

INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMMES 2017-2018



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AMSTERDAM**

LOOKING FURTHER

WELCOME TO VU AMSTERDAM



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We will challenge you to look further – to cross disciplinary boundaries, to broaden your horizons, to engage with the broader community.

I am delighted that you are considering studying at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). As an international student, you will contribute to what is one of the special characteristics of this university – its diversity. We value diversity in all its aspects, and strongly believe that diversity is one of the drivers of excellence, contributing significantly to enhancing the quality of the academic discourse.

At VU Amsterdam you will encounter academic rigour coupled with a keen awareness for placing the knowledge you will gain in the context of addressing the complex problems of today's society. We have accordingly bundled relevant research and education programs into four strategic themes that address important societal challenges: Science for Sustainability, Connected World, Human Health and Life Sciences, and Governance for Society. We will challenge you to look further – to cross disciplinary boundaries, to

broaden your horizons and to engage with the broader community. You will encounter a vibrant academic community in a compact campus located in a bustling international city of great charm.

We hope that you will be inspired by our vision and ambition, and look forward to welcoming you as a member of VU Amsterdam's community.

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Rector Magnificus

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

VU Amsterdam is an internationally renowned research university. With more than 23,000 students, we conduct cutting-edge research into problems of major societal and scientific importance. VU Amsterdam distinguishes itself in research and education through four major themes reflecting its strong level of involvement in current societal issues: Human Health and Life Sciences, Science for Sustainability, Connected World and Governance for Society. As a student this will help you look beyond the boundaries of scientific disciplines, to engage with society and to seek tangible solutions for a better world. We ask and expect our students, researchers, PhD candidates and employees to look further; to look beyond the boundaries of their own field, culture, traditions and philosophy to become critical and socially engaged academics.

WHY LOOK FURTHER INTO VU AMSTERDAM?

VU Amsterdam:

- is consistently listed among the world's top universities in various rankings;
- offers more than 120 English taught master's programmes;
- is located in one of the most dynamic and fast-growing business districts in the Netherlands;
- is a modern campus university with student housing just a five-minute bike ride away;
- helps you with housing, visas and the administrative side of studying in the Netherlands;
- offers an international environment with students and staff of 78 nationalities;
- provides high-quality education in small and highly interactive classes;
- welcomes all cultures, nationalities and religions;
- is located in lively and multicultural Amsterdam, the city with the largest concentration of students in the Netherlands and where English is the second language.

RANKING AND EDUCATION

The overall quality of Dutch higher education is among the best in the world. The Dutch higher education system has been ranked 7th in the world by Universitas 21, a global network of research universities. In the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015 (Shanghai Ranking) VU Amsterdam holds a position 98. At VU Amsterdam, generally speaking, the teaching style can be described as student-centred: we encourage students to develop their own opinions through independent and creative thinking. This means that teaching is mainly conducted in small tutorials, where interactivity is the norm rather than the exception. At every opportunity, students are encouraged to engage in constructive dialogues with their professors.

PERSONAL SUPERVISION AND SERVICES

From the very start, the International Office will assist you with the admissions process, guiding you through the various steps of the application procedure, and personally advising you regarding your study choice. After admission you will be offered numerous services such as accommodation and visa and residence permit application. We will organize an orientation period for you to make you feel at home and help you arrange all sorts of practicalities as smoothly as possible. In addition, during the academic year the International Office will offer you career activities and Q&A sessions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- Amsterdam has approximately 800,000 inhabitants?
- Amsterdam has 165 canals?
- there are more bikes in Amsterdam, 881.000 than permanent residents?
- according to Mercer's 2016 Quality of Living Ranking, Amsterdam is ranked 11th worldwide, ahead of London (39th) and New York (44th)?
- Amsterdam is one of the safest cities of the world?
- with almost 92,000 students, Amsterdam is a great and lively place to study?
- English is widely spoken in the Netherlands?

WHY LIVE IN AMSTERDAM?

LIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Images of the Netherlands abound, from windmills and tulips to vibrant Amsterdam and an open and welcoming society. But these traditional perceptions of the country hide a much more interesting story: one of excellent universities and an international reputation for research and development in many of the most exciting fields of education, science and technology. There are few non-English speaking countries where the range of English-speaking programmes is so wide and diverse.

LIVING IN AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is one of the most multi-cultural cities in the world, boasting 179 different nationalities and where English is widely spoken. At VU Amsterdam 78 nationalities work and study closely together, creating an international and dynamic academic community.

PROGRAMMES

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

VU Amsterdam offers 7 Bachelor's degree programmes in English: International Business Administration, Business Analytics, Computer Science, Literature and Society: English, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) and Liberal Arts & Sciences (Amsterdam University College), Psychology. You can find information about these programmes and other important information at

WWW.VU.NL/INTERNATIONALBACHELORS

BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN DUTCH

VU Amsterdam also offers Bachelor's and Master's programmes in Dutch. If you are interested in taking one of these programmes as a non-Dutch speaker, you can take advantage of the special language-learning facilities offered by VU Amsterdam.

RESEARCH MASTER'S

Most students who intend to study a PhD after their Master's opt for a Research Master's. Although all our Master's programmes focus on research and writing skills, this is even more so for Research Master's. Admission is both highly selective and competitive. You will receive two years of research training supervised by professors and have the opportunity to produce your own PhD research grant proposal.

The Master's programmes in this brochure marked with this icon:

 are Research Master's.

PHD PROGRAMMES

For candidates with a recognized Master's degree, VU Amsterdam offers the possibility of obtaining a doctorate or PhD.

More information can be found at WWW.VU.NL/PHD

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Are you interested in studying at VU Amsterdam for a semester or summer? For more information, please visit

WWW.STUDYABROADINAMSTERDAM.NL

PRACTICAL MATTERS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVICES

When you apply: your faculty's International Student Advisor (ISA) will help you with the application procedure, admissions process, possible scholarship applications and any other information you may need related to your study.

When you are admitted: the Services team of the International Office will assist you with finding accommodation and applying for a visa and/or residence permit (if applicable).

