

Summer Schools From Partner Universities

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Join a Summer School programme!

The variety of what is offered by summer schools abroad is huge. Some summer programs focus, for example, on a certain subject in a full-time intensive course. Others are less intensive and also offer a cultural programme. The duration of a summer school varies from a couple of days up to 8 weeks. In many cases it is possible to receive credits for courses you follow during the summer programme if you request [approval from your examination board](#).

Attractive offers

VU Amsterdam works together with partner universities around the world and many of them offer a summer school programme. As a VU student you can often get **interesting discounts at our partner universities**, which makes following a summer school very attractive. In this document, we have presented our 3 exchange summer schools, as well as other summer schools from partner universities which offer either tuition fee waivers to our students or attractive offers. This is not a complete overview of all our partners and you are welcome to look into summer schools from other universities, for example via [this website](#).

5 Reasons why you should take part in a Summer School

1. You get international and intercultural experience during a short amount of time, which is usually cheaper than a whole exchange semester
2. You get the chance to study at some of the world's best universities, some of which don't offer a normal exchange semester with VU Amsterdam (yet)
3. You can gain extra credits, which you can get approved for your elective semester
4. You can follow a course of your particular interest that is not offered at VU Amsterdam or that prepares you for a specific Master's
5. You will make your CV stand out from the competition

Application procedure

To apply for one of the 3 exchange Summer Schools partners, please fill in [this form](#).

The application deadlines are as follows:

- SMU → 8th March 2026
 - King's College London → 23rd March 2026
 - SKKU → 7th April 2026
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- To apply for one of these 3 summer schools partners and get your fee waived, you must be nominated by the VU International Office
 - Even when the tuition fee for a summer school is waived, you are still responsible for paying for all your personal costs, like accommodation, travel, visa, food and other personal expenses.
 - Register your stay abroad via My Dashboard (Apps > *Study/internship abroad* > *Register internship/free mover abroad*) after you have been accepted by the summer school.

Interested in one of the other summer schools listed in this document? To apply, please:

- Check the deadline of application at the summer school of your choice
- Check if you meet the requirements the programme asks for

- Check if nomination by VU International Office is required (if so, please get in touch with us by filling in [this form](#)) Please mention your name, student number, the summer school and the courses you wish to take).
- If you can apply directly at the partner university, **please inform** us through [this form](#) about your application for the Summer School of your choice.
- After your acceptance by the summer school, register on [vu.nl](#) through the button Study/Internship Abroad on your home page.

The Netherlands – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Study field: Various fields in all 9 faculties

Name programme: VU Amsterdam Summer School

*The VU Amsterdam Summer School programme is a real campus experience in the heart of Amsterdam's business district, and it takes place every July. We offer a large selection of either one-week long or two-week long courses which are spread across three separate sessions. Bachelor, Master and PhD students as well as professionals are all welcome to apply. We offer an array of courses, from introductory to specialized, across all disciplines that are complemented by an exciting and diverse social programme. Our work is guided by **five pillars of academic excellence**: entrepreneurship and international business, health and wellbeing, sustainability and innovation, society and governance, and peacebuilding. Here are a few of the top benefits of enrolling in VU Amsterdam Summer School:*

- Obtain study credits
- Gain deep insight into a particular subject in just 1-4 weeks
- Build an (international) network and meet peers from all over the world
- Engage with leading lecturers
- Upgrade your CV

You can find a full course overview [here](#).

Period:

Session 1: July 4 - July 18 2026

Session 2a: July 19 - August 1 2026

Session 2b: July 19 - July 26 2026

Entry requirements: For Bachelor-level courses, students must be enrolled in at least the first year of a Bachelor programme. For Advanced Bachelor, students must be enrolled in at least the second year of their Bachelor programme. For Master-level courses, students must be enrolled in the final year of their Bachelor studies.

Individual courses may have additional entry requirements. [Please check the course descriptions.](#)

Tuition fee: €1000 for a one-week course & €1250 for a two-weeks course (students from partner universities or other Dutch universities get a 10% discount; VU students and Aurora partner students get a 25% discount)

Application deadline: 1st of May 2026 at 23:59hrs

Application procedure: Please fill out the [application form](#) (applications will open in January 2026)

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: amsterdamsummerschool@vu.nl



Singapore – Singapore Management University (nomination by VU required)

Study field: (1) Asian Insights, (2) Digital Intelligence, and (3) Sustainable Futures

Name programme: SMU Global Summer Programme 2026

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognized for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. Students can choose between 13 different courses of three main profiles: "Asian Insights", "Digital Intelligence" & "Sustainable Futures".

