

2018

VU AMSTERDAM SUMMER SCHOOL

COME STUDY AND EXPLORE



**SMALL,
INTERACTIVE
CLASSES**

IN A WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS

HIGHLY DIVERSE
CLASSROOMS

>85

NATIONALITIES

EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING THROUGH

**COURSE
EXCURSIONS**



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**VRIJE
UNIVERSITEIT
AMSTERDAM**

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This year VU Amsterdam Summer School celebrates its 5th anniversary! We have many new interactive courses that provide an in-depth look at your topic of interest. You study with a unique group of peers from all over the world. The small group size allows enough personal guidance by your professors and fascinating course excursions. The summer school team is there for you all the way, making sure you feel at home from the moment you arrive. Add to this the beautiful historical city of Amsterdam and you have an experience that lasts a lifetime.



AMSTERDAM FACTS

- Capital of the Netherlands
- Europe's safest city on The Economist Safe City Index
- 187 nationalities - more than any other city in the world!
- 93% of the Dutch speak English
- 881.000 bicycles and 40 parks to bike through
- A total of 165 canals: Venice eat your heart out






VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) is an internationally renowned research university. Since its founding in 1880 interdisciplinary research has been leading in its education. The university consists of nine faculties with teaching facilities for 22.000 students. With over 120 English-taught Bachelor's and Master's programmes, the university offers a wide range of study options. The campus is a centrally located hub where people feel at home and engage in innovative ways.

COURSE INFORMATION

- Multi-disciplinary and open to students and professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- High academic level, 45+ contact hours (3 ECTS)
- Various levels from Bachelor to Master/PhD
- Combine sessions to create a 4 or 6 week study programme in Amsterdam!

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT

-  Various housing options for all students
-  Airport pick up service
-  Support before, during and after the programme
-  Emergency assistance
-  Orientation and social programme



COURSES 2018

SESSION 1: 30 JUNE – 14 JULY

SESSION 2: 14 JULY – 28 JULY

SESSION 3: 28 JULY – 11 AUGUST

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

SESSION 1

Creativity and Innovation
(with Cardiff University)
New Financing Models in a Changing
World
The Economics of Urbanization

SESSION 2

Criminal Organizations From
an Economic Perspective
New Venture Creation and
Entrepreneurship
Organizational Behaviour Management

SESSION 3

Foundations of Strategy, How to
Succeed as a Strategist
New Venture Creation and
Entrepreneurship

COMPUTER SCIENCES AND DATA ANALYSIS

SESSION 1

Big Data Methods for Society
Data Analysis in R
Programming in Python

SESSION 2

Artificial Intelligence
For a Healthy Life
Big Ideas in Computer Science
Data Analysis in R

SESSION 3

Big Data Management and Analysis
in Linux
Operations Research:
A Mathematical Way to Optimize
Your World

HEALTH SCIENCES

SESSION 1

Global Health
Nature and Nurture: Twin Research and
Human Genetics
Neurodegenerative Diseases:
From Lab to Patient and Back

SESSION 2

Applications of Fluorescence
in the Life Sciences
Brain and Mind
Human Movement Analysis
The Beautiful Mind: Global Perceptions
of Mental Health

SESSION 3

Out of my Mind: Embodied Cognition,
Mechanistic Explanation and
Mental Disorder

HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

SESSION 1

Buddhism and Psychology
Decolonizing Europe: History, Memory,
Redress (with Brown University)

SESSION 2

Design, Society and Cultures of
Display in Museums
Dutch Language and Culture
Essential Academic English (B2)
Laws in Antiquity
The Heart of Capitalism: Amsterdam
1600-present

SESSION 3

Impact of An Empire

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

SESSION 1

Empirical Research Methods
For Legal Studies
International Criminal Justice

SESSION 2

Criminal Organizations:
An Economic Perspective
Wildlife Crime Analysis:
Data-Driven Nature Protection
Laws in Antiquity: Legal Systems of
Mesopotamia, Egypt, Rome and
Byzantium

SESSION 3

Crime in Numbers: From Correlation to
Causation
Cybercrime: The Human Factor

SOCIAL SCIENCES

SESSION 1

Causal Evaluation Methods in
Education Research
Hands-on Anthropology and
Ethnographic Storytelling I

SESSION 2

Feeding the Billions: Challenges
and Innovation in Food and Water
Security
Hands-on Anthropology and
Ethnographic Storytelling II

SESSION 3

Governing Climate Change:
Theory and Practice



"I think that really once you know everything VU has to offer you can't wait to jump on a plane. And once you're there you don't want to leave. **The VU has top class researchers and professors teaching very personalized courses.** This gives you the opportunity to get up close with the professors, the curriculum and the technology. It's an intense learning experience all packed in a couple of weeks."

SASKIA AUFENACKER, ARGENTINA

"Amsterdam is definitely a great place to live. **It has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and everyone is always willing to help. They also speak great English!** My favourite thing about Amsterdam was its central location. Because I love travelling, living here gave me the opportunity to see new parts of the world."

SHERISH KHOKHAR, AUSTRALIA



"**I am taking away a newfound respect for European culture and education.** The best part of my Human Movement Analysis course was seeing all of the new technology in the field of Exercise Science. Highlight of my Anthropology course was definitely the refugee boat excursion. We learned how to incorporate real life stories into our research".

ANGELO ABIS, U.S.A



FEES

Course Tuition	€1.000 - €1.150 per course
Accommodation	€490 - €570 per session
Social Programme	€17 - €65 depending on activity

* Accommodation and social programme are optional.

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird	€150 apply and pay before 15 March
Partner University	€250
Combination 2 Courses	€200
Combination 3 Courses	€300

* Partner University and Early Bird Discount cannot be combined

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Enrollment opens from mid-December 2017 until 1 May 2018. Requirements differ per course. For more information on how to apply, please visit our website.

WORLD HEROES SCHOLARSHIP

We offer 10 scholarships to highly motivated students, who strive to make the world a better place. The scholarship covers the tuition fee and accommodation for one course. Visit our website for application requirements.



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