When you arrive: VU International Office will organize an introduction week for international students in August consisting of arrival days, in which you can arrange all kinds of practical matters, and can participate in social events and an intercultural programme.

During your studies: the Career Service will organize various events such as the annual career event and CV workshops, interview trainings and meet & greets with companies. There are Q&A sessions throughout the academic year, and we have student counsellors and a student desk which you can approach with any specific questions you may have. Guidance and support are offered to students with a disability.

FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

As a student at VU Amsterdam, you will have a wide range of facilities at your disposal. You will have access to an extensive library, a university-wide wireless network and numerous computer and reading rooms. The university's sports centre offers more than 35 different sports and the Griffioen cultural centre organizes a variety of courses in the arts as well as other cultural activities.

FINANCES

Students from the EU or EEA pay the same tuition fees as Dutch students. The tuition fees for most programmes are set by the Dutch government on an annual basis and vary per programme. When you apply for a programme you need to pay an application fee of €100. Experience shows that it costs between €800 and €1,000 a month to live and study in the Netherlands, excluding tuition fees and other non-recurring expenses. Some students manage to spend less, but of course that depends on your individual lifestyle. Please consult the website to see specific tuition fees: WWW.VU.NL/TUITIONFEE

SCHOLARSHIPS

With our own scholarship, the VU Fellowship Programme (VUFP), we offer highly motivated students with excellent study results the unique opportunity to pursue a Master's degree with financial support provided by the university. The VUFP scholarship is a tuition fee waiver.

The Holland Scholarship Programme (HSP) is meant for students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) who want to follow a Master's programme in the Netherlands. VU Amsterdam embraces diversity as an enrichment to our teaching, research and our contribution to society. This scholarship is specifically intended for excellent students who contribute to the diversity at our campus. As an international student planning to study at VU Amsterdam, you can apply for a variety of grants and bursaries. Detailed information about scholarships and deadlines can be found on WWW.VU.NL/SCHOLARSHIPS OR WWW.GRANTFINDER.NL

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All programmes have specific admission requirements. In general, you will need a university Bachelor's degree closely related to the Master's programme you intend to pursue at VU Amsterdam. To enter a Bachelor's programme, you will need an

equivalent of a Dutch pre-university school diploma (VWO). All programmes start in September.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For all international study programmes, students need to be proficient in English. International applicants are requested to submit an English proficiency test with their application. Please check our website for information about the exact requirements: WWW.VU.NL/APPLICATION

For information specific to a study programme, please consult the corresponding programme's webpage.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The general application deadlines are 1st of April for non-EU students and 1st of June for EU students. Some programmes may have other deadlines, so make sure you check the programme's webpage.

The application procedure can also be found online at WWW.VU.NL/APPLICATION

For a detailed brochure: WWW.VU.NL/ORDERMASTERBROCHURE



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FINANCE

“You are never alone at VU Amsterdam! The Service Team assists you throughout the visa application process, arrival and accommodation in Amsterdam. The Career Office provides programme-tailored trainings as well as business exposure events where you can meet your future employer. The whole studying environment is stimulating and encouraging in a world leading university, ranked top 100 in the prestigious Shanghai ranking. Hence, knowledge is always rewarded. I was one of the fortunate students to receive the VUFP Scholarship and moreover be a role model as a university Ambassador. All of this located at the heart of Europe in Amsterdam (which by the way is one of the safest cities in the world) and surrounded by an international culture.”

“You are never alone at VU Amsterdam!”

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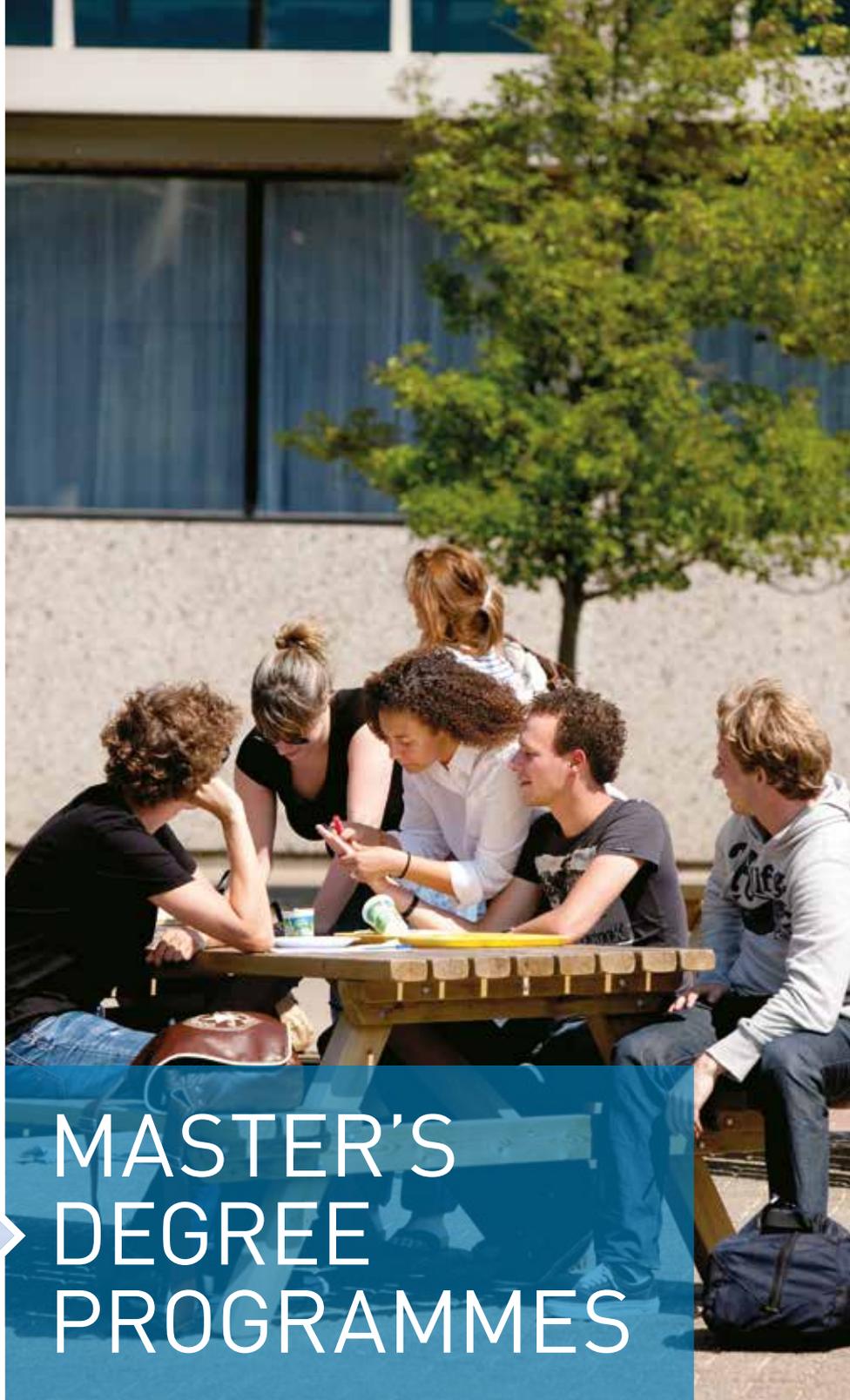
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MASTER'S
DEGREE
PROGRAMMES



