

1 | Before you start

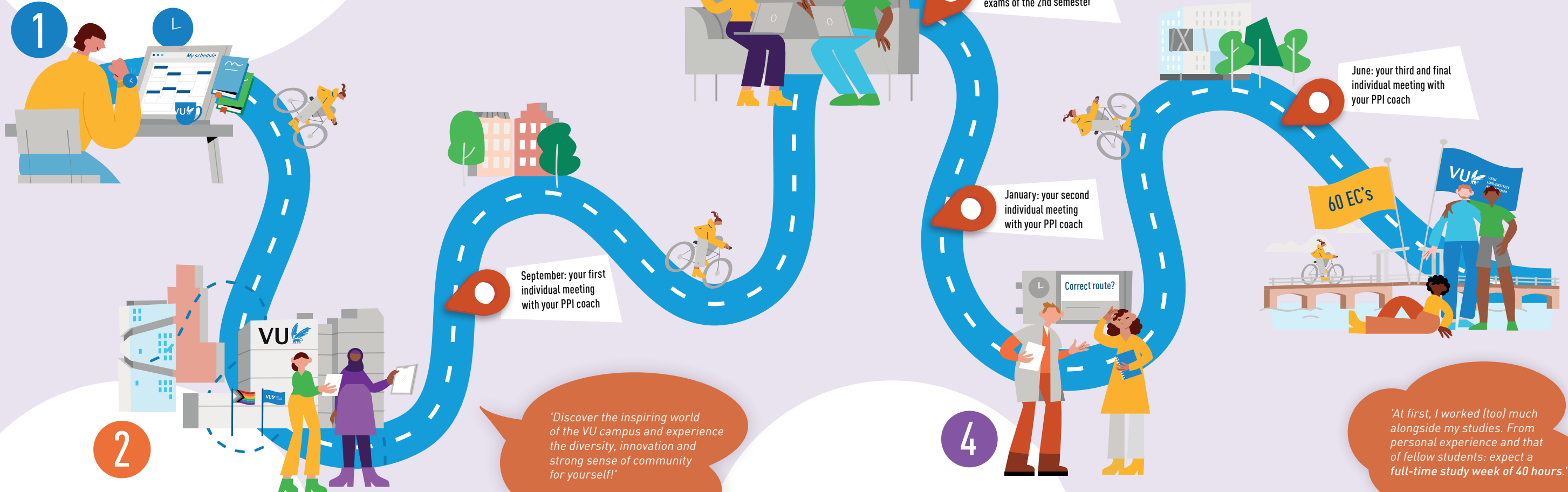
- Make sure your registration is completed by **August 31, 2026** at the latest. Follow the step-by-step guide for **REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT**.
- Learn how to use **CANVAS**. For each course, you will find a Canvas-page to which you will have access approximately one week in advance. This contains all the information on the course content, schedule and assessments.
- Check your **TIMETABLE** and how to link it to your personal agenda. Helpful: you will be automatically enrolled for all the courses and exams of the first semester.
- Get all necessary materials:
 - Check which textbooks you need for each period at **VU-BOOKSTORE**. Order them per period, not all at once.
 - Make sure to have study materials such as pens, flashcards, tabs etc.
 - Check whether you can use your digital **VIRTUAL STUDENT WORKSPACE**.
 - Bring your own coffee cup or buy one in the VU Bookstore. As one of the most sustainable universities in the Netherlands, we do not use disposable cups.
- Come to the mandatory **PROGRAM INTRODUCTION** on **Monday 24 August at 13:00**.
- Attend the kick-off meeting of the Professional and Personal Identity (PPI) trajectory in the last week of August. This meeting will be conducted by the student-coaches. For more information, see the actual program on **CANVAS**.

3 | Semester 1

- Do you prefer studying in silence, alone, or with others? Find the right available **STUDY SPOT** on campus.
- Read the study tips from your **ACADEMIC ADVISOR**.
- Experiment with different study methods because learning to study is part of the process. In the PPI course, you will discover which method suits you best and how you study most effectively.
- Don't waste money on commercial (digital) courses and summaries. They often contain incorrect information and are not created by our lecturers.
- Questions about your studies or study planning? Or are you struggling with personal circumstances that affect your studies? Make sure to contact the **ACADEMIC ADVISOR** on time.

'As important as your study progress is, your time at LiS is about more than just the courses. Make friends, play sports on campus, explore this amazing city that is Amsterdam.'

