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Why choose VU Amsterdam Summer School

The VU Amsterdam Summer School is the perfect opportunity to learn, grow and experience studying abroad in Amsterdam!

The VU Amsterdam Summer School was established by the Vrije Universiteit in 2014 and it is an initiative of the International Office. Since 2014, we have welcomed over 3.000 participants from all over the world.

Our summer 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.

Participants can customize the summer study abroad experience. This means that a participant can choose from one up to four weeks of intensive summer learning!

We offer an array of courses, from introductory to specialized, across all disciplines that are complemented by an exciting and diverse social programme!

Learn from leading lecturers

Studying at VU Amsterdam offers an invaluable opportunity to learn from the best, equipping you with the intellectual tools and network you need to thrive in your chosen field. Consider joining our vibrant academic community and experience the difference firsthand. Explore our programs and discover your potential at VU Amsterdam.

Dive deep into a subject

Over a short, intensive period, you will gain in-depth knowledge in a focused area, from cutting-edge AI to the intricacies of international law. Imagine exploring complex theories, engaging in thought-provoking discussions with international peers, and learning from expert faculty, all while experiencing the vibrant culture of Amsterdam.

Grow yourself personally and network with like-minded participants

By attending VU Amsterdam Summer School you return home not just with knowledge, but with a renewed sense of self and a global network. You'll make new friends and develop independence navigating a new environment, build confidence through engaging discussions, and broaden your perspectives by interacting with different cultures.

Your summer, your way!

You can customise your study plan to include both one- and two-week courses covering a variety of urgent topics including climate change, sustainability, and global health.

Experience campus life in Amsterdam

The Vrije Universiteit is the only university in Amsterdam with a centralized campus. Our campus is a dynamic, urban environment in direct connection with the business district "Zuidas Amsterdam" and our recently renovated campus square is the best spot to enjoy the summer breaks. The campus also includes the university library, the sports centre, as well as Griffioen, the cultural hub of VU Amsterdam.

Curious to see what our campus looks like? Have a look at our online campus tour!

Our values and mission

Since its foundation, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam has stood for scientific and value-driven education, research and knowledge transfer.



Meet our course organisers



dr. Meike Morren

Meike Morren (1978) is an Assistant Professor of Marketing at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam since 2012. With a background as a methodologist, she has a deep-seated interest in analytical methods, ranging from latent variable models to large language models (LLMs).

As the Scientific Coordinator of Sustainability at the VU she plays a pivotal role in connecting researchers across faculties, motivating them to form interdisciplinary collaborations. These collaborations are essential in tackling the climate emergency through research projects that require diverse expertise.

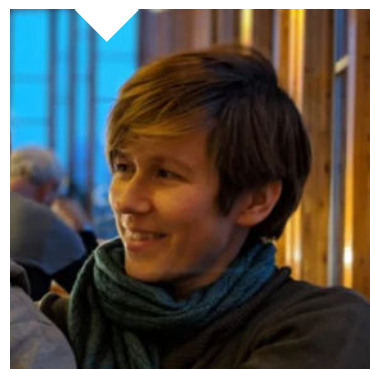
She is affiliated with Health Economics Research Amsterdam (HERA).

"Since 2016, I have been teaching the course "Data Analysis in R" at the VU Summer School. Initially, my motivation was to earn additional funding for my research. However, I quickly realized that my students' enthusiasm was far more rewarding. Meeting people from around the world and watching them grow over the two-week course has been an incredible experience. The intensive nature of the program fosters a steep learning curve, allowing students to make significant progress while giving me the opportunity to connect with them on a deeper level.

More often than not, these connections extend beyond the classroom, leading to lasting relationships and even friendships. Of course, the fast-paced nature of summer school presents its own challenges. The

student group is highly diverse-not just in their skill levels but also in their goals and expectations for the course. Unlike in regular university courses, where the primary task is to motivate students, in an intensive summer program, the challenge lies in managing their pace. Another key difference is the assessment: given the short timeframe, students have limited time to process new information before being evaluated."

