics and Business (BSc) taught in English. For an overview of courses please refer to the attached list of courses offered by the Faculty of Economics and Business. For a complete list and course descriptions, please refer to the website:

College of Humanities and Natural Sciences

Sciences
Nearly all courses at Bachelor's level are taught in Dutch, except the Future Planet Studies program. This undergraduate program consists of interdisciplinary English-taught subjects such as Food (semester 3) and Water (semester 4).
- **Food and Natural Resources** - Are we capable of producing sufficient food for the expanding world population? If so, what do we need to do to realize sustainable forms of food production, and prevent the depletion of our natural resources? See website:
  http://www.studeren.uva.nl/exchange_science/object.cfm/0E16352A-E8B5-4C79-B03D0DDF76084D43
- **Water Management & Water Supply** - In view of the expected climate changes, it seems important to see how knowledge and expertise in water management can be effectively implemented. Considering the growing global demand, questions about how to govern the use and availability of drinking water deserve serious attention too. See website:
  http://www.studeren.uva.nl/exchange_science/object.cfm/B3B563DD-89A9-4C40-B7D6DF8E7AC33A0D

Humanities
The Undergraduate certificate program in Humanities (for exchange students) is a non-degree program for exchange students. The courses offered in the framework of the Undergraduate certificate program in Humanities (UCP Humanities) are organized in the following thematic clusters with a number of courses in each:
- Cluster Arts and media studies
- Cluster Contemporary Dutch studies
- Cluster European and American studies
- Cluster History, archeology and religion
- Cluster Literature and language
- Cluster Philosophy and discourse
- Cluster Modern European Languages; courses taught in target language

These courses cover the wide range of topics that belong to the field of the humanities and focus on the faculty's strong points in research and education. Program and course descriptions are available at:

Psychology
There are also a limited number of psychology courses offered in English. Course descriptions are listed on the attached pages for Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Faculty of Social Sciences
The Undergraduate Certificate Program in Social Sciences (UCP) is a multidisciplinary non-degree program for exchange students. The UCP is part of the College of Social Sciences which offers 5 bachelor degree programs: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science and Social Geography and Planning.

The Undergraduate Certificate Program in Social Sciences offers courses in different thematic clusters. Students may choose all their courses from the same cluster, but this is not necessary; in principle students can choose any course for which they have an appropriate background, in which they are interested and which their home university agrees upon. Detailed information can be found on the website:

The thematic clusters are:
- Communication and Media
- Conflict, Cultural Diversity and the Law
- Development Studies
- Dutch Society
- Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism
- Gender, Sexuality and Society
- Global Health, Care and Society
- International Relations and Globalisation
- Politics, Governance and Democracy
- Society, Culture and Modernity
- Urban Studies
- Law, Culture and Society – This program might be very interesting to students in Middle East Peace studies with courses such as Introduction to Sharia: Islamic Law and Morality (12 EC), Negotiation, Conflict and Governance (12 EC), Peacebuilding and international development (12 EC).

ii. In what language are courses offered? If the program is in a language other than English, are there language prerequisites? How is a student's language ability determined? Are language courses offered prior to the start of the program or during the program if a student were to need a refresher course? Is this an additional cost or included in the exchange benefit?

A large number of courses are offered in English.

iii. Do the courses meet Loyola requirements, e.g. major, minor, common curriculum, and/or electives?
Courses should be able to meet all Loyola requirements as long as approved in advance by the student’s advisor, chair, and the Associate Dean of their college at Loyola prior to their selection to participate in the exchange.

iv. What documentation would we receive from the foreign institution about the courses our students took and how they performed? Please describe the grading system and the expected course load for our students. How would this translate to Loyola’s credit and grading system?

UvA will send a transcript in English and courses will be awarded grades of pass/fail. The Dutch grading system scale ranges from 1 to 10:

- 8 - 10 excellent
- 7.5 - 8 very good
- 7 - 7.5 good
- 6 - 7 satisfactory
- 5.5 - 6 sufficient
- less than 5.5 fail

v. What is the academic calendar and when are the breaks?

