

10 most common reasons to follow a full Master abroad

Many UvA students have gone before you and have chosen a master abroad, and there are multiple motives, desires and considerations to do this. Below is a list of the most common reasons. Which apply to you?

1. **You are looking for an academic challenge. You want to deepen your knowledge, specialise in a certain field and be challenged, but you cannot find the right study programme at the University of Amsterdam or another Dutch university.**
2. **You are looking to broaden your academic knowledge. Looking to study a related academic field, but you cannot find the right study programme at the University of Amsterdam or another Dutch university.**
3. **You would like to experience a full (fee-paying) master programme abroad, with a different education system and other academic culture.**
4. **You want to broaden your horizons and get to know a different country.**
5. **You want to study in another language, so you will better master this language.**
6. **You are looking for independence, would like to stand on your own two feet and explore other worlds to benefit your personal development.**
7. **You want to stand out from other students. You have heard that employers appreciate graduates who studied abroad. Please note: do not choose a full master abroad for this purpose only. If studying abroad suits you, it is a good option. But if you are doubtful about leaving the Netherlands for a year or two, please try to explore something else that better suits you. There are more ways to enhance your resume than study abroad.**
8. **You want to study at a highly ranked university. If so, please do pay attention to the actual quality of the specific study programme. Rankings are based on several criteria and provide an overall score for the entire university. Always consult a teacher / professor at the UvA about the quality of the programme.**
9. **You want a second master degree . You are considering a second master, but the cost is too high in the Netherlands . Ask yourself why you would like to get a second master's degree and whether it suits you to study for a another year (abroad).**
10. **It is difficult to find work after graduation. Ask yourself whether obtaining a foreign master's degree will be a good alternative. Do you have doubts, or do you need help finding a job, please contact the Student Careers Centre (www.uva.nl/career).**