EARTH AND LIFE SCIENCES



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- FIRST AND/OR SECOND YEAR RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS (54-60 EC):
 - IMMUNOLOGY
 - INFECTIOUS DISEASES
 - NEUROBIOLOGY
- SECOND YEAR 'ICSE' SPECIALIZATIONS (54 EC):
 - INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH
 - SCIENCE COMMUNICATION SPECIALIZATION
 - SCIENCE IN SOCIETY SPECIALIZATION

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Why study Biomedical Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Depth, variety and practical applicability. The Master's programme offers no fewer than seven different specializations. But you are not restricted to those: you can partially design your own programme. This means you can tailor your degree to your own particular interests and background.

The programme offers opportunities to study abroad and you will gain a lot of research experience. Two 20-week internships hone your practical skills and help you to discover what job will suit you in the future.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Biomedical Sciences is a two-year, full-time programme. Each specialization offered takes one year. After your first year research specialization, you can choose to either do: another year research specialization, an 'ICSE' specialization, or an alternative second year that you can compile yourself. Next to the specializations, there are two compulsory courses. You will go on two internships, either both in research or one experimental and one work placement. Furthermore, you will write a literature thesis. Lectures play a comparatively modest part in this Biomedical Sciences programme. For the most part, you are encouraged to conduct your own research. There is plenty of scope for practical work, giving you the opportunity to use the latest research methods and equipment.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

You can choose a specific profile: research, international, communication, societal or education. Your job prospects are

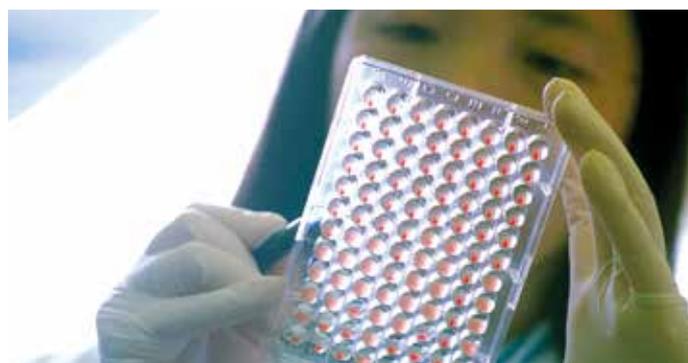
excellent: the largest part of our graduates go on to do scientific research. Depending on your profile, you could for example enter the field of policy-making, choose a career in teaching or discover your opportunities as a scientific journalist.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students who hold a Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences or relevant field are considered for admission. The Admission Board will determine whether the qualification in question is sufficiently relevant to warrant admission, based on the following requirements: knowledge in molecular and human biology, research laboratory skills, grades, English language proficiency, and ultimately an intake procedure.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biomolecular Sciences - Cardiovascular Research - Oncology-Neurosciences - Drug Discovery and Safety - Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in the Health and Life Sciences - Health Sciences. ■



BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- CELL BIOLOGY
 - BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY
- WWW.VU.NL/BIOMOLECULARSCIENCES
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Why study Biomolecular Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

The field of Biomolecular Sciences is a core research area at VU Amsterdam. Much of the faculty's research in this field has been brought together in a single, leading research organization: the Amsterdam Institute for Molecules, Medicines and Systems (AIMMS). You will learn to work with state-of-the-art techniques and carry out research in this vital field of science.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In this Master's programme, you can choose between two specializations or combine them: Cell Biology and Biological Chemistry. You take compulsory courses that equip you with essential knowledge and skills that you need to pursue your specialization, a selection of optional courses, write a literature survey, and most importantly, complete two research internships, combining theory with practice meant to develop your research skills.

In the Cell Biology specialization, you learn about cellular processes at the molecular level, ranging from the regulation of gene expression to all kinds of cytosolic processes. For example, you will discover how a single fertilized egg cell develops into a complex organism, how stem cells differentiate into specialized cells and how all of this is examined experimentally.

In the Biological Chemistry specialization, you learn how cells, cellular structures and individual proteins interact with their chemical environment, with a special focus on characterizing new drug targets and tools to find small molecules as a starting point for developing new medicines.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a Master's degree in Biomolecular Sciences, there is a range of job opportunities open to you. You can pursue a PhD in the Molecular Life Sciences, which can lead to a research position at a university or research institute, or you can aim for a job in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry (e.g. DSM, Unilever, plant breeding companies, etc.).

