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## **ANNUAL REVIEW 2021**

2021 has been another extraordinary year at University College Utrecht, due to the ongoing global pandemic. However, there have been multiple silver linings, including the return of international exchange students. We also are proud to celebrate the multitude of achievements of our students and staff over the year. Here is a quick look back at the significant events of 2021.

**1st January 2021** Prof. Dr. Susan te Pas joins University College Utrecht as Dean. Prof. Dr. te Pas comes to University College Utrecht as a Professor of Cognitive Psychology in Higher Education at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Utrecht University, is co-chair of the

Higher Education Research focus area and a board member of the Center for Academic Teaching of Utrecht University. Prof. Dr. te Pas is also a member of the Education Council of the Netherlands.

**21st April 2021** A consortium led by University College Utrecht teacher Jocelyn Ballantyne receives a grant from the Utrecht Incentive Fund (USO) for a new interfaculty platform for interdisciplinary education. The focus of this project is to bring together Utrecht University teachers working on interdisciplinary education, and developing a virtual knowledge platform where interdisciplinary initiatives at the university are perpetuated and endorsed.

**12th May 2021** University College Utrecht Cluster Chairs Dr. Agnes Andeweg and Dr. Carlijn van den Boomen will participate in the UU Educational Leadership Programme as of September 2021. In this selective programme, run by the university's Centre for Academic Teaching, participants will have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of complex educational issues and design practical solutions for these issues. Cluster Chair Laurien Crump will participate in a parallel programme for academics from the TU/e WUR UU UMCU Alliance.

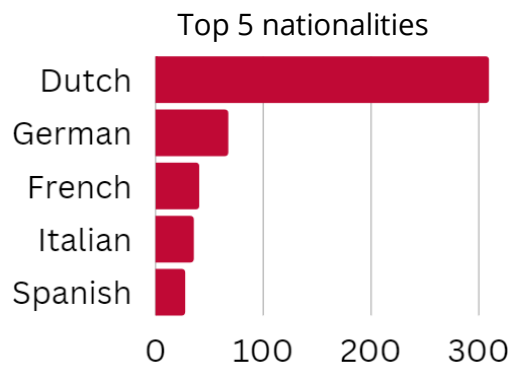
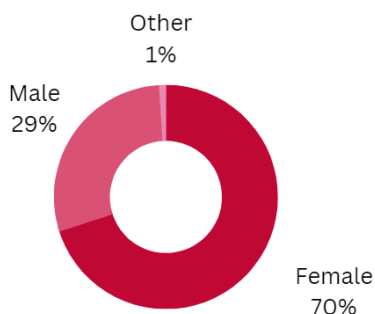
**18th June 2021** Teacher of the Year 2021: Paul Mepschen. Paul is described by our students as "having a genuine nature and being effortlessly funny to an unparalleled degree". With regards to his teaching, students note that he shares knowledge in a well-informed way, cares a lot about teaching and is very hard working.



## Student Statistics

In 2021, 752 students from 63 different nationalities studied at University College Utrecht, of which 722 were full time degree seeking students, and 30 were incoming exchange students. During the year, 60 students went on exchange programmes at partner institutions around the world.

**752** Students in total  
**722** Degree students  
**30** Exchange students



**1067**  
Applications for the  
Fall 2021 session



## Graduation



**181 students**



**42 students**

Over the year, a total of 223 students successfully completed their studies and graduated from University College Utrecht. 181 students graduated in the spring session and 42 students graduated in the fall session. 82% of the students graduated within 6 semesters of starting their programmes, compared to a national graduation average of 35% in the Netherlands.

**5th July 2021** University College Utrecht teacher dr. Patricia Canning has been awarded a Comenius Teaching Fellow grant for educational innovation. Since 2017, more than 200 education professionals have received a Comenius grant. With this grant they can put their vision on educational innovation into practice.

**17 November 2021** University College Utrecht education receives 'Quality seal'. University College Utrecht belongs to the top of Dutch academic education, according to the 'Keuzegids universiteiten 2022'. The Liberal Arts and Sciences programme at University College Utrecht is one of thirteen Utrecht University Bachelor programmes that has received the 'Quality seal' (Kwaliteitszegel).



## Fundraising

**€15,306**

Throughout 2021 a total of €15,306 was raised through charitable donations and was used to support scholarship funds offered to students. 49 students received financial aid during this time.



## Staff

University College Utrecht operates with a total of 70.3 equivalent Full Time Employees (FTE). 23.6 FTE were employed in management and administrations, while 46.7 FTE were composed of the academic staff. In addition, 131 academic staff members of Utrecht University also taught at University College Utrecht



**Management  
and admin**

**Academic staff**

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