Period: Session 1: 29 June to 24 July 2026
Session 2: 13 July to 7 August 2026

Number of credits: 6 – 7,5 ECTS

Tuition fee: By nomination, 10 spots with tuition fee waiver
Application Fee of SGD 150 (Approximately €105, to be paid when applying online
Miscellaneous fee - SGD 230 (Approximately €163, includes student's medical insurance)

Entry requirements: SMU requires your latest academic transcript or official acceptance letter from home university. You might need an English proficiency statement or an IELTS/TOEFL test score to proof your level of English.

Application deadline: 15th March 2026

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university, we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: smusummer@smu.edu.sg



South Korea - Sungkyunkwan University (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Business and Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities, Computer and Data Science, Engineering, Korean studies and Korean language

Name programme: SKKU 2026 International Summer Semester

Sungkyunkwan University's International Summer Semester (ISS) is a unique academic program dedicated to sharing and experiencing the fascinating story of Seoul, Korea's 600-year-old capital. The program aims to develop students' global engagement by providing opportunities to share different perspectives on global issues, make friends with various cultural backgrounds, and explore Korea's history, culture, and society. Take advantage of the excellent program we offer. It will help you to expand your mind and change your world.

SKKU offers courses in "Business & Economics", "Social Science & Humanities", "Computer & Data Science", "Engineering" and "Korean Studies & Korean Language". You can find the full course overview [here](#) and an overview of the cultural activities [here](#).

Period: 26 June – 24 July 2026

Number of credits: 3 ECTS per course. Students can take a maximum of three courses.

Tuition fee: By nomination, 5 spots with tuition fee waiver

Application Fee: 100,000 KRW (ca. €75)

Fee for insurance and social programme: 300,000 KRW (ca. €220)

Entry requirements: *Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.*

Application deadline: 1st May 2026

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university, we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click Here](#)

Contact information: issoffice@skku.edu



United Kingdom – King's College London (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Health, law, governance, business management, political sciences, culture

Join us this summer at King's College London, one of the world's leading universities. At our summer school you will immerse yourself in British culture and higher education and connect with undergraduates from around the world.

King's Undergraduate Summer School delivers globally renowned, research-led teaching including lectures, small group seminars, and workshops to make summer classes as engaging and informative as possible. You get live case studies, educational visits and talks from expert guest speakers. You can also apply for credit from your home institution towards your undergraduate degree, enhance your career prospects and build an international network.

You can find the full course overview [here](#), under 'courses'. Please note that NOT all courses are open to VU students for free. We will published the ones that are available [on our website](#) in the new year.

Name programme: KCL Undergraduate Summer School

Period: Session 1: 6 – 17 July 2026
Session 2: 20 – 31 July 2026

Number of credits: Approximately 7.5 ECTS

Tuition fee: By nomination, 4 spots with a tuition fee waiver

Entry requirements: GPA 7.0 or higher

Application deadline: 16th May 2026

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#).. After the application deadline for this university, we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click Here](#)

Contact information: asksummer@kcl.ac.uk



Austria – Vienna University of Economics and Business

Study field: Economics and Business

Name programme: ISU WU 2026

The International Summer University WU (ISU WU) program is an intensive short program, which provides international students with an excellent opportunity for international and multinational education.

A large variety of business-related courses are taught by a team of experienced lecturers of WU and colleagues from partner universities hailing from the entire globe. The main objective of the program is to deepen specific knowledge in business. Visiting local companies and solving practical case studies in intercultural groups complement the strong theoretical basis. An exciting social and cultural program effectively complements the summer university.

The course offer for the ISU WU 2026 will presumably be published by late 2025/early 2026 [on their website](#).

Period: 29 June – 17 July 2026

Number of credits: 8 ECTS (undergraduate)

Tuition fee: €1490 ([check here](#))

Entry requirements: Application requirements for all on-campus and online undergraduate programs are current enrolment in an undergraduate study program in business administration or related fields. By the time of participation in the ISU WU program, students must have completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate education with a specific focus on business administration and related areas.

Applicants interested in participating in the International Summer University WU need an excellent command of the English language. The English language requirements can be found [here](#).