UvA has modified their calendar for the 2012-2013 year which will allow our students to attend either the fall or spring semester. Students could take courses during the first and second block of the first semester and be finished by Christmas.

First semester:
- 3 September 2012 – 1 February 2013
  - First Block: 3 September – 26 October
  - Second Block: 29 October – 21 December
- Christmas Holidays: 24 December 2012 - 4 January 2013
- Third Block: 7 January – 1 February

Exam periods:
- 22-26 October
- 17-21 November

Second semester:
- 4 February 2013 – June 28 2013
  - First Block: 4 February – 31 March
  - Second Block: 1 April 2013 – 31 May 2013
  - Third Block: 3 June 2013 – 28 June 2013

Exam periods:
- 25 March -29 March
- 29 April – 3 May (retakes previous blocks)
- 27 May -31 May

b. Student Services

i. Please describe the room and board options available to students in detail.

1. Where will the students live? On-campus? Off-campus? If students stay with host families, how are they selected and evaluated?
Like most Dutch universities, the University of Amsterdam does not have a campus, and demand for student housing in Amsterdam is very high. To assist international students in finding appropriate housing, the university has signed agreements with various housing corporations. These corporations offer furnished accommodation to students for one or two semesters only. Sheets and blankets are available at cost price. The rent for these rooms varies according to type, size and location. In total the UvA has more than 1700 rooms to allot to international students. The university accommodation is located in different areas of Amsterdam and Diemen. Locations can range from a flat with many other students in Zuid Oost to small scale accommodation in the city centre. All different places can be reached from the city center within 20 minutes by public transport.

International students are housed in different types of student rooms (shared accommodation, private accommodation with shared facilities, and private accommodation). Student housing is scattered all over the city and outside of Amsterdam in neighbouring towns like Diemen and Amstelveen. It is very difficult to find student accommodation on the private market; therefore International Student Affairs will arrange and guarantee housing for students who participate in exchange programmes within the bilateral agreement.

The Short Stay offices offer the following types of accommodation:
- single rooms with private facilities (kitchen, bathroom),
- single rooms with shared facilities (kitchen, bathroom),
- shared rooms, in which one living space is shared between two students (of the same gender),

**International students in Dutch student buildings**
Most international student rooms are situated in buildings or on floors with only international students. However, some are located on floors where the majority of tenants is Dutch. The benefits of living on a floor with Dutch students include the opportunity to make Dutch friends, a first-hand introduction to Dutch student culture in Amsterdam and the opportunity to improve your Dutch language skills. Although many Dutch students speak English well, the main language on these mixed floors will be Dutch.

**Housing corporations**
De Key and Stichting DUWO are non-profit social housing corporations located in Amsterdam. De Key owns more than 33,000 rental units, 6,000 of which are rented to (mainly Dutch) students. Around 1,500 rooms with different types of facilities are made available for short-term leases to international students at the UvA. Stichting DUWO is the oldest and biggest student accommodation office in the Netherlands. It rents approximately 16,000 units, mainly to (Dutch) students. Of the 6,000 of these rooms located in Amsterdam, the UvA rents approximately 250 rooms to accommodate international students.
The department at De Key that handles international student housing is called Short Stay Facilities, and the department at DUWO is called Short Stay Housing.

Complete information on housing including costs and payment are available on the websites:
DUWO http://www.duwo.nl/?id=2&ch=ENG
De Key http://www.shortstay.dekey.nl/

2. Are the following services available to students in their housing:
   a. Air conditioning? Is it needed?
      Not needed
   b. Phones in room?
      no, students will need to buy local cell phones upon arrival.
   c. Shared or private bathrooms?
      Varies according to rooms – see above.
   d. Furnished? Unfurnished? What should students bring?
      Varies according to rooms – see above.
   e. Internet access from rooms? Wireless?
      Varies according to rooms – see above.

3. Health and safety issues in housing
   See above
   a. Is access to housing/dormitories secure?
   b. Does the facility appear to be clean?
   c. Is the location of housing safe? Do students have a long way to walk at night?
   d. Is there access to public transportation?