"Despite these challenges, participating in the summer school is both rewarding and enriching. **As students grow, so do I as a teacher.**"



prof. dr. Enno Masurel

Enno Masurel (1959) is Professor in Sustainable Entrepreneurship at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His educational background is business economics; in the last decade he has moved more into the direction of business administration and entrepreneurship.

He is the Director-Founder of the Center for Entrepreneurship at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (CfE@VU) and contributes to bridging the gap between the academic world and the private sector, by showing mutual benefits and building long term relationships.

He supervises PhDs and trains university lecturers in Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia and Zambia.

"I have been participating at the VU Amsterdam Summer School since 2014, so more than 10 years, except the COVID years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Before this summer school, I organized a Dutch summer school Entrepreneurship.

I chose to become a course organiser for the summer programme because: 1) Amsterdam offers so much in the field of entrepreneurship; 2) From the beginning, and ever since, there was an overwhelming interest from students from all over the world; 3) The summer school fits very well in my summer program, in which I do a number of voluntary activities.

My favourite aspect of the summer school is, next to the subject, creating a sustainable start-up, it is working with students from all over the world, who work

together in teams, with people whom they did not know before the summer school.

What is unique and different about this summer course in comparison to a degree course is that the period of two weeks (10 working days) is very intense, feels like a pressure cook (but still the students have time to enjoy Amsterdam)."

"I recommend intensive summer programmes because **the learning effect is really different from my degree courses.**"



Meet our student ambassadors



Khushi
from the United States

"Studying abroad at VU Amsterdam **opened doors** I never imagined."

Hi, my name is Khushi Patel! I'm from Atlanta, Georgia, and I'm a senior at Mercer University, where I'm earning a degree in neuroscience with minors in chemistry and biology.

I had the incredible opportunity to study at VU Amsterdam for an entire month, and I feel so blessed to have been there. Each morning, my friends and I, who were also staying at the same place, would bicycle to school. It was such a refreshing way to start the day, surrounded by the beauty of Amsterdam. Once we arrived at the university, we'd secure our bikes and head to our classes.

Every morning, I was greeted by the kindest security guard, who would cheerfully say "goedemorgen" (good morning in Dutch). It was such a small gesture, but it made me feel welcomed and excited to start the day.

For the first two weeks, I took the Human AI course, which was a graduate-level class. Our professor was one of the most genuine and encouraging people I've ever met. Since I and two other students were undergraduates, we initially struggled with some of the programs, but our professor was incredibly patient. He took the time to guide us, ensuring we never felt out of place. His encouragement taught us that making mistakes is part of the learning process and that persistence is key.

In the second week of the course, we had the opportunity to write a research paper related to what we learned. With his guidance, my partner and I submitted our paper to an international conference, and it's now being published! This

was such an unexpected and rewarding experience. I still keep in touch with this professor, even though it's been over four months since my time in Amsterdam.

After class each day, my friends and I would bike back to our rooms at Hotel Jansen. We'd drop off our belongings and hop on Tram 2 to explore the city. Amsterdam is full of charming vintage stores, bustling markets, and unique thrift shops. During my time there, I discovered so many new things I loved to do. The friendships I made in Amsterdam have lasted beyond the program; in fact, I'm planning to visit one of my friends soon!

Studying abroad at VU Amsterdam opened doors I never imagined. Beyond academics, I had the chance to experience unforgettable adventures-like attending a Coldplay concert in Düsseldorf, Germany, just a short 2.5-hour trip away, and visiting Rome, Italy on a weekend. But no matter where I went, Amsterdam held a special place in my heart. There's something about the city that made me feel completely free and at peace. I cherished every second of my time there, and if I could, I'd move back to Amsterdam in a heartbeat.



Rudrani
from India

"This was my first time traveling outside my country, but **the entire experience was made seamless** by the VU Summer School organizers."