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To join this Master's, you must have a Dutch Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences, Health and Life Sciences, Biology, Natural Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Molecular Life Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry or a related subject. Students from other countries with a comparable degree are also eligible. If you have another type of Bachelor's degree, such as a HLO-BSc, it will be up to the examination board to assess your eligibility for admission.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biomedical Sciences - Chemistry - Drug Discovery and Safety - Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in the Health and Life Sciences - Neurosciences - Oncology. ■



EARTH SCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- EARTH SURFACE PROCESSES, CLIMATE AND RECORDS
- EARTH SCIENCES AND ECONOMICS
- GEOLOGY AND GEOCHEMISTRY

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Why study Earth Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Understanding how planet Earth works is important for everyone. This is what Earth Sciences is all about. VU Amsterdam offers you a range of specializations that will help you become a geoscientist who is keenly aware of the crucial and intriguing interrelations of System Earth. The programme is a varied mix of lectures, tutorials, and practicals. There is also a strong emphasis on fieldwork and lab work aimed at developing practical skills.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The two-year Master's programme starts with a set of core courses, followed by optional courses and two large research projects that can be combined with company traineeships, fieldwork, lab work, and/or computer modelling. This programme gives you the opportunity to choose a specialization, but selecting one does not mean that you are restricted to a single area.

The specializations are:

- **Geology and Geochemistry:** a specialization focused on the solid earth and planets that combines knowledge of sedimentology, igneous and metamorphic petrology, tectonics, isotope geochemistry, and planetary science.
- **Earth Surface Processes, Climate and Records:** take a broad programme focusing on the Earth's surface, and learn how to account for the interaction between climate and marine/terrestrial ecosystems by studying the geological past.
- **Earth Sciences and Economics:** learn how to keep our economies healthy using scientific knowledge about the Earth.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The world of today is in great need of people who understand System Earth, whether in industry, business, policy or research. Where your career will take you depends to a great extent on the specialization you opt for. Typical Earth Science subjects – energy, climate, resources, geo-hazards – will become even more pressing in the near future.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme is open to motivated candidates with an appropriate qualification in Earth Sciences or related natural sciences. If your Bachelor's degree does not fully meet the requirements of a specific Master's specialization, the Examination Board may still decide to admit you. In such cases, additional requirements may be set.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Hydrology - Environment and Resource Management - Ecology. ■



ECOLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Ecology at VU Amsterdam?

VU Amsterdam (VU) offers a joint programme in Ecology and Evolution with the University of Amsterdam (UvA). This collaboration has resulted in a high-quality, research oriented Master of Science programme. Students can enjoy the expertise of two universities: providing a rich and varied programme of courses as well as ample pure or interdisciplinary research projects at both universities. This Master combines lectures, workshops, masterclasses, and experimental work in both field and lab, providing you a broad scientific education.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The two-years Master's programme in Ecology is a unique programme and is taught entirely in English. The programme offers you a broad package of courses and research projects which provide a firm theoretical and professional base to a master's degree with a distinct personal profile. The first four months of each year are spent on coursework. The remainder of each year you spend on a literature survey and research projects. You will share classes with students from the partner university. Half of the courses are organized by VU Amsterdam, the other half by UvA, while teachers of both universities are engaged in all the courses. You will do two research projects of which the first one has to take place at VU or UvA and the second may be completed at another university or scientific research institute.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

In general over 50% of our students continue with a PhD after graduation in the Netherlands, but many of them also abroad. Other possibilities are positions in organizations for nature policy development, nature management and education or environmental consultancy.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You are welcome to enroll for the Master's programme in Ecology if you have a Dutch Bachelor's degree in Biology. If you have a foreign degree or a Bachelor's degree in another subject, the Examination Board will decide whether you can be admitted.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Earth Sciences - Environment and Resource Management - Hydrology. ■



ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- ENERGY & CLIMATE
- ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & BIODIVERSITY
- WATER & SOCIETY
- ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Why study Environment and Resource Management at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme trains the next generation of environmental experts in analyzing the sustainability challenges of our time. Students learn to work towards finding solutions for societal problems related to natural resource depletion and environmental change. The programme is highly international in character and is open for students from all disciplinary backgrounds, training them to bring in their disciplinary knowledge while co-operating in multidisciplinary teams. Studying in a research institute with high profile scientists, and meeting students from different parts of the world provides a cosmopolitan and academic experience.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

This one-year Master's programme takes a multidisciplinary approach to environment and resource management. You will learn how environmental change and resource depletion occur, and how they are experienced and addressed in different parts

of the world. You will combine a number of different theories and discover how a diversity of approaches helps to better understand, analyse and deal with environmental problems.

You will link theory to practice and grasp the practical challenges involved in tackling environmental problems. You will have the opportunity to define your own focus by choosing a specialization and further establish your niche through the Master's thesis. The specializations have been selected to cover some of the most fundamental environmental problems of our time, notably the provision of sustainable renewable energy and the sustainable governance of water, climate, and ecosystems.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

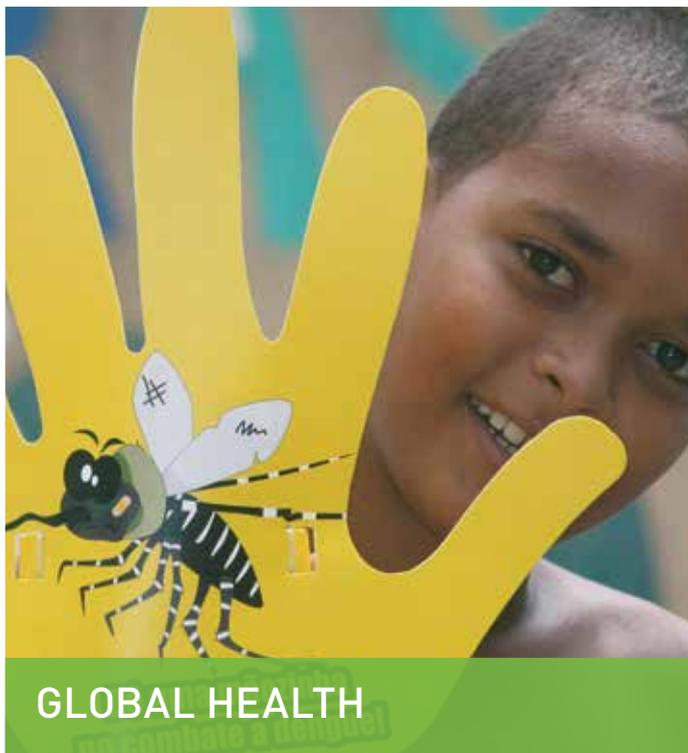
There is a growing need for versatile, all-round environmental experts who can analyse and develop solutions for local, national and global environmental change. Many of our alumni have embarked on exciting careers as researchers, consultants, NGO leaders, ministry officials, entrepreneurs or international civil servants.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a research university
- Average grades for your bachelor's degree should be within the top 30%
- Basic knowledge or affinity with environmental topics
- English proficiency