Application deadline: 31th March 2026

Application procedure: You can find the online application form as well as a step-by-step application guide [here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: isuwu@wu.ac.at



Slovenia – University of Ljubljana School of Economics and Business

Study field: Economics and Business

Name programme: Ljubljana Summer School – Take the best from East & West

Ljubljana Summer School is a 3-week internationally recognized programme organized and run by the School of Economics and Business of the University of Ljubljana. Students can choose from 27 courses at undergraduate and graduate level, taught by 29 highly qualified academics from 18 different countries and 26 institutions. You can take courses in person or online.

You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Period: 6 – 22 July 2026

Number of credits: One or two courses, up to 14 ECTS

Tuition fees in 2024: One Course: €650, Two Courses: €1100.

Entry requirements: *Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.*

Applications: applications will open in January 2026. Please check their [website](#).

Application procedure: [You can find the online application form here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: summer.school@ef.uni-lj.si



Denmark – Aarhus University

Study field: Various fields

Name programme: AU Summer University 2026

Aarhus University is a dynamic, modern and highly international university. Since its founding in 1928, it has grown to become a leading public university with international impact and reach across the entire research spectrum.

This is your chance for a summer experience at a top 100 university, with more than 2000 international and local students online and in Aarhus, Denmark.

The summer school offers courses in multiple academic areas, such as Culture & Media, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Technical Sciences, Health & Medicine, Economics & Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Law. You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Each year a fun and diverse social programme is organized, with a wide range of activities offered to anyone who is taking courses at AU Summer University.

Period

Term 1: 6 – 24 July 2026

Term 2: 27 July – 14 August 2026

Number of credits: Most students take 10 ECTS, but there are also 5 ECTS courses

Tuition fee: The course fee varies, as it depends on whether you are an EU citizen or not, the level and the amount of ECTS credits. You can find fee information on each [course page](#).
Fee example: 352 EUR for a 5 ECTS Business or Management course (744 EUR if you are non-EU).

Entry requirements: *Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.*

The list of courses for AU Summer University 2026 will be ready around the start of the new year.

Application procedure: You can find detailed application instructions and the [online application form here](#). Please contact us through [this form](#) if you apply to this summer school, as we might be able to provide a discount for this summer school.

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: summeruniversity@au.dk



Denmark – Copenhagen Business School

Special Aurora courses available (nomination required):

VU Amsterdam is part of the [Aurora Alliance](#). Together with our network of European partner universities, we are working on joint activities that strengthen societal engagement and impact within our universities.

Would you like to spend your summer in Copenhagen? Then apply for one of the summer courses at Copenhagen Business School! The CBS Summer University also includes a social programme, consisting of a welcoming meet-up, guided tours of Copenhagen, Danish folk dancing, a cultural day trip, comedy nights and much more.

Bachelor's level courses:

- [Business Responses to Climate Change - Aurora](#) (2 weeks, 3 ECTS)
- [Permaculture: A Regenerative Solution for Business, Community and Lifestyle - Aurora](#) (2 weeks, 3 ECTS)
- [BIP - An Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship - Aurora](#) (3 weeks, 7.5 ECTS) *

Master's level courses:

- [BIP - Social Entrepreneurship and Business Model Innovation - Aurora](#) (2.5 weeks, 7.5 ECTS) *

***please note that these courses are BIP's (Blended Intensive Programs) and therefore consist of some online sessions combined with on-site sessions. Read all information on the specific page.**

Course dates: 22 June – 9 July 2026 (might vary per course, please check the course website)

Application can be submitted through [this link](#) and the deadline is: **16th February 2026 (VU)**

There are scholarships available to help participating students to cover their travel expenses. Contact us through [this form](#) to know more about it.



Regular summer school courses at Copenhagen Business School

Study field: Marketing, Management, Finance, Accounting, Corporate & Business Strategy, Communication, Statistics, Innovation & Entrepreneurship etc.

Name programme: International Summer University Programme (ISUP) at Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

Join CBS Summer University Programme, one of Europe's largest and oldest summer programmes, and experience exciting courses taught by brilliant faculty as well as the amazing spirit of wonderful Copenhagen. Be inspired by the international environment with participants from over 50 countries

You can find the full bachelor courses overview [here](#) and master courses overview [here](#).

Course and exam period: 22 June – 31 July 2026

Number of credits: Students can take up to two courses totalling 15 ECTS

Tuition fee: 6,150 DKK per course (7,5 ECTS)

Entry requirements: Please consult their [website](#) and the information about the specific courses

Application deadline: 14th April 2026 for first application round (1-week courses) & 20th April 2026 for second application round (2-weeks courses)

Application procedure: You can find more information [here](#)

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: isup@cbs.dk



Germany – Mannheim Business School

Study field: Economics and Business, graduate and advanced undergraduate students

Name programme: MBS Summer School

Study at a top-ranked business school in Germany. Meet people from all over the world and increase your professional network through discussions with experienced practitioners. Discover what studying at Germany's leading business school is all about. The Business School of the University of Mannheim is one of the most renowned business schools in Europe. We consistently hold top positions in national rankings and are one of only few German institutions to hold all three major international accreditations (AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA).

