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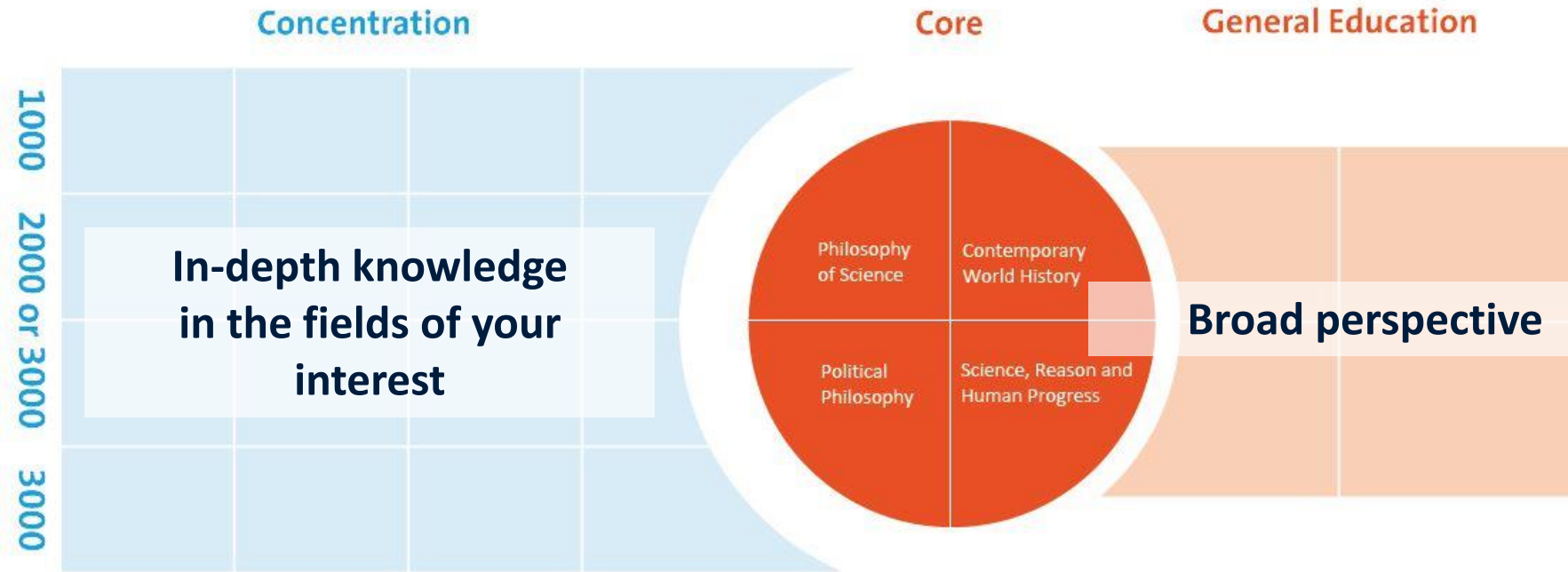
What is UCM?

- Liberal Arts & Sciences Honours College of Maastricht University

- 3 year bachelor's programme taught in English

- Interdisciplinary & open curriculum

- Problem-Based Learning (PBL), small-scale

- Vibrant international community

UCM Curriculum and study objectives

Concentration

Core

General Education

1000
2000 or 3000
3000

In-depth knowledge in the fields of your interest

Philosophy of Science | Contemporary World History

Political Philosophy | Science, Reason and Human Progress

Broad perspective

Skills

Projects

1000
2000
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| Introduction to Academic Skills 1 | Introduction to Academic Skills 2 | Research Methods 1 | Research Methods 2 |

High-level academic skills

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Obtain in-depth knowledge in your fields of interest

Concentration
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Sciences

16 academic courses in 3 years
- 1000>2000>3000 level courses

UCM course catalogue
- More than 150 courses
- External courses max. 60 credits

- **Personal Academic Advisor**

Social Sciences
- Business Administration
- Economics
- International Law
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Statistics