Hi, my name is Rudrani Ghosh, and I am from Kolkata, India. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Data Science, and I hold a Bachelor's degree in Computer Applications and a Bachelor's degree in Law. This July, I had the privilege of being selected for VU Amsterdam's Summer School, where I enrolled in the course, 'Logic as a Tool for Modelling'. This course was a complete game-changer for me as it aligned perfectly with my interest in integrating logic modelling with traditional chatbots, aiming to enhance reasoning in fields like psychology and law.

At VU Amsterdam, I was introduced to a broad spectrum of logic models that are indispensable in today's world. The course covered Propositional, Classical, Epistemic, Modal, and Fuzzy Logics, along with topics like Computational Ontologies, Proof Theory, and Substructural Logics. These concepts are essential for anyone working with unstructured data, laying the foundation for natural language processing and automated reasoning. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to learn from professors who are experts in this field.

We were a class of 15 students, guided by two brilliant professors, representing a total of 10 different nationalities and diverse study backgrounds, ranging from psychology, law, and business to computer science, construction, and mathematics. The course made me realize how logic is fundamental across various domains. I feel fortunate to have learned alongside such a diverse group of individuals as everyone brought in a new perspective.

This was my first time traveling outside my country, but the

entire experience was made seamless by the VU Summer School organizers. The ice-breaker session organised by them on our first day, led to the formation of many new friendships. The summer school team particularly ensured that every student was always comfortable. Traveling 4,500 miles from home and meeting people from different cultures has significantly boosted my confidence. Amsterdam's beauty and the warm, welcoming nature of its people made me fall in love with the city instantly. Almost everyone speaks English, which made adjusting even easier.

I am deeply grateful to VU Amsterdam for this incredible opportunity and the generous scholarship that covered my tuition and accommodation, making my dream of studying abroad a reality. My time at VU Amsterdam is something I will cherish forever.

Inspired by my summer school experience, I am now working on projects that combine logic with neural network models in the legal domain. My aim is to build a legal advice model capable of reasoning based on the newly implemented Indian Criminal Act. I hope to leverage the knowledge and insights gained from this experience to pursue a PhD in the near future.



Leticia
from Brazil

"My experience at VU not only transformed me professionally but **also changed me as a person.**"

My name is Leticia Chandler, and I'm from Rio, Brazil. I hold a Master's degree in Customer Behavior and a Bachelor's in Marketing from ESPM. I'm thrilled to share how my experience at VU Amsterdam's Summer School kick-started my international career!

In 2021, I joined VU Amsterdam's Summer School, which was held online due to the pandemic. At the time, I had just completed my Bachelor's in Marketing and was pursuing my Master's in Consumer Behavior. Despite the challenges of a virtual format, VU created an exceptional and immersive experience. Taking the course was one of the best decisions I've ever made-it not only deepened my knowledge of Anthropology but also became the spark that made my international career take off.

Fast forward to today: I've been living in Belgium for two years, thriving in my field, and even learning Dutch! I'm absolutely certain that VU Summer School, along with receiving the Academic Excellence Scholarship, was a key moment in my journey. My experience at VU not only transformed me professionally but also changed me as a person.

The Summer School team was incredibly supportive, ensuring we had the best possible experience. They offered up-to-date resources and creative activities that made us feel connected to Amsterdam, even from home. One of the highlights was engaging with students from all over the world-Belgium, Turkey, India, and beyond-exchanging ideas, participating in virtual tours, and bonding over fun activities. For a curious, culture-loving person like me, it was a dream come true.

I chose the course "Hands-On Anthropology and Ethnographic Storytelling" to dive deeper into a subject that had fascinated me during college. I couldn't be happier with my decision! The course was incredibly practical, helping me refine my creative and observational writing skills through meaningful personal experiences and reflections. Throughout the program, we explored essential Anthropology concepts, connected with inspiring professionals, and developed unique sensory and storytelling techniques.

Professor Younes, our instructor, was truly exceptional-knowledgeable, approachable, and incredibly supportive. His guidance far exceeded my expectations. The experience was unforgettable and left me with tools I'll carry for life. I recommend this course to anyone curious about the world and eager to experiment with anthropology and creative writing.

I will forever be proud to be part of the VU Amsterdam family!



