

## VU Entrance Examination History

Date: **Wednesday 20 May 2026**

Time: 13:30h – 16:30h CET

Location: Main Building VU.

The exam will be held on VU campus. A suitable alternative will be provided for international students who are unable to travel to VU Amsterdam. You can submit your request by email to the Admissions Committee ([historyexam.sgw@vu.nl](mailto:historyexam.sgw@vu.nl)) until **May 10, 2026**, along with confirmation of your participation and proof of payment, explaining why you cannot attend in person. Requests after this deadline will be denied. After this date, you can only participate in the exam on VU Campus. You will receive the committee's decision by email.

### Literature:

All candidates can prepare for this exam by studying the following literature:

- James Kennedy, A Concise History of the Netherlands (Cambridge University Press, 2017).  
**Exam material: Chapters 1, 2, 6 and 7.**  
You are expected to study these chapters thoroughly. Please purchase this book yourself.  
<https://doi-org.vu-nl.idm.oclc.org/10.1017/9781139025447>

The exam consist of open-ended questions and is offered in both Dutch and English.

### Registration:

- When it is determined in your admission decision that this exam applies to you, you are placed on our registration list. However, you do have to confirm your participation by fulfilling the payment for the history exam AND by sending a **proof of payment from your bank** to [historyexam.sgw@vu.nl](mailto:historyexam.sgw@vu.nl)
- If you have any questions regarding your payment or questions about this history exam please contact [historyexam.sgw@vu.nl](mailto:historyexam.sgw@vu.nl)
- The fee for the exam is € 175,-. This amount can be transferred to:  
**Account number NL93DEUT0487635272 in the name of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.**  
**Deutsche Bank Nederland N.V., Address: De Entree 99-197, 1101 HE Amsterdam.**  
**BIC/SWIFT code: DEUTNL2A, VAT: NL851029279B01.**  
**Please mention the following information in the payment description: SGW-History exam, your name, student number and order number H/133034.001.**
- **The payment deadline is 1 May 2026.**
- A payment confirmation will be sent to you no later than on May 6th, 2026. If you did not receive a confirmation by 6 May please contact [historyexam.sgw@vu.nl](mailto:historyexam.sgw@vu.nl) immediately.
- If VU has not received your payment by the deadline, you will not be able to take the exam.
- It is not possible to receive a refund of the paid fee for this exam.
- If you do not want to follow the study programme, we kindly request you to cancel your application in Studielink.

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