Humanities
- Arts and Literature
- Cultural Studies
- History
- Philosophy

Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Cognitive Sciences & Neurosciences
- Information & Computer Sciences
- Mathematics

Go the extra mile

Obtain a broad academic perspective

Academic core courses

1. Philosophy of Science
   What is science?

2. Contemporary World History
   Historical developments of last 75 years

3. Political Philosophy
   Major political issues of our time

4. Science, Reason and Human Progress
   Scientific reasoning and its role in society

General education
4 courses outside of your concentration

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Obtain high-level academic skills

Academic skills training

- Writing, research, presentation skills, language skills, argumentation & lab skills
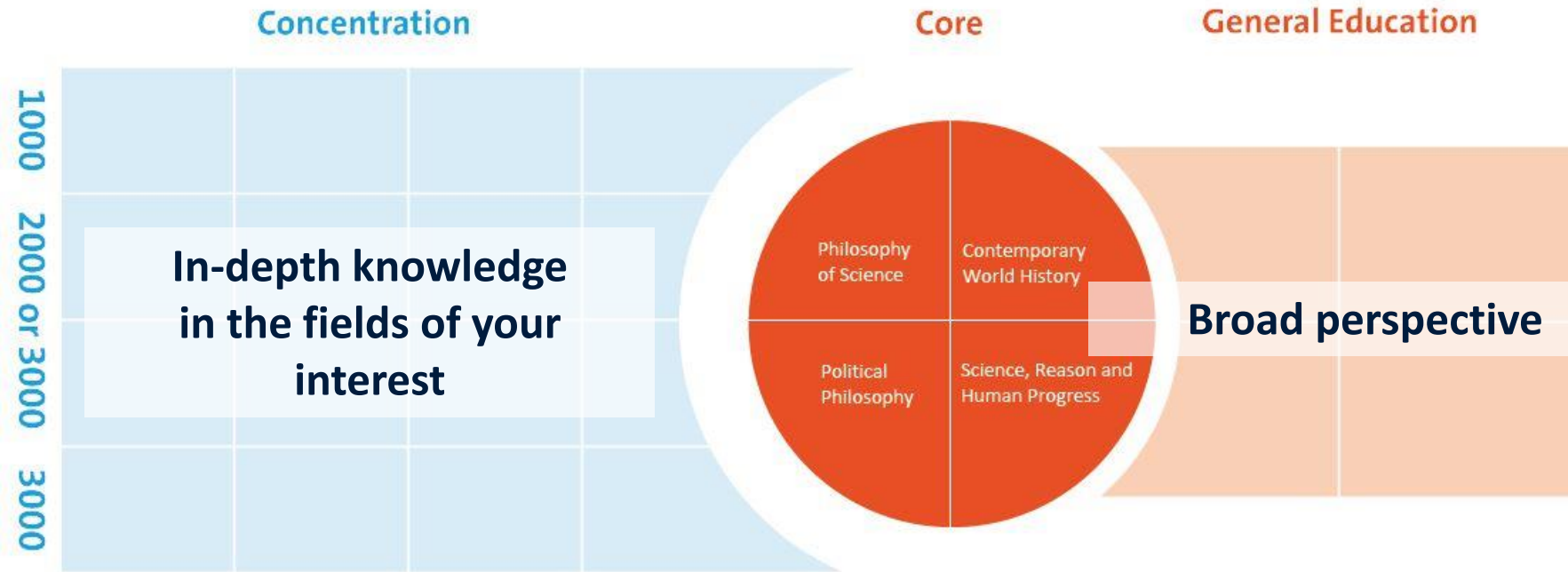
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- To apply the skills and the knowledge from courses
- E.g. research project, academic journal, think tank, academic debate