Muhammad
from Pakistan

"One of the highlights was learning directly from **successful entrepreneurs and professionals** who have built thriving ventures in the Netherlands."

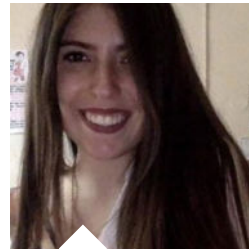
My experience at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam's summer course was transformative, both professionally and personally.

Being part of a diverse group of participants from across the globe enriched the program with a vibrant mix of cultures and perspectives, which made each day uniquely inspiring. The course offered an in-depth exploration of marketing strategies specifically tailored for new venture creation, providing me with innovative insights and frameworks that I hadn't encountered before.

One of the highlights was learning directly from successful entrepreneurs and professionals who have built thriving ventures in the Netherlands. Their real-world experiences were invaluable, offering practical insights and motivating me to approach challenges with a more strategic and creative mindset.

Beyond the academic rigor, the program organized several social events, which offered an excellent opportunity to network. These gatherings were not only fun but also fruitful, as I made meaningful connections with other professionals. Remarkably, I even found a business partner and secured multiple clients for my digital marketing business, which was an unexpected yet exciting outcome.

Overall, the VU summer course was an immersive experience that broadened my knowledge, strengthened my professional network, and helped me grow my business in a vibrant, international setting.



Chiara
from Italy

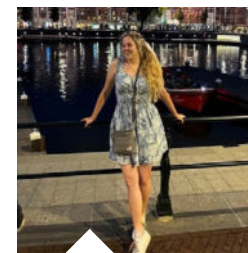
"Finally, VU Summer School gave me the opportunity to **exchange ideas with people from all over the world**"

Hey, my name is Chiara and I'm from Naples, Italy. I am currently doing my Master's degree in Political Philosophy at the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona.

Right after graduating in Comparative Literature from King's College London, I attended VU Amsterdam Summer School to pursue my interest in contemporary issues, also in view of my postgraduate course. When browsing on the VU website, the course "Governing Climate Change" immediately caught my attention. During Fall 2018 semester, I took a class in environmental ethics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. That was my first exposure to an in-depth study of climate change and its present and future consequences. Having become really passionate about the topic, I did not think twice about applying for the 2-weeks course offered at VU Amsterdam, and the course completely met my expectations. "Governing Climate Change" was, in fact, highly intellectually stimulating and it enriched my understanding of the problem, giving me the opportunity to focus on it under the guidance and expertise of Professor Pattberg and Dr. Widerberg. Moreover, the intertwining of theory and practice, alternating and combining classes with excursions and games, made the course very dynamic and it had a positive impact on my overall learning experience.

I also had a lot of fun being the photographer and social media manager during Session 3. In this respect, in case you are passionate about photography and/or video-making, I highly suggest applying for a photographer/videographer scholarship, as it is a great way to meet students, work with an amazing team while also being able to express and share your own experience through creative shots. Finally, VU Summer School gave me the opportunity to exchange ideas with people from all over the world: from Africa to Australia, China, North, Central and South America, even from Trinidad and Tobago!

It's been an exciting, fun and insightful experience.



Sophia
from the US

"I miss this team just as much as my **classmates and friends** in other courses."

Hi! My name is Sophia Cartwright, and I am from Phoenix, Arizona, United States. I am currently earning a degree in philosophy with minors in psychology and Italian from Arizona State University. I am so excited to share my summer school experience!

My two weeks at VU were absolutely wonderful from the very first moment I came to campus. I was greeted with such enthusiasm; I could tell immediately that this was something special. I was fortunate enough to take "The Attachment Nest: Development and Care within a spectrum of (a)typical socio-emotional and economic development", which is a psychology course taught by world class professors, both from different continents than myself. Our class actually had members hailing from almost every continent, which meant

that discussions on cultural differences and the nature of the human person gained a whole new depth between our shared and differing experiences. On one day I would sit next to a classmate from South Korea, and then the next day one from Turkey, and then one from Switzerland or Argentina or Canada or the Netherlands, to name just a few. I had never anticipated being able to have friends from all over the world, but I am now lucky enough to be in such a position, which continues to surprise me all the time. The coursework itself was deeply enriching as well; instructors would fly in and give lectures on topics spanning a great breadth of our focus area, always making the material accessible and present. We even went on excursions as a class, witnessing the good work done by the field with our own eyes. Prior to taking this course with VU, I had begun to fall out of love with psychology as a discipline, which had started to feel sort of cold and distant for me but being here meant reuniting my understanding of the field with its real purposes the betterment of lives.

