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Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: Good Academic Standing
Language of Instruction: English; Dutch
Academic Calendar:
Semester 1: mid-September – late December
Semester 2: mid-January – early May

Through an agreement between Wageningen University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at Wageningen for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Wageningen students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by the university and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis. CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional fees. Housing, food, visa, travel, health insurance, books, and other personal expenses are paid separately.

- International student body comprising ~7,000 students, hailing from 105 different nations
- Safe place, where commuting by bike is the norm
- Affordable
- Unique and interesting classes
- Excellent international reputation
- Voted by students as the number one university in Netherlands
- Take classes in English, at the BSc or MSc level
- Amsterdam is about an hour away
- The rest of Europe is on your doorstep
- Exchange student orientation and buddy program
- Majors align very closely to CALS

Areas of Study

For a full list of majors, click here.

Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:

- Agricultural Sciences
- Animal Science
- Applied Economics and Management
- Atmospheric Science
- Biological Sciences
- Biology & Society
- Communication
- Development Sociology
- Food Science
- International Agriculture and Rural Development
- Natural Resources
- Nutritional Sciences
- Plant Sciences
- Science of Earth Systems
- Science of Natural and Environmental Systems
Classes

Fall semester = Periods 1 & 2 at Wageningen
Spring semester = Periods 3, 4 & 5 (with 6 optional) at Wageningen.

Class planning at Wageningen can be confusing if you're used to working within the Cornell system. Wageningen has 6 terms (details above).

- You can select two courses per period (one in the morning, one in the afternoon).
- Check if the language of instruction is English. All the courses on Masters level are in English as well as the 3rd year BSc courses ('phase' should say B3).
- Most of the courses equal 6 ECTS units (3 US Credits).
- All courses from MSc level are on an advanced level and assume background knowledge on the topic on a BSc level. We strongly recommend you to choose courses from your own field.
- It is strongly recommended to select courses from one specific MSc programme
- To know if the classes are during the morning or the afternoon, look at: MO/AF in the schedule (MO = morning, AF = afternoon) or choose Online version of the planning booklet on the web page Scheduling, which can be found in the menu Study handbook, scheduling.
- Contact the exchange coordinator at WU who is contact person of the specialisation of your choice to discuss your study-program as soon as you have made your selection.
- To be allowed to attend courses you have to register for them at least 6 weeks before the starting date of the course. See Calendar academic year. Registration can be achieved by contacting the teacher/contact persons for the course mentioned in the course description (for instructions see chapter 6). Registration for courses is mandatory and failing to register will result in no admittance to the course. Visit: http://www.wageningenuniversity.eu

Choose: Programme – Master. This will give an overview of all the master programmes and their courses.

You can also search for courses through Subjects by department or Subjects by period.

In general you may choose courses on MSc level and 3rd year BSc level, because the 1st and 2nd year BSc courses are taught in Dutch. By clicking one of these you will find detailed information including timetable information. Wageningen University offers 46 "minors/specializations" of 24 ECTS.

Accommodation

Although housing is difficult to find in Wageningen, the international office at Wageningen will locate housing for you. Students live in dorms or apartments with other students.

Student Visa

The international office at Wageningen will walk you through the steps of applying for an entry visa/residence permit.

Program Costs

CALS students pay their current Cornell tuition with no additional administrative fees. Students are responsible for their own living expenses including travel, accommodation, meals, healthcare, books and supplies during the exchange period.

Financial Aid

If you currently receive financial aid your package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. Financial aid for study abroad is needs-based, consistent with university and government policies, and covers all costs related to study abroad (including program tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, and round-trip airfare).

Application Process

Students apply to the exchange after attending CALS Study Abroad 101 and meeting with the CALS Exchange Coordinator to discuss plans. All application materials will be returned to CALS.