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Earth Sciences - Ecology – Hydrology – Spatial, Transport and Environmental Economics. ■



GLOBAL HEALTH

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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RESEARCH
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Why study Global Health at VU Amsterdam?

New and emerging infectious diseases, changing disease patterns, rising healthcare costs – just some of the factors that add complexity to the health challenges the world is facing. Many diseases do not stop at borders and most health problems have a social, political and economic impact. These issues require extensive analysis from different points of view to develop innovative health interventions. In the Research Master's programme in Global Health you will get to grips with the wider context of health challenges.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

This innovative Research Master's offers you a research-based approach to global health that spans a range of disciplines and encompasses a systems-based perspective. You will receive two years of research training supervised by professors and have the opportunity to produce your own PhD research grant proposal. As a Master's student in Global Health, you acquire the knowledge, skills and attitude to analyse complex national and international health challenges, and to design, implement and evaluate integral intervention strategies to meet complex global health challenges. You will learn to build on systems thinking, as well as research that combines and transcends individual disciplines. The programme has four components: compulsory courses, elective courses, and two research internships of five months each.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a Research Master's graduate in Global Health, you will be ideally equipped to pursue a PhD on global health issues. If this is not your primary objective, the Master's programme will also prepare you effectively for other research positions. Worldwide there is an urgent need for more research on health problems, health interventions, health systems and health policy.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You should have a Bachelor's degree in one of the basic disciplines of global health, with basic knowledge of epidemiology (e.g. medical biology, health sciences, medical anthropology, medicine, health economics, pharmacy). Every year 25 students are admitted to the Research Master's programme. Admission is both highly selective and competitive.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Health Sciences – Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in the Health and Life Sciences. ■



HEALTH SCIENCES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- HEALTH POLICY
- PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND HEALTH
- NUTRITION AND HEALTH
- INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

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Why study Health Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Since 1900, life expectancy in Western Europe has increased by 30 years. Only five of those years can be attributed to curative medicine; the remaining 25 years are due to improvements in public health, hygiene and prevention. In the Master's in Health Sciences, you will explore and analyse the various complex factors that contribute to health and disease. Your excellent analytical ability, comprehensive overview of the healthcare system and specialized knowledge and skills will make you a valuable asset to healthcare employers.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In this one-year programme you will choose one specialization, complete a five-month internship, resulting in a Master thesis. The specialization comprises five one-month courses. The specialization in Health Policy focuses on health technology assessment and health economics. If you choose to specialize in Prevention and Public Health, you will study human behaviour in the living and working environment. Infectious Diseases and Health examines pathogenic micro-organisms and parasites from the perspective of disease prevention and treatment. If you take the Nutrition and Health specialization, you will explore the role of diet in maintaining good health and in disease treatment and recovery. Opting for International Public Health gives you insight into international developments in health intervention strategies and the impact of globalization. All specializations have an interdisciplinary focus.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Health Sciences touches on many aspects of society, resulting in a broad range of career options. These include positions as a researcher at a university or specialist institute, health insurance policy officer, sickness prevention policy officer for municipal health services, communication advisor on health issues, manager of a healthcare institution, epidemiologist and health advisor for an NGO.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can be admitted to the programme on the basis of a foreign diploma which is at least equivalent to a Dutch Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences. Your curriculum will be examined to decide if you can be admitted to the programme directly or if you need to take additional subjects to bring you up to entry level. ■



HYDROLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

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Why study Hydrology at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Hydrology offers a strong, internationally oriented curriculum. You will receive expert guidance as you gain knowledge and skills before proceeding to your specialization. The programme features a finely tuned mix of lectures, computer modelling workshops, lab experiments and hydrological field training in the Netherlands and abroad. Topics include the hydrological processes as well as their social implications and the related economics. All courses contribute effectively to the overall curriculum, and are closely linked to water research. The programme scored as one of the top-five Master's at VU Amsterdam.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The first year of the Master's programme in Hydrology consists of a combination of lectures, practicals and field work. This period teaches you the basics of theoretical and experimental hydrology in courses such as catchment rainfall-runoff analysis, groundwater, ecohydrology, water quality, modelling of water risks and water economics. This knowledge will be integrated in field courses on measurement techniques in the Netherlands and abroad.

The second year is devoted to a specialization based on your individual interests related to either hydrological processes or risks, and is concluded by a 6-8 months research project at the university, or at an international research institute or company. Your thesis may be based on desk research (e.g. hydrological modelling, laboratory studies) or a study incorporating field measurements.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our graduates are experts in the interaction between hydrology and geology and are ideally suited for positions in the professional water sector as hydrological consultants, or in government and international organizations dealing with water resources. Many also opt to continue their academic studies by pursuing a PhD.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can gain direct admission to the Master's programme in Hydrology with a Bachelor's degree in Earth Sciences, Geology or Physical Geography. The same applies if you have a three-year BSc in other natural sciences and technology, although additional requirements in terms of background knowledge apply to certain specializations.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Earth Sciences - Ecology - Environment and Resource Management - Geographical Information Sciences. ■



MANAGEMENT, POLICY ANALYSIS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES-BASED POLICY
- HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES-BASED MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH
- SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