There are three modules/courses: "Doing Business in Germany" (Module 1), "Artificial Intelligence in Business" (Module 2), "Entrepreneurship and Innovation" (Module 3). You can apply for either one, two, or all three modules to be part of the unique summer school experience at Mannheim Business School. You can find more information about the modules [here](#).

Period: Module 1: 29 June – 3 July 2026

Module 2: 6 – 10 July 2026

Module 3: 13 – 17 July 2026

Number of credits: 3 ECTS per course for up to 3 courses

Tuition fee: One Module: €1020
Two Modules: €1990
Three Modules: €2960

Prices are per person and include value-added tax, please find more information [here](#) under 'program fee'.

Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed.*

Application deadline: 30th April 2026

Application procedure: You can find the online application form [here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: shortprograms@mannheim-business-school.com



Belgium – Antwerp Summer University

Study field: Literature, Science, Art, Management, Engineering, Health Sciences and more

Name programme: Antwerp Summer University

The University of Antwerp offers many different summer school programmes, so please keep an eye on their [website](#), as they will be adding more courses before the beginning of February 2026.

All programmes offer high quality education (lectures, visits, workshops).

- *Participants can acquire ECTS credits upon successful completion.*
- *Target groups are different for each programme (students, researchers and/or professionals).*
- *Fun & interesting social activities are organised on evenings and in weekends.*
- *98% of last year's participants would recommend Antwerp Summer University to others.*

Course Period: starting 29 June, each course has different start and end dates. Please check [their website](#) again at the beginning of February 2026 to see the full overview of the courses (not all courses have been published yet)

Number of credits: 3 – 6 ECTS per course

Tuition fee: check the [website](#) of the respective course for more details as it varies.

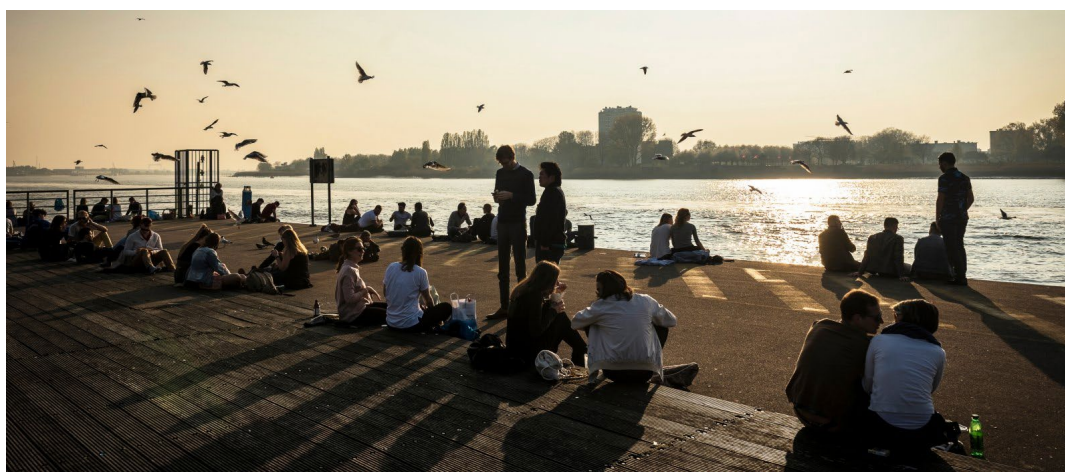
Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed and possess adequate knowledge in the chosen field.*

Application deadline: 25 March 2026, *Some courses have later application deadlines or an early bird discount if you apply early. Please check the website for a complete list of deadlines.

Application procedure: You can find more information on the application procedure on [their website](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: summeruniversity@uantwerpen.be



Spain – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Study field: Sciences, Biosciences, Health Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, Engineering

Name programme: UAB Barcelona Summer School

UAB Barcelona Summer School comprises a training offer of undergraduate subjects in a range of fields and takes place from late June to the beginning of August once the ordinary academic year is over. The courses are mostly taught in English where students could earn from 6 to 12 ECTS in two 3-week periods.