The incredible VU summer school team makes the experience even better; they set up little trips to Amsterdam's beautiful neighbouring cities and deeper into the city itself, all the while helping their students get more integrated and on occasion even showing the students around their hometowns. I miss this team just as much as my classmates and friends in other courses.

This program provides unbelievable opportunities for exceptional encounters--with one's field, one's new friends, and even oneself--all the while growing closer to the world at large. I cannot express how highly I recommend attending and embracing all of the good things that will come your way!



Mariana
from Brazil

"It was an **unforgettable experience** and two of the best weeks of my life."

Hi everyone, my name is Mariana, I am Brazilian, and I am an Erasmus Mundus Scholar for the LLM in International Law of Global Security, Peace and Development.

I participated in the International Criminal Justice course in the VU Summer School 2022, with an Academic Excellence Scholarship.

It was an unforgettable experience and two of the best weeks of my life, because while I had a great academic gain on the subject, I also had tons of fun in Amsterdam and met amazing people from all over the world.

The International Criminal Justice course is very comprehensive and well designed. It was my first academic contact with the subject, but I did not have a hard time understanding the content, and my classmates came from a variety of backgrounds (law, international relations, political science, and even natural sciences and math). The lecturers had practical experience in the field and explained the subject with a lot of real examples, making the learning process easier. Different perspectives were provided – we had contact with researchers, lawyers, judges, and prosecutors – what gave us critical views and deep reflections upon the main issues faced in International Criminal Justice. In my opinion, the course highlight was the excursion to The Hague, where we had the opportunity to visit the Kosovo Chambers and the International Criminal Court. At the ICC, we watched part of a real trial and had a lecture from the Court staff. Other moments I enjoyed were the dinner with the course coordinators, and a movie screening followed by a happy hour to discuss our impressions.

Regarding the Summer School in general, I really appreciated the many social activities VU organized, especially the bike tour to Waterland. All the people from VU staff are friendly, easy-going, and always willing to help – they made a lot of effort so we could have the best time.

In 2022, there were 72 different nationalities in the summer school, so the environment was very multicultural and diverse, what I loved. I had a lot of fun and made amazing friends.

Amsterdam is one of my favourite European cities, it is a vibrant place, full of international students and with an enormous variety of activities to do, from museums to local markets and nightlife.



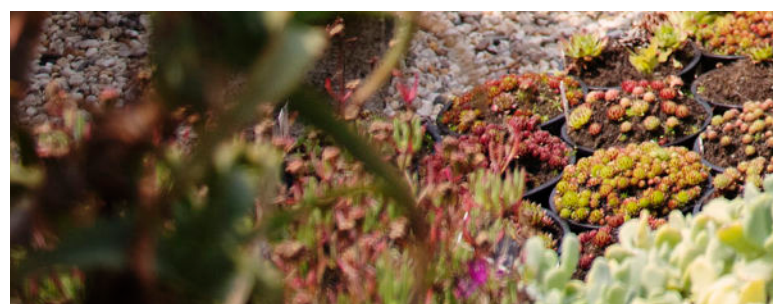
Justus
from Egypt

"Cycling with new friends around the city was an **experience that will live to last in my memories.**"

Hey, I am Justus, a Ugandan by nationality but currently living in Egypt where I am pursuing my Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences at Alexandria University, where I am a senior student.

