

Teaching periods at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University, classes take place during two semesters per year, each of which can be divided into two blocks, or periods, of 9 or 10 weeks. If you start the Joint Programme at Utrecht University (Utrecht is your home university), you will study with us in periods 1 and 2 of your 1st year and the entire 2nd year.

If you join Utrecht University in your 2nd semester as a mobility student, you will study with us in periods 3 and 4 of your 1st year.

Semester I:

Period 1: Starts Monday of week 36 (around the beginning of September)

Period 2: Starts Monday of week 46 (around mid-November)

In period 2, 2020-2021 there are three weeks without lectures: weeks 52, 53 and 1.

Semester II:

Period 3: Starts Monday of week 6 (around the beginning of February)

Period 4: Starts Monday of week 17 (around mid-April)

Time slots at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University a so-called timeslotmodel is used to schedule courses to fit into fixed parts of the week. Using this model prevents overlap in a schedule. In this way, it is easy to see if two courses can be taken in the same period.

The Utrecht University timeslotmodel consists of five slots (A, B, C, D, E).

Timeslot A = Monday morning and Wednesday morning

Timeslot B = Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon

Timeslot C = Monday afternoon and Thursday morning

Timeslot D = Wednesday afternoon and Friday

Timeslot E = Monday evening until Friday evening

Morning = 09.00-12.45 hours, afternoon = 13.15-19.00 hours, evening = 18.00-21.45 hours.

Periods and timeslots have been put into the course schedules below.

Note: each year this may be subject to change. No rights can be derived from this schedule.

Utrecht University as Home University

Bold = mandatory SUSU

Normal = mandatory track course

[] = free elective

EM = Utrecht track Energy & Materials

ECE = Utrecht track Environmental Change & Ecosystems

ESG = Utrecht track Earth System Governance

Year 1 (intake 2020)

Period 1	(A+B) Perspectives on Sustainable Development, GEO4-2301	EM: (C) Tools for Energy & Materials Analysis, GEO4-2326 ECE: (C) Global Environmental Change, GEO4-2310 ESG: (C) Foundations of ESG Research, GEO4-2306
Period 2	(C) Systems thinking, Scenarios & Indicators for SD (GEO4-2331)	EM: (B) Squaring the Circular Economy, GEO4-2338 ECE: (B) Climate System and Adaptation, GEO4-2327 ESG: (B) Governance Theories, GEO4-2332
Period 3	Mobility semester	Mobility semester
Period 4	Mobility semester	Mobility semester

Year 2 (intake 2019)

Period 1	(D) Transdisciplinary case study, GEO4-2302	EM: [Free elective] ECE: [Free elective] ESG: [Free elective]
Period 2	Master's thesis SD, GEO4-2321 + Extended thesis, or extra free electives (15 EC)	
Period 3		
Period 4		

Possibly interesting electives Copernicus Institute:

- GEO4-2323: Environmental Ethics (1A)
- GEO4-2522: Energy in the Built Environment (1B)
- GEO4-6008: Sustainable Water Resources Management (1C)
- GEO4-2338: Squaring the Circular Economy (2B)
- GEO4-2005: Sustainable Food Systems (2D)
- GEO4-2327: Climate System and Adaptation (2B)
- GEO4-2521: Bio-based Economy (3A)
- GEO4-6007: Water Quality Management (3D)
- GEO4-2513: Photovoltaic Solar Energy Physics (4A)

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Year 1 (intake 2020)

Period 1	at your Home university	at your Home university
Period 2	at your Home university	at your Home university
Period 3	(C) Research Design SD, GEO4-2314	EM: (A) Bio-based Economy, GEO4-2521 ECE: (A+B) Environmental Systems Analysis, GEO4-2303 ESG: (D) Research Strategies ESG, GEO4-2304
Period 4	EM: (C) Policies for Energy and Materials Transitions, GEO4-2311 ECE: (A+C) Research project ECE, GEO4-2335 ESG: (C) Analysing Governance Practices, GEO4-2328	EM: (B) Energy Supply Technologies, GEO4-2312 ECE: (A+C) Research project ECE, GEO4-2335 ESG: (B) International Governance for SD, GEO4-2305