Why the UAB?

1. *A top University; in the most influential world rankings.*
2. *Close to Barcelona; 35' from Barcelona's city centre.*
3. *Credit transfer; 6 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) per course.*
4. *Most of the courses taught in English; with a wide academic offer in different fields of knowledge.*
5. *Courses at the UAB Campus; a natural environment with the best services: sports, leisure, culture and accommodation.*
6. *Buddy programme; meet local students who can show you around Barcelona.*

You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Course Period: First period: 22 June – 10 July 2026
Second period: 13 – 30 July 2026

Number of credits: 6 ECTS per course

Tuition fee: €955, check website for updates

Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed.*

Application deadline: last year it was 31 May. Information about this year will be shortly updated on their website.

Application procedure: You can find more information on the application procedure on [their website](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: summer@uab.cat



Switzerland - ETH Zurich Summer Project Programmes 2026

Study field: Life Sciences, Robotics, Computer Science

- **Name Programme:** Amgen Scholars Programme 2026

The programme covers eight to nine weeks of intensive research in a state-of-the art laboratory in Zurich. Working as part of a research team, you will have the opportunity to interact with leading scientists and doctoral/PhD students. In addition to conducting hands-on research, as an Amgen Scholar at ETH you will attend workshops and events that offer the opportunity to learn cross-cutting skills such as communication, scientific presentation and intercultural skills. The programme closes at the joint symposium for all European Amgen Scholars in Cambridge, UK.

Application deadline: 1 February 2026 at noon

More information: www.ethz.ch/amgenscholars , check on their website for requirements, dates and scholarships information

Contact details: amgenscholarsglobal@harvard.edu

- **Name Programme:** ETH SSRF Summer Research Fellowship 2026

The Computer Science Department at ETH Zurich will once again open its doors in the summer of 2026 to students participating in the Student Summer Research Fellowship programme. This programme is open to undergraduate and graduate students from around the world and provides an opportunity for students to actively participate in research groups for new or existing projects. This allows visiting students to focus on research in an area of their choice, under the guidance of mentors from ETH. It also gives students the opportunity to work and connect with a group of like-minded colleagues from across the globe, while gaining valuable research experience. The fellowship is provided by the Computer Science Department of ETH Zurich and takes place over two months during the summer. Twenty international students are selected each year.

Application deadline: 16 December 2026 at 13:00hrs (CET)

Each participant will receive a scholarship covering travel, accommodation and living expenses for the duration of the programme.

More information on application and requirements: <https://inf.ethz.ch/studies/summer-research-fellowship.html>.

- **Name Programme:** ETH Robotics Student Fellowship 2026

The ETH Robotics Student Fellowship program offers graduate students the opportunity to research alongside experts on the specific topic of robotics of their choice. The awarded fellows will carry out cutting edge research in different areas of robotics. This fellowship will take place during summer (June 30 - August 28) and is open to all students worldwide.

Application period: from 14 January to 27 February 2026

More information: [ETH Robotics Student Fellowship – Center for Robotics | ETH Zurich](#)

France - Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne

Study field: Social Entrepreneurship

Name programme: Emerging Futures: Societal Innovation Meets Futures Studies

This intensive two-week programme enables students from Aurora universities to develop practical and theoretical competences in Futures Literacy, societal innovation and strategic foresight, preparing them to address complex global challenges and societal transformations. The programme combines Futures Literacy Labs, lectures, workshops and collaborative learning activities led by internationally recognised scholars and practitioners.

Week 1 – Foundations of Futures Studies

Participants explore anticipation processes through Futures Literacy Labs, social and strategic foresight, forecasting methods, and the Great Transitions serious game.

Week 2 – Using the Future

Students engage with applied futures approaches including Transitions and Speculative Design, Anticipatory Systems and Processes, Regenerative Futures and Systems Thinking, delivered by international lecturers and guest speakers.

The “Emerging Futures” Summer School concludes with the International Conference on Futures of Education for Peace on 19 June 2026, gathering UNESCO leaders, researchers and stakeholders working on education, peace and societal futures.

Course Period: 9 to 19 June 2026

Number of credits: 6 ECTS

Entry requirements: Bachelor (advanced level) and Master students are welcome to apply.

Application deadline: 2 April 2026

Tuition fee: fee is waived upon nomination from the VU International Office

Application procedure: If you are interested in this Aurora summer school, send us your application through [this form](#).

More information: [click here](#)

Contact information: aeisummerschool@u-pec.fr