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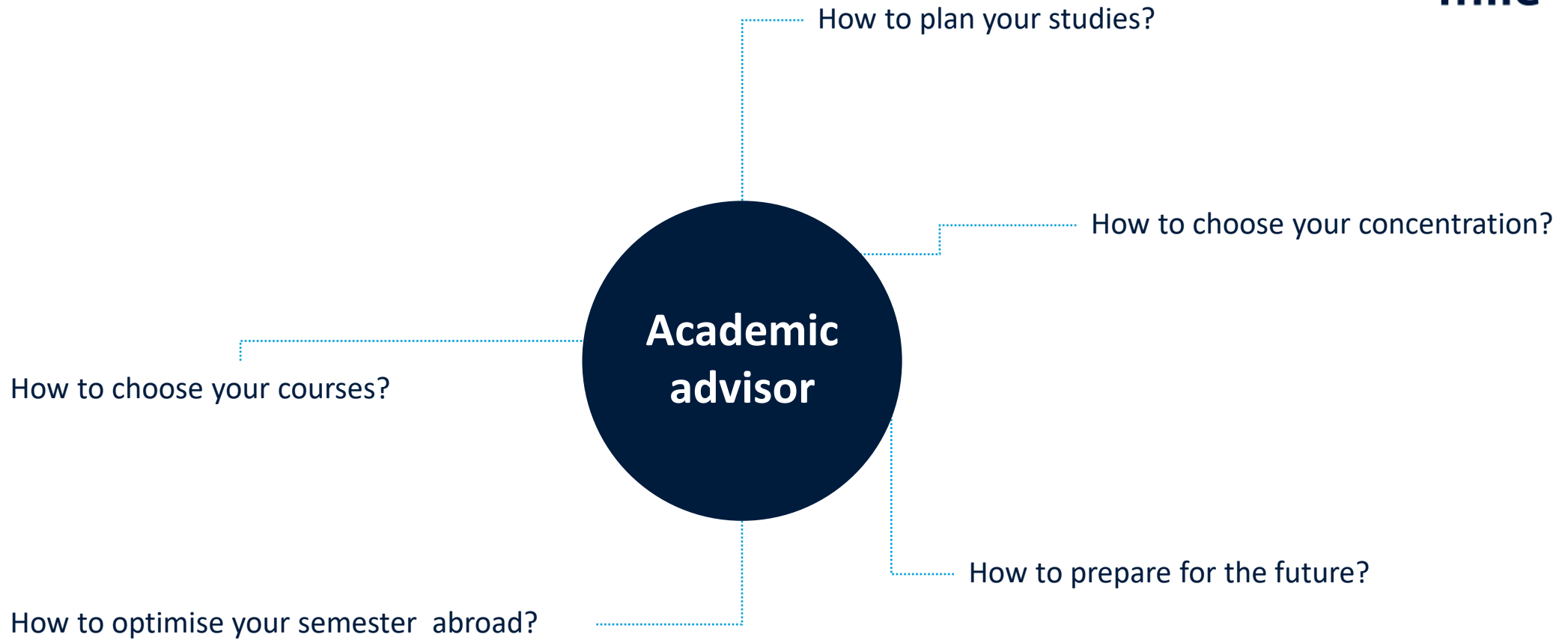| Introducing Academic Communication: A Writing Project | Research Proposal Writing |

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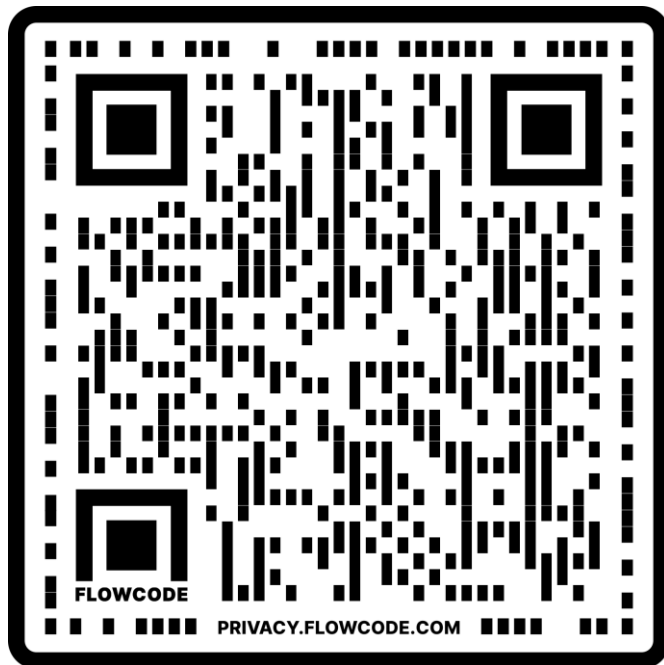
Academic advising