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Why study Policy Analysis & Entrepreneurship in Health and Life Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Management, Policy Analysis & Entrepreneurship in Health and Life Sciences (MPA) is unique in its focus. Innovations and developments in the fields of Health and Life Sciences give rise to complex social issues. The programme concentrates on the scientific aspects of integrating different areas of knowledge and on developing effective policies. MPA is all about making the right decisions, and motivating and managing the professionals who work in this sector.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

On the two-year Master's programme in MPA, you will take compulsory courses, optional courses, complete two internships and write a thesis on a topic of your choice. Internships are a vital part of the programme. You might complete yours at the Ministry of Health, a pharmaceutical company or a research institute, or even do an internship abroad. In Health and Life Sciences-based Policy, you focus on government policy and how it can solve complex social issues. In Health and Life Sciences-based Management and Entrepreneurship, you look at how scientific knowledge evolves and contributes to interesting and relevant innovations for society. In International Public Health, you explore health issues in a global context. In Science Communication, you work towards becoming an expert communicator on scientific matters.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Your career prospects on completing the Master's programme in MPA will be very promising. Opportunities include policy preparation with a government agency or public health organization, a post as a university researcher, or a career with a pharmaceutical company, for example as a clinical research assistant or an advisor.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You qualify for admission if you hold a Bachelor's degree in: Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Medical Natural Sciences, Medical Informatics, Bioinformatics, Biochemistry or Pharmaceutical Sciences. The examination board admits international students based on a degree which is at least equivalent to a Dutch Bachelor's degree in a related field.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biology - Biomedical Sciences - Biomolecular Sciences - Global Health - Health Sciences. ■



NEUROSCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR AND SYSTEM NEUROSCIENCES
- BEHAVIOURAL AND MEDICAL GENOMICS
- CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCES
- NEUROGENOMICS
- PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY
- NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

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YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Around three quarters of our graduates go on to join a PhD programme. The world of neuroscience is particularly keen to welcome students with a multidisciplinary education as offered by our Master's programme. A PhD will prepare you for a top position at a university, in the corporate sector or with a research institute, such as the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The examination board admits international students based on a degree which is at least equivalent to a Dutch Bachelor's degree. This can be in a wide range of scientific disciplines, but Biology, Biomedical Sciences or Biological Psychology are particularly relevant. Admission is both highly selective and competitive.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biomedical Sciences - Chemistry - Drug Discovery and Safety
-Oncology - Physics. ■

Why study Neurosciences at VU Amsterdam?

The professional environment we provide is strengthened by bringing all areas of expertise together in the Neuroscience Campus Amsterdam. You will study facets of neurosciences ranging from genes to behaviour, from both fundamental and clinical perspectives. In addition to the mainstream Master's, there is also a top-level Master's exchange programme, which is open to outstanding and highly motivated students. Our Master's programme is a partner in the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's programme, which includes Bordeaux, Göttingen, Berlin, Coimbra and Quebec.

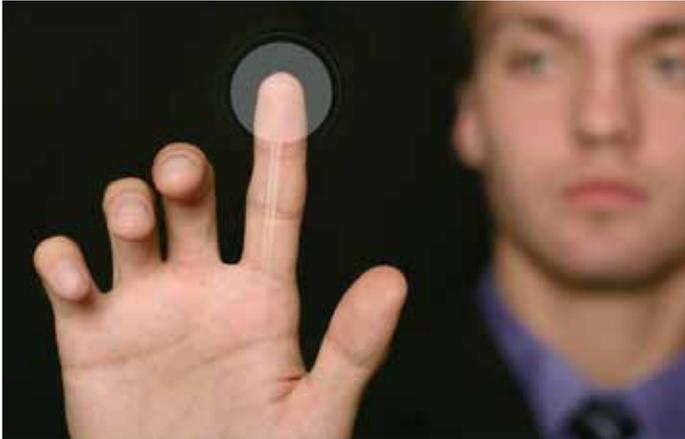
STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Neurosciences is a two-year, full-time programme. In addition to attending lectures and research seminars, you will participate in demonstrations, lab visits and practicals.

The first year consists of compulsory courses, to give you a thorough grounding in relevant disciplines, followed by a five-month work placement. You will have a wide range of placement opportunities to choose from at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and affiliated institutes.

The second year consists of optional courses to expand your knowledge of key areas. In addition to six possible specializations, you are free to put together your own set of four optional courses. During the last six months of the programme, you will complete your second work placement. You are encouraged to do so outside VU Amsterdam, if possible at an institute abroad.

SCIENCES



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

2 PROGRAMMES:

- SOCIALLY AWARE COMPUTING (SPECIALIZATIONS: COGNITIVE SCIENCE & HUMAN AMBIENCE)
- TECHNICAL AI (JOINT VU-UVA PROGRAMME)

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Why study Socially Aware Computing at VU Amsterdam?

Artificial Intelligence is widely adopted in our society: think of face recognition in your smartphone, decision support for medical doctors, or smart homes for assisted living. At VU Amsterdam you can study AI technology from a societal perspective: how can we develop and evaluate computer-based technology that exploits knowledge about human functioning. There are two specializations: one focusing on how to interpret, support and adapt to human behaviour, another specialization focusing on understanding cognitive aspects of AI.

The specializations are oriented towards the practical application of AI technology in a broad, problem-oriented setting. You'll learn how to model both mental and physiological processes of human functioning. Such models are the basis of intelligent applications that support humans in their daily lives in a dedicated manner, also to enable that support systems to understand humans better.

SPECIALIZATION HUMAN AMBIENCE

In this specialization, you will learn how human behaviour can be interpreted based on sensor data and computational models of physiological and cognitive processes. An example is the modeling of the mental and physical states associated with depression or the physical state of an athlete. You will also gain experience in integrating such knowledge within dedicated applications that support humans in their daily functioning, making these systems truly aware of human functioning.

In the specialization phase of the master you can study relevant courses with respect to an application area (e.g. support of people during exercising, or elderly care) or a relevant scientific discipline (e.g. psychology, sociology, movement sciences, biomedical sciences, criminology, etc.).