First of all, I am so thankful to VU Amsterdam for organising such a tremendous and impactful summer school and also availing some scholarship slots for this programme were I was able to be one of the academic excellence scholarship winners. While at the summer school, I experienced one of the best moments of my life. Speaking about Amsterdam city, the beautiful sceneries and serene atmosphere were so amazing. Cycling with new friends around the city was an experience that will live to last in my memories. I met people from different parts of the world and gained cultural experience. Moreover, the social activities and excursions were informative and fun as well.

In reference to the course of my choice, 'Feeding the Billions: Challenges and Innovation in Food and Water Security' I can earnestly say that it was comprehensively well taught and informative giving greater and deeper insights of food and water security concepts. The class comprised of students from different nationalities and different academic disciplines as well as invited guest's lecturers from other top elite institutes. I can confidently say that the VU Summer School has given me a solid foundation in my long term ambition of being an active driver and advocate for food security in my country and the rest of the world.





Facts & figures

 **32,000**

Nearly 32,000 students

 **20**

International Student Advisors

 **123**

International Student Ambassadors

 **130**

different nationalities

 **>6,000**

international students

 **7**

faculties

More about Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

A university with a social focus on the future

VU Amsterdam is an internationally renowned research university. Since its foundation over a century ago, VU Amsterdam has been committed to scientific and value-driven education, research and knowledge transfer. With almost 32,000 students, we conduct cutting-edge research into problems of major societal and scientific importance.



Campus university

VU Amsterdam is a large campus university located in the south of the city. We're located close to the main business district of Amsterdam (Zuidas) while also not far from the city centre. All university facilities are located within easy reach, including the sports centres, library, cinema and theatre at Rialto VU, the botanical garden and on-campus eateries and cafés such as Grand Café Living and Bar Boele. VU Amsterdam is also located within walking distance of the Amsterdamse Bos (Amsterdam Forest), which is 3 times bigger than Central Park in New York and attracts about 6 million visitors every year.



Our course themes

The selection of courses offered by the VU Amsterdam Summer School is wide and focuses on core pillars that embody the values of the Vrije Universiteit.

A Entrepreneurship & International Business

Do you have a brilliant business idea or aspire to become a successful entrepreneur? Learn how to turn your ambition into a thriving venture with courses in entrepreneurship, economics, and international business.

B Sustainability & Innovation

Are you passionate about protecting our planet and creating a more sustainable future? If you're eager to gain the knowledge and skills to make a positive impact, then dive deep into the world of sustainability with summer courses designed to equip you with the tools to address pressing environmental challenges.

C Health & Wellbeing

Are you interested in nutrition, public health, mindfulness practices, or exploring the connection between physical and mental health? Gain valuable knowledge, advance your academic journey, and contribute to improving global health.

D Society & Governance

From human rights and criminal justice to international law and environmental law, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the legal and societal forces that impact our lives.



Discover our full programme by scanning the code



Arrival weekend and campus orientation

You have decided to join the VU Amsterdam Summer School, and you just landed in Amsterdam!

The VU Amsterdam Summer School team is ready to get you settled for your summer experience. If you have selected one of the short-stay options offered, you have found handy instructions on how to quickly reach your destination from the airport or the train station. You have dropped off your bags, freshened up and you are heading to the weekend welcome party!

At the welcome party you will get the opportunity to meet the summer school team, break the ice with your new summer buddies, have delicious snacks, play games, sing and much more!

Hopefully you have saved your energy and you are ready to attend the orientation day on Monday.

During orientation day, the VU Amsterdam Summer School ensures you are fully acquainted with and eased into your study abroad experience. What are the facilities on campus? Which are the academic differences of Dutch universities? How do I ride my bike safely? How do I find the right support during the summer school? At the end of the day, we wrap up with a networking Pub Quiz!

Social programme

Have you ever enjoyed a boat tour on the Amstel River? Explored the traditional Dutch windmills? Ziplined in the grand forest of Amsterdam? Taken a street art tour and workshop of one of the most vibrant artist communities in Europe?

VU Amsterdam Summer School offers an additional social programme with activities that allow you to experience Amsterdam and discover the Netherlands. This creates the perfect opportunity to make the most of your study abroad experience. Our activities cater to everyone; to the forever-students, the curious, the culture-enthusiasts, the adventurous, the foodies, the networkers, the community volunteers!