Academic advisor

How to plan your studies?

How to choose your concentration?

How to choose your courses?

How to prepare for the future?

How to optimise your semester abroad?

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Maak een curriculum voor Bob, Anne en Richard

- www.ucm.nl → Courses & Curriculum → Download Course Catalogue

- https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/file/ucm-course-catalogue-2020-2021pdf

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After UCM

- Internationally recognised **Bachelor of Arts** or **Bachelor of Science**
- Essential academic skills, broad development and in-depth knowledge of several subjects
- Access to a wide range of master's programmes

Popular graduate schools:
University of Oxford / Columbia University
The London School of Economics / University College London
Sciences Po Paris / Hertie School of Governance Berlin
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
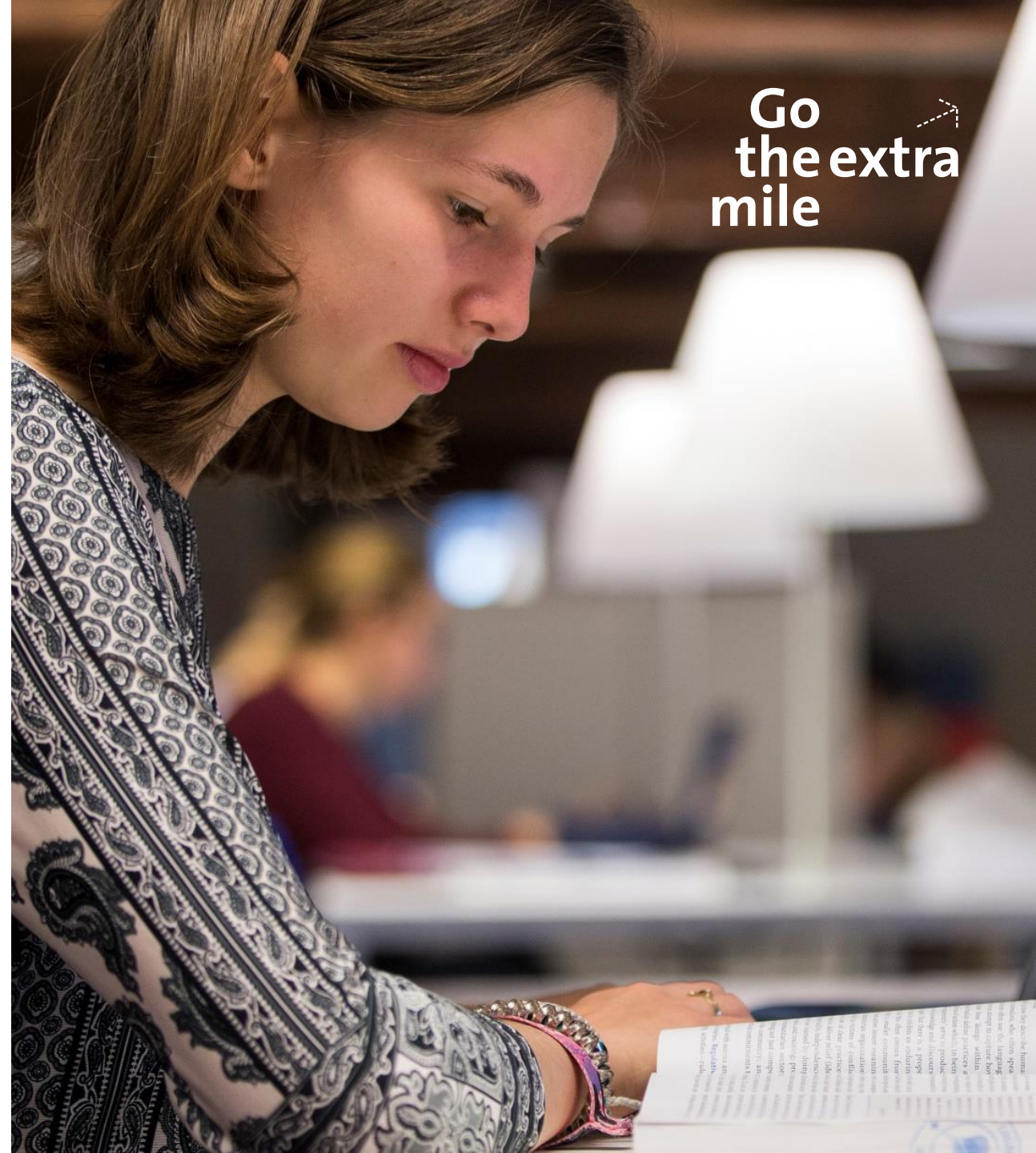
Over
2000
alumni