SPECIALIZATION COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Immerse yourself in the multidisciplinary study of mind and cognition. Researchers in cognitive science come from a wide range of backgrounds, including psychology, computer science, artificial intelligence, philosophy, mathematics and neuroscience. They all share the common goal of gaining a deeper understanding of the human mind, for both theoretical and practical purposes.

Why study Technical AI at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's in Artificial Intelligence is a joint programme (from September 2015 onwards) of the University of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam. It has a technical approach towards the field of AI and the collaboration makes it possible to offer a wide range of topics that are all taught by active researchers who are experts in each area.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

To provide you with a full understanding of the spectrum of AI the programme starts with courses on core topics in Artificial Intelligence: Multi-Agent Systems, Computational Intelligence, Computer Vision, Information Retrieval, Knowledge Representation, Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing.

After the core topics you can select advanced courses in these areas or in more specific AI topics. The courses can be focused on one of the core topics above but it is also possible to explore combinations, for example specializing in Data Science by combining advanced Machine Learning with Visualization and High Performance Computing, or in Artificial Intelligence and the Web, by combining Information Retrieval and Knowledge Representation with web-based technology.

This programme is a pioneer in the development of intelligent systems. As a Master's student, you have the opportunity to work on advanced information systems at a wide range of companies and institutions. Some recent examples include: Semantic navigation on overheid.nl (the main Dutch government website); In cooperation with Philips, adaptive personal music choices during sports training; a knowledge system to predict problems with Amsterdam's trams and other public transport.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

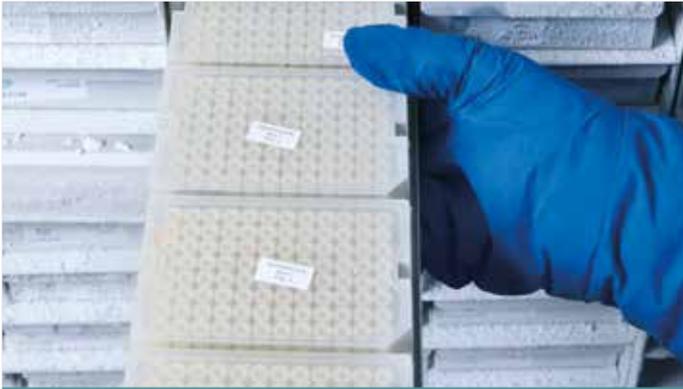
A Master of Science degree in AI gives you a strong foundation for working in key positions, in knowledge-intensive research centers or business. Examples of alumni positions: Software Engineer at Google; Data Scientist at Airbnb / Booking.com; Project Manager at Volvo Car Group; Computer Vision Expert at Eagle Vision.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A bachelor's degree in Artificial Intelligence or Computer Science is required. Exceptional applicants may also be admitted on other grounds.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Computer Science, Information Science, Parallel Distributed Computer Systems. ■



BIOINFORMATICS AND SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- BIOINFORMATICS
- SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

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Why study Bioinformatics and Systems Biology at VU Amsterdam?

Vast amounts of data have been generated by genomics research over the years, enabling us to gain a deeper understanding of life. By understanding life's complex molecular networks, we can improve our quality of life and conquer major diseases.

The Master's in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology at VU Amsterdam provides the ideal gateway to this fascinating and challenging field.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Bioinformatics and Systems Biology are highly interdisciplinary fields. The programme combines molecular and cell biology, computer science and mathematical modelling to produce fundamental knowledge by integrating vast amounts of biological data. Bioinformatics is more data-oriented, while Systems Biology focuses more on the mechanism of molecular interactions. You will develop a strong feeling for scientific research and high levels of abstraction, and learn to combine the rapid developments in these fields. After an in-depth introduction to both disciplines, you can specialize in either Systems Biology or Bioinformatics. This high-quality Master of Science programme is a collaboration between VU Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam. The Bioinformatics programme has an excellent international reputation and is led by research groups with extensive experience in a broad range of practical applications and theoretical research.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our graduates are in great demand: so far all of our students have found employment in the industry or the academic world immediately after graduation. The vast majority stays within the field, with over half continuing scientific research to PhD level. Technological advances such as next generation sequencing and

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BSC COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Studying at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is an amazing learning experience, which offers not only high-quality student-centered education, but also the chance of interacting with thousands of students of different cultures from all around the globe. The academic staff's openness and the balance between lectures and practical sessions put a focus on understanding the material, while the small working groups encourage debate and discussion, providing a path to look further and challenge ideas. The city of Amsterdam is full of career opportunities for graduates. Moreover, it is lively, welcoming and entertaining, always the host of various events, festivals and exhibitions suiting different tastes. I am happy to have studied and lived here for the past three years during my Bachelor's programme, and am definitely looking forward to a Master's degree here."

"The small working groups encourage debate and discussion, providing a path to look further and challenge ideas!"



the development of personalized medicine mean career prospects will only improve.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme is open to motivated candidates with an appropriate scientific qualification. This may be a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Pharmaceutical Sciences.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Computer Science - Mathematics - Medical Natural Sciences - Ecology. ■



BUSINESS ANALYTICS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- BUSINESS PROCESS OPTIMIZATION
- COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

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Why study Business Analytics at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Business Analytics is a multidisciplinary programme aimed at improving business performance by applying a combination of methods that draw from mathematics, computer science and business management. Based on a good understanding of the field and making excessive use of data, you will learn to statistically analyse these data, develop and analyse predictive models, and optimize business processes. The emphasis is on the complete trajectory of decision making in practice; together with the combination of the three different fields of expertise, this makes the Business Analytics programme unique.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Business Analytics is a two-year programme. The first six months are devoted to compulsory courses. Over the next twelve months, you will deepen your knowledge in the three fields of expertise giving you the opportunity to specialize in business process optimization, computational intelligence and financial risk management. Combining the knowledge you acquire and applying it to practical situations plays an essential role in the programme.

