



Academic Affairs Council  
Welcome Letter Class of 2021

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear first years,

We would like to wish you a very warm welcome here at UCR! In a few weeks, you will start your UCR career with a hopefully amazing introduction, in which you will meet many new people and have many new experiences. However, after this week your main reason to be here will start: academics. We would like to introduce you to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC), which is the academic student body at UCR, consisting of seven students. The Academic Affairs Council represent UCR students in academic matters, governance bodies at UCR, and function as an intermediary between students, teachers, and UCR.

So, what can you expect us (the AAC) to do? The AAC provides information about academic matters, helps with questions and complaints, organizes info sessions and other events, and is an intermediary between students and faculty/UCR. Another important task of the AAC is the representation of students in the Board of Studies, Programme Advisory Committee (PAC), and UCR Council. Here, we are involved in decisions about educational policies, the execution of these policies, and decisions about UCR in general.

In which cases could you approach us? You don't have to worry about this yet, but if you ever run into trouble with a professor, a course, or a wrong grade, you can always approach the AAC. In that case, we will serve as a mediator between students and faculty and help you with the steps you can take. Furthermore, if you have any questions regarding academics or governance, we are also very willing to help. In this way, we try to make everything around your academic life at UCR as easy as possible.

For you as new students, we have organized the mentor system. Somewhere in the coming weeks, you will receive an email from a current UCR student. This student is available during the summer to answer any questions about student life, academics,

UCR, moving in, Middelburg, or anything else that you might wonder about or need help with. They are there for you, so don't hesitate to contact them.

We are greatly looking forward to meeting all of you soon, and we wish you a lot of fun! If you, as a (prospective) student, have any questions about academic matters, feel free to contact us at [aac@ucr.nl](mailto:aac@ucr.nl) or like our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

The AAC Board '18-'19

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