91%
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Enrolling in a master's programme after UCM

- 91% of our alumni pursued graduate education

- Graduated from a master's programme:
    - 24% graduated from one of the top 50 universities in the world (THE ranking 2016-2017)
    - 17% graduated from one of the top 25 universities in the world (THE ranking 2016-2017)

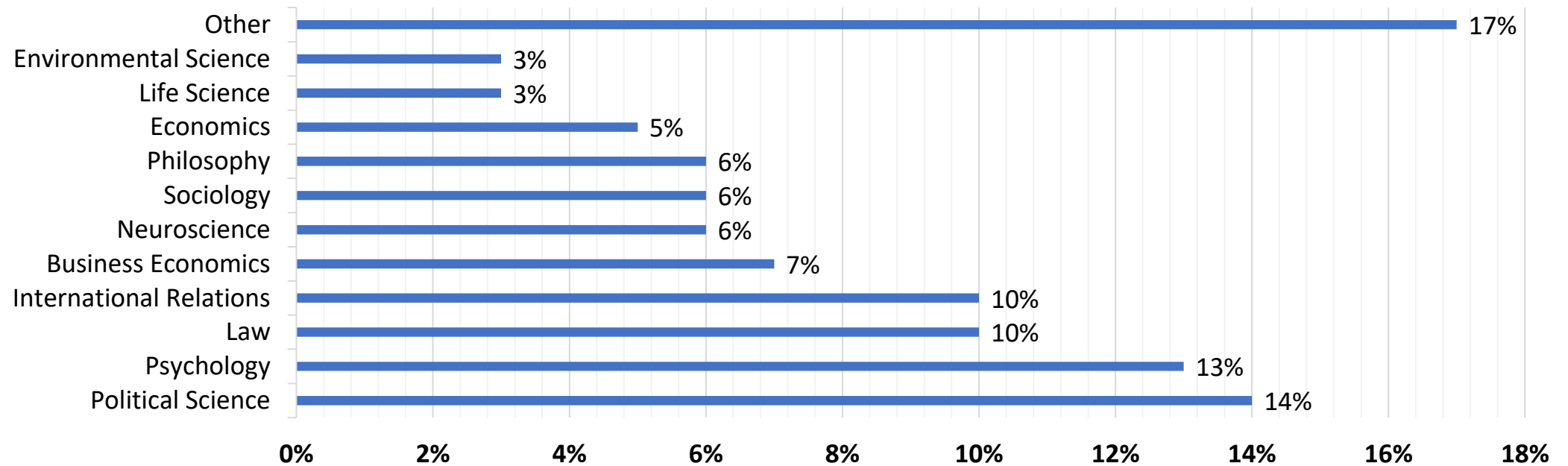- 73% were accepted into their first-choice programme

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What do you do after UCM?