As such, the Master's degree is concluded with a six-month individual internship at a company (the Master's project). Employment and academic endeavour can also be combined by following the dual Master's programme. During this programme you are employed part time and study part time.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

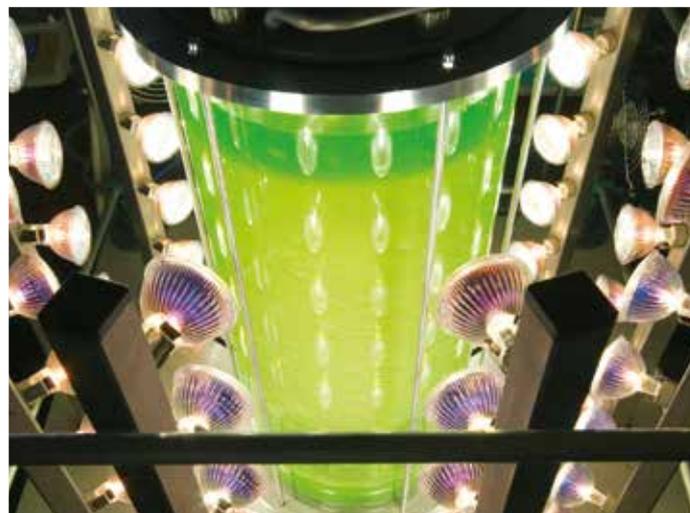
With a Master's degree in Business Analytics, you will always be demanded on the labour market. Companies need academics who have learned to analyse quantitative problems, devise effective solutions and implement them. The Master's programme in Business Analytics will prepare you for a career as data scientist, consultant or quantitative analyst, one of the most sought-after positions in the world.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A sufficiently firm background in (applied) mathematics is required along with some programming skills. Students who have a Bachelor's degree in Business Mathematics, Mathematics or Econometrics from a university or another institute of higher education will be admitted with some additional requirements. A minimum of 90 credits in Business Mathematics, Computer Science or Econometrics, with at least 45 credits in Mathematics, is required for admission to the Master's programme. Applications will be assessed individually.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Computer Science - Econometrics and Operations Research - Mathematics. ■



CHEMISTRY JOINT DEGREE WITH UVA

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- ANALYTICAL SCIENCES
- MOLECULAR SCIENCES
- SCIENCE FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY
- ATOMIC SCALE MODELLING OF PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOMOLECULAR SYSTEMS (ATOSIM)
- SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

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Why study Chemistry at VU Amsterdam?

Are you interested in how to use inexpensive organic materials to capture CO₂? Or would you like to develop ground-breaking analytical methods to determine low levels of bioactive proteins in complex biological samples? Perhaps your focus lies in finding solutions to the current global problems with regard to energy, climate and sustainability? A Master's in Chemistry from VU Amsterdam can lead to an exciting, well-paid career with extensive opportunities for pursuing your ambitions. Moreover, the programme is offered in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam, which makes this a Chemistry Master with a large staff of teachers and researchers with a high international reputation.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Chemistry is a two-year programme in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam. You choose one of the five specializations that suits your ambitions and interests:

- **ANALYTICAL SCIENCES:** you will gain insight in modern analytical technologies for the development of analytical screening and characterization techniques.
- **MOLECULAR SCIENCES:** you will acquire thorough scientific knowledge and understanding of the field of synthesis, catalysis, molecular simulation and spectroscopy.
- **ATOMIC SCALE MODELLING OF PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOMOLECULAR SYSTEMS:** is designed for excellent students, both Dutch and foreign (selected students are eligible for a grant via the EU Erasmus Mundus programme).
- **SCIENCE FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY:** this specialization trains you to provide sustainable solutions to the current pressing global situation with regard to energy, climate and sustainability.
- **SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND INNOVATION:** you will study scientific and social scientific aspects of business innovation trajectories in the area of human life and health care (track Life & Health) or in sustainable energy technology (track Energy & Sustainability)

Each specialization consists of introductory, advanced and optional courses, a research project, thesis and academic skills.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Chemistry graduates have a wide range of career opportunities in academic research (50%), chemical or pharmaceutical industry (35%), business services (24%), education (1%) or other fields (9%). Most students find a position soon after graduation.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Direct admission is possible with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. If you hold a Bachelor's degree in a related subject, you can be admitted with some additional requirements on which the Master's coordinator of the desired specialization decides. The programme provides opportunities to fill specific gaps in your knowledge.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biomolecular Sciences - Drug Discovery and Safety. ■



COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE JOINT DEGREE UVA - VU

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Computational Science in Amsterdam?

Would you like to confront a tornado in virtual reality and predict its path of destruction? Or understand the behavior of financial markets? What if you could simulate the outcome of a surgical procedure before it is used on a patient? Or predict how a crowd would behave in the event of a disaster? Computational Science seeks to explain the complex world we live in using technological simulations.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The first year is dedicated to core Computational Science courses covering computing & algorithms, modelling & simulation, massive-data processing and multidisciplinary collaboration. The second year is dedicated to elective courses and the Master's project. The electives provide opportunity to deepen your knowledge of core concepts in Computational Science. Electives are selected to obtain a specialty in Computational Science or the different application domains, such as Finance & Economics, Biology & Bioinformatics, Numerical Mathematics and Earth Sciences.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Graduates of Computational Science are highly valued because of their skills and knowledge in this new field of science. They are ready to start a career in any research environment where computation is the core business.

JOINT DEGREE

This is a joint degree programme of the University of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam. Courses are given at the two Faculties of Science. Graduates receive a diploma accredited by both universities.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Information Sciences – Computer Science – Mathematics – Artificial Intelligence. ■



COMPUTER SCIENCE JOINT DEGREE VU - UVA

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- FOUNDATIONS OF COMPUTING AND CONCURRENCY
- INTERNET AND WEB TECHNOLOGY
- COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SECURITY
- HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING
- SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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Why study Computer Science in Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Computer Science has a solid reputation for its approach to the subject. Nearly 100% of Computer