



VU Amsterdam Summer School 2017

Spend your summer studying a challenging and interdisciplinary topic in the vibrant UNESCO World Heritage city of Amsterdam! The VU Amsterdam Summer School offers interactive small-scale courses (max. 25 participants) in a wide range of fields. Courses are designed to provide an intensive, in-depth look at your topic of study. You will study with a unique group of peers from all over the world. All courses include built-in excursions to museums and institutes such as the Anne Frank House, the International Criminal Court and the world-renowned Rijksmuseum.

Amsterdam

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, is a historic city with a creative and modern feel. A true metropolis, bustling with student life. Amsterdam warmly welcomes visitors to explore its rich traditions and to experience its open and tolerant society. It is considered a safe and friendly city in a country where English is widely spoken.

Arrival and Housing

Upon your arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport we ensure a warm welcome by offering a pick-up service, which will bring you to your accommodation. Because we find it important you are able to explore the city easily and are well located near the university, convenient housing is available. There are different housing options to choose from, both on and off campus.

How to Apply

Enrollment starts in December 2016 until 1 May 2017. Requirements differ per course. For more information on how to apply, please visit our website: www.amsterdamsummerschool.nl.

Social Programme

The VU Amsterdam Summer School offers an extensive social programme from which students can make their own selection of activities. Examples include a visit to the Maritime Museum and a trip to the parliament in The Hague with dinner at the Dutch seaside.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

VU Amsterdam is a comprehensive research university ranked amongst the world's top 100 universities. Since its founding in 1880 interdisciplinary research has been leading in its education. The university consists of eleven faculties with teaching facilities for 26,000 students. With almost 50 Bachelor degree programmes and over 100 Master degree 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 new forms of collaboration.

Courses 2017

The VU Amsterdam Summer School offers two-week courses in consecutive blocks during the months July and August. It is possible to combine courses in order to create a four- or six-week programme. All courses are credit bearing, with a minimum of 3 European credits (ECTS) and 45 contact hours per course. The level ranges from Advanced Bachelor to Master/PhD.

Block 1: 8 - 22 July

- Buddhism and Psychology
- Creativity and Innovation *(with Cardiff University)*
- Crime on Candid Camera: Analysing Criminal Events
- Decolonizing Europe: History, Ideas and Praxis *(with the Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice at Brown University)*
- Doing Research with Discourse Analysis *(with Lancaster University)*
- Empirical Legal Studies
- Global Health
- Hands-on Anthropology and Collaborative Storytelling
- International Criminal Justice
- Laws in Antiquity *(with Leiden University)*
- Neurodegenerative Diseases: From Clinic to Bench
- The Economics of Vibrant Cities
- The Entrepreneurial Family Business

Block 2: 22 July - 5 August

- Big Ideas in Computer Science
- Brain and Mind
- Contextual Biblical Interpretation
- Crime in Numbers: From Correlation to Causation
- Data Analysis in R
- Dutch Language and Culture (4-week course)
- Exercise and Sports for Wheelchair Users
- Governing Climate Change: Theory and Practice
- Human Movement Analysis
- New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behaviour Management
- Syriac Christianity I + II (two 1-week courses)
- The Heart of Capitalism, Amsterdam 1600-present

Block 3: 5 - 19 August

- Big Data Management and Analysis in UNIX
- Challenges and Innovations in Food and Water Security
- Crime and Location: Spatial Analysis and Mapping
- Exploring the Archaeology of the Roman Frontier
- Heritage at War: Cultural Objects in Times of Conflict
- Operations Research: A Mathematical Way to Optimize Your World
- Nature & Nurture: Twin Research and Human Genetics
- New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship
- Responsible Research and Innovation Boot Camp
- The Gentle Art of Helping

Fees

The course tuition fee is € 1.000 or € 1.150 (excl. housing). This includes: airport pick-up service, course excursions, orientation programme, on-site support, 24/7 emergency assistance and a transcript of records. The social programme is not included.

Scholarships and Discounts

€ 150 Early Bird discount for applicants who pay before 15 March.
€ 250 discount for students from partner universities.
10 scholarships that cover the full tuition fee of one course.
Combination of 2 courses: € 100 discount.
Combination of 3 courses: € 200 discount.
See website for list of partner universities and terms and conditions.

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KHADEJAH LATRICE RAY, PARTICIPATED IN THE COURSE DECOLONIZING EUROPE: HISTORY, IDEAS & PRAXIS (IN COLLABORATION WITH BROWN UNIVERSITY)

“The Amsterdam Summer School was very useful. My class represented many nationalities, which made me better understand social justice on a global scale. Learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom. I enjoyed exploring the city of Amsterdam. Going to museums, taking boat tours and walking past the canals. The experience inspired me to conduct further research about the African diaspora.”