We offer a minimum of four activities per week; during the weekends for city visits and networking events, or on weekdays for bike tours and museum visits within Amsterdam.

The activities are exclusive to the summer school participants of VU Amsterdam!

Ticket sales always go live in May



Amsterdam city tour

Zaanse Schans Windmills



Museum tour

Cooking workshop



Practical information and how to apply

Applying to VU Amsterdam Summer School is as easy as picking a course and filling in our online application form. **The steps are as follows:**

1

Check the programme list and navigate to the programme page you are interested in.

2

Check the entry requirements and admissions page for your programme. Some courses have their own special requirements.

3

Click the blue Apply Now button on the page of your chosen course and fill in our online application form. Ensure you complete the form fully and upload the required documents. You must submit your form and complete payment before your application can be processed.



What are the course fees?

For one-week courses:

56 workload hours that would equal to 2 ECTS

- Student or PhD candidate: €1000
- Student or PhD candidate at any Dutch university or partner university of VU Amsterdam: €900
- Student, PhD candidate or employee of VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam UMC, or an Aurora Network Partner: €750
- Non-student: €1200

For two-week courses:

84 workload hours that would equal to 3 ECTS

- Student or PhD candidate: €1250
- Student or PhD candidate at any Dutch university or partner university of VU Amsterdam: €1125
- Student, PhD candidate or employee of VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam UMC, or an Aurora Network Partner: €938
- Non-student: €1500

The deadline to apply is always 1 May at 23:59 CET for admission the same year.

We also offer some scholarships and the Green Travel Grant.

What's included?



Application and registration



Exclusive course content for a limited number of participants



On-site support



Orientation programme and welcome/goodbye events



Individual/group guidance from the course organiser



A transcript of records and certificate of attendance after completing the course



Course excursions (if applicable)



Access to all VU facilities such as the library and online learning environments



Discounted access to student sport facilities at Uilenstede Sportcentre!



Short-stay Accommodation Options

We offer different [short-stay accommodation options](#) for summer school students in different parts of Amsterdam and Diemen. Rooms are limited and allocation is not guaranteed, so we must work with a first-pay, first-serve system. VU Amsterdam Summer School applicants will be informed about the rooms available via our newsletters.

Scholarships and grants

👤 Equal Access Scholarship

One of the initiatives that VU Amsterdam Summer School offers to support diversity is our Equal Access Scholarship. Diversity is an integral part of our identity and university community, and we believe it contributes to the quality of education and research. We celebrate differences in culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion and socioeconomic background. And we are firm believers that diversity fosters creativity, empathy and understanding.

All summer school applicants are welcome to submit an Equal Access Scholarship application. The scholarship covers the tuition fee for one VU Amsterdam summer school course and the costs for accommodation in one of our accommodation options for the duration of the summer school course.

Since we can only offer a very limited number of Equal Access Scholarships, a selection procedure in which we review all scholarship applications (the applicants' CV, letter of reference and motivation) will be conducted.

🚆 Green Travel Grant

At VU Amsterdam Summer School we are also committed to VU's sustainability goals, and we aim to reduce the environmental impact of mobility, and specifically, student travel. Therefore, we are thrilled to offer Green Travel Grants to encourage sustainable travel for students attending our summer school.

Data shows that people need extra motivation to choose more eco-friendly travel options, like trains, even though they may take longer and be less convenient or more expensive. Therefore, with this Green Travel Grant, we would like to assist in covering part of the costs of sustainable travel and encourage participants to use it more.

- **Train grants:** € 100 / per person
- **Bus grants:** € 50 / per person

Once the courses have been confirmed to run, we will send out a newsletter to our participants with a link where they can apply for either funding for train travel or funding for bus travel.

The application period will last two weeks, and we will select the winners via a lottery system.

*Bike, foot, car share and other: Due to the difficulty to track and prove this, these options won't be reimbursed.



Credits

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