4. Who assists the students with their housing?
   See above. International student Affairs will arrange housing for exchange students through the two non-profit social housing corporations.

5. Is temporary housing available if students arrive early?
   No

6. Where will the students eat?
   Students have access to kitchens and cook their own food.
7. How do students pay for housing and meals? What are the costs of the different housing options?

Complete information on housing including costs and payment are available on the websites:
DUWU [http://www.duwp.nl/?id=2&ch=ENG](http://www.duwp.nl/?id=2&ch=ENG)
De Key [http://www.shortstay.dekey.nl/](http://www.shortstay.dekey.nl/)

ii. What office at the foreign institution would assist our students?

International Student Affairs

iii. Is there an orientation for students on-site? What is included?

ISN introduction days
Before the start of each semester International Student Network Amsterdam (ISN) offers an introduction program for all new arrived international students (costs 65 Euro). For more information about the program: [http://isn-amsterdam.nl/content/introduction-week](http://isn-amsterdam.nl/content/introduction-week).

General Intake appointment
During the intake appointment all practical matters of arriving in Amsterdam will be arranged. The meeting covers the following items: your UvA student card, opening a Dutch bank account, Civil registration and legal residency in the Netherlands.

Faculty information sessions (mandatory)
All faculties/academic departments will organize an information session. During these sessions important information will be given about studying at the UvA, course registration and academic environment will be given. The meetings are mandatory.

iv. Are there special programs to help students adjust to the institution and the country, such as a buddy program, field trips, etc.? Please describe.

The International Student Network (ISN)
The International Student Network - Amsterdam (ISN) is part of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), which has over 100 branches across Europe. It is a non-profit organization, founded in 1997 by Dutch students from the University of Amsterdam, to help international students find their way around the university and the city. The ISN-A tries to reach this goal by focusing on a wide array of activities.

v. Are visas required for students and what support does the institution provide?

Visas are not required, but students must obtain a residence permit once the arrive and the cost is 625 Euros. UvA offers immigration services for student residency.

vi. Will students have faculty advisors?

Students will work with the different faculties in selecting their courses.
vii. Is support available for students with disabilities?
Yes there is support for students with disabilities.

viii. Does the university provide computer labs for the students? Printers? Is there a fee for this? Is there wireless or other internet access on campus? Should students bring their own computers?

**Computer labs**
Students have free access to computers located in a number of study centres in the centre of Amsterdam. Each student receives a user name and password so that they can log on to any computer.

Each computer has a 17-inch colour monitor, a CD-ROM drive, Windows 2000 (at Binnengasthuis also Windows XP), Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access and Powerpoint), SPSS, Internet Explorer, FTP, Telnet, HTML Editor.

At a small charge, students can print documents on a laser printer, and have texts and illustrations scanned at the desk.

ix. What additional services not addressed above has the institution agreed to provide?

**Dutch language courses**
The Institute for Dutch as a Second Language (INTT) offers courses at various levels, starting six times a year. An Intensive 48-hours course is offered twice a year prior to the start of the semester, in August and January. If students successfully finish the course they will receive a full reimbursement of the costs. www.uva.nl/intt

The student can also follow an extensive Dutch language course during the semester: tuition appr. 210 euro.

If students successfully complete the Dutch language course, they should contact International Student Affairs for reimbursement of the tuition fees (appr. 210 euro).

8. What are the health, safety and security risks at the proposed program site, and how will these be addressed?
There are no special health and safety issues in Amsterdam. Specific country information is provided to students during the mandatory study abroad orientation and students are encouraged to research their country before they go.

9. How would the program differ from current study abroad offerings, or would it replace a current offering? If the latter, what compelling arguments are there for such a change?
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10. What expenses are covered under the exchange agreement? (Tuition, fees, room and board, etc.)
   Tuition only

11. What provision is there for pre-departure orientation, debriefing of students and evaluation of program?
   All students going on exchange participate in a pre-departure orientation and an evaluation upon their return.

12. Is there potential for the program to develop and grow? Are there opportunities for faculty exchanges, joint research projects, etc.?
   This is primarily a student exchange.
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