Most common fields of study

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Field	Percentage
Other	17%
Environmental Science	3%
Life Science	3%
Economics	5%
Philosophy	6%
Sociology	6%
Neuroscience	6%
Business Economics	7%
International Relations	10%
Law	10%
Psychology	13%
Political Science	14%

Source: *Alumni Survey UCM 2017 (ROA) & Alumni Survey LAS 2017 (ROA)*

What are graduates currently doing?

Over 1850 graduates → **28% are still studying** → **72% joined the labour market** → **94% is employed**

- 21% Research occupations
- 14% Advisory occupations
- 11% Educational occupations
- 9% Financial or Business occupations
- 8% Commercial occupations

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UCM prepares you for an international career

Top 5 countries where graduates work

Legend: ■ UCM ■ LAS

Country	UCM	LAS
The Netherlands	36%	57%
Germany	26%	10%
The United Kingdom	11%	9%
Belgium	4%	3%
Switzerland	3%	
The United States of America		4%
Other (often the 'home' country of the alumnus)	19%	17%

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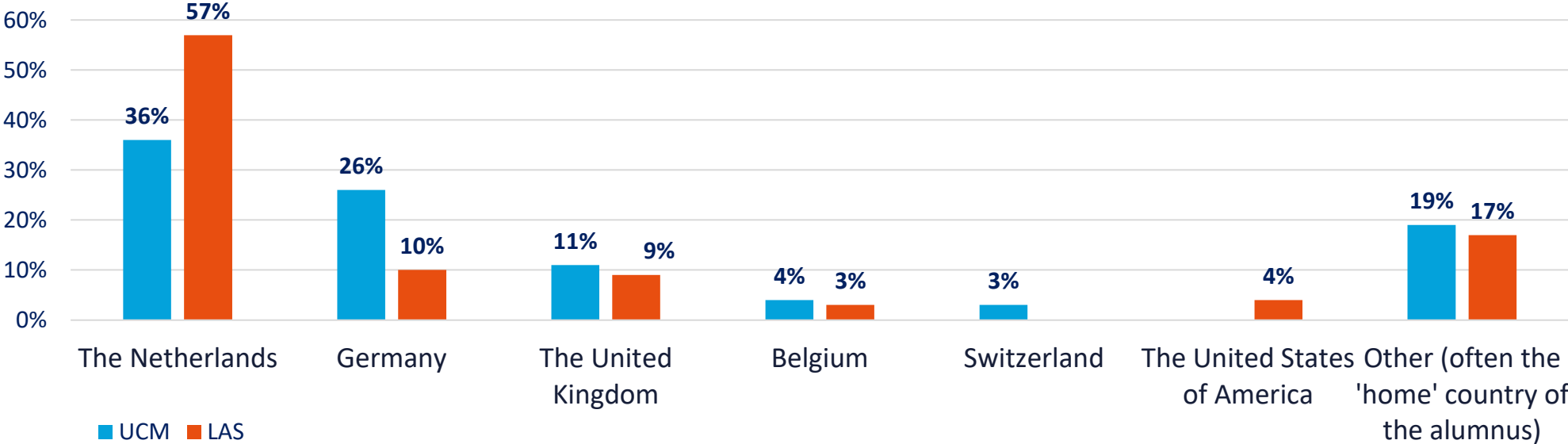
Looking back at UCM

- 92% would attend UCM again

- More than 80% are satisfied with:
    - the quality of the programme
    - the interdisciplinary level
    - the academic level

- Extracurricular:
    - 75% did voluntary work
    - 25% had a study-related side job
    - 25% did an internship

Rankings

Ranked 1st in Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Netherlands Elsevier "Best Studies" Ranking 2019

Ranked 2nd Dutch University Guide Keuzegids 2022 top rated programme with a score of 83

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