'My tip? Study together! By working in small study groups, you'll quickly get to know your fellow students and support each other along the way!'



2 | Your first week of classes

- Explore the campus: the vibrant heart of VU. Tip: take **THE CAMPUS** virtual tour.
- Read the study guides for your courses in period 1 on Canvas. These contain important information about the schedule, assessments, and your attendance requirements.
- Make a schedule based on the study guides, your timetable, and your personal agenda. Tip: reserve approximately 40 hours a week for self-study and attending classes.
- You will receive your own **VU-MAIL** address. Check your VU email regularly for important updates. Use your VU email address and password to log in via the Dashboard or Outlook. For security reasons, all university communication is sent exclusively through your VU email, so stay updated.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions, for example, about studying with dyslexia, feeling homesick or other personal issues. Know that you are always welcome to reach out to the **ACADEMIC ADVISOR**.

4 | Semester 2

You are already halfway through the academic year. A good moment to reflect on the past and look ahead.

- Find out if university life and your chosen program are the perfect match for you! Does the teaching & learning style, content of courses and classroom/campus environment suit you? Are you passionate about the subject? And can you see yourself building a future in this field?
- Are you unsure about your choice of study? Discuss this with your academic advisor.
- Looking for **EXTRA CHALLENGES**? Check the possibilities. The **ACADEMIC ADVISOR** is happy to help you figure out what fits you best.
- Prepare for potential resits and make realistic choices. All resits take place in period 6, as indicated in the yearly schedule (see other side) in the **STUDY GUIDE**.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

For students in the first year of the bachelor's program Law in Society, attendance is mandatory for all seminars. This means that you are expected to prepare for the seminars and actively participate in the classes. Specific rules for each course can be found in the syllabus or course manual. General information is available at vu.nl.

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL IDENTITY (PPI)

As a faculty, we want you to get the most out of your time as a student. Studying is more than just earning a diploma; it's also a period of professional and personal growth. In the Professional and Personal Identity (PPI) curriculum, our teachers and senior students will guide you during your first year and offer opportunities to enrich your study experience. This program starts at the end of August. You will receive an email from your coach, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox (and spam folder)!

BINDING RECOMMENDATION ON CONTINUATION OF STUDIES (BSA)

In the first year, it is necessary to earn at least 42 out of 60 credits due to the Binding Recommendation on Continuation of Studies (BSA).

- Familiarize yourself with the BSA in a timely manner.
- In November, January, and May, you will receive a BSA letter in your VU email. If you're below the required standard, make an appointment with the academic advisor.
- If you want to take a break from your studies, submit a deregistration request via Studielink before February 1, 2027. In that way, your BSA status will be cancelled, and you have the option to start again in the next academic year. Also, you will get a refund for overpaid tuition.
- If you anticipate study delays due to personal circumstances, contact the academic advisor as soon as possible. Find out about the conditions for applying for a deferral of the BSA.
- If you're expecting a negative BSA, start planning ahead! Explore alternative options and check application deadlines in advance. A negative BSA means you won't be able to continue your current program, so having a backup plan is essential.
- The final BSA will be sent by **August 22, 2027**, at the latest.

Satisfactory Progress for students from outside of the EU

- For students from outside the EU: make sure you are well informed about the so-called **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**. Please contact the academic advisors if you have any questions.

Hi I am Koen, a third-year student of Law in Society.

In the digital version of the Route planner, the **bold words are hyperlinks** containing a great deal of additional information.



Scan the QR code!

Route planner

Koen will guide you through the **first year** of the **Law in Society** program.





ANNUAL SCHEDULE **BACHELOR LAW IN SOCIETY 2026 - 2027** **YEAR 1**

Week:

36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Period 1								Period 2									Period 3				Period 4						Period 5						Period 6									
Local theme: Defamation and Assault (6 ec)								Global theme: Terrorism (6 ec)									Philosophy of Law and Security (6 ec)				Local theme: Amsterdam and the Platform Economy (6 ec)						Global theme: Multinationals and the Platform Economy (6 ec)						Continuation MPE			No classes. Resits of all the courses from the first year.						
Methodology and empirical research (6 ec)								Criminology (6 ec)									Diversity (6 ec)				Statistics & SPSS (6 ec)						Psychology (6 ec)						Continuation Psychology									
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 ● Course over multiple periods
 ● Examweek
 ● Holiday
 ● Teaching-free week