

CW Chu College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Summer Programme at Utrecht University, the Netherlands (online)
(In collaboration with the GOAL Programme of United College)

(www.utrechtsummerschool.nl)

Programme Features:

This 2-week summer course is organised by Utrecht University (Summer School), the Netherlands, for the students of the College in the summer of 2021. Students may choose to attend any one of the following courses:

- (1) ***European Cultures and Identities***
- (2) ***European Politics and Economy***

Duration: 5–16 July 2021

Fees: € \$585 (special rate for CWC students)

Eligibility: Regular students of CW Chu College of all disciplines and years are eligible to apply

Quota: 5 students



Scholarships: Upon completion of the online course and fulfillment of all the programme requirements, the College will provide a subsidy of **HK\$3,000** to each participant. Students who have proven financial need may apply for extra financial support, the exact amount granted will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Credit Transfer: Upon fulfillment of the programme requirements, students can apply for credit transfer (equivalent to **3 CUHK units**); these units will **NOT** be tied to any specific course exemptions, but will be counted as general electives towards the credits required for graduation.

Objectives & Content:

(1) **European Cultures and Identities**

This online course will help you to understand the complicated structure of Europe. We will shed some light on the motives for integration as well as the obstacles on the way to European unity. You will engage with topics such as the emergence and construction of national identities, national identity versus European identity, the cultural heritage of Europe, and the processes of globalization and transnational collaboration.

Lectures will focus on the history, social and economic structures, culture, and current political and social debates within the wider European community. All in all, this is a thought-provoking and inspiring course with an intensive two-week programme with lectures and seminar groups. Together with other students you are expected to work on group presentations and assignments.

(2) **European Politics and Economy**

This online course offers an introduction to the political landscape of Europe. Central to the course is the European Union (EU), a political partnership which has become a major player in global politics. First of all the historical background of the European Union will be discussed. It originated from a long process of political and economic integration that started after the Second World War and culminated in the formation of the EU by the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992. Several lectures will give insight into the various stages of integration, the role of European leaders and the present Euroscepticism and resistance to the European project. An example of which is the UK's decision to step out of the EU. Other issues include the future political expansion of the EU, transatlantic relations, and the development of a shared foreign policy and development aid.

One of the themes of the course is also the system of governance within the European Union. Consisting of the European Parliament (representing the people of Europe); the Council of the European Union (representing national governments); and the European Commission (representing the common EU interest). The role and function of the various other European institutions such as the European Court of Justice and the European Central Bank will be addressed as well.

The last theme focuses on regional and cultural diversity within Europe, discussing the position of various countries and regions within the larger European family, or the role of Europe in the world. Overall students will experience an intensive two-week programme with lectures and seminar groups. Together with other students you are expected to work on group presentations and assignments. **(This course requires basic knowledge about European politics and history)**

Programme Requirements / Assessment:

All participants are required to:

- attend all the briefing(s) and meeting(s) organised by CWC/ UC before and after the course;
- attend all the online/ recorded lectures, seminars, presentation and virtual excursions organised by the Utrecht University, the Netherlands;
- complete all the assignments (oral presentation and written assignments) and obtain a passing grade or above in the final assessment;
- assist the College in the promotion of cultural exchange activities;
- share with other students their experience in the Programme;
- submit a written report to the College after the Programme. The College reserves the right to edit the report for publication purposes.

Application & Deadline: Please apply by submitting a soft copy of (1) the application form; and (2) a checklist of supporting documents, both available at the College website (<http://www.cwchu.cuhk.edu.hk/en-gb/current-students/exchange/summer-exchange>), to Ms. Alice Tang, Executive Officer of the College Office (email: alicet@cuhk.edu.hk) **by 5:30 pm on 29 March 2021 (Monday)**. Late application may not be considered or be put in lower priority.

Enquiries: Ms. Alice Tang, Executive Officer, CW Chu College (Tel: 3943 1965; Email: alicet@cuhk.edu.hk)

* Conversion Rate: EUR 1 :HK\$ 9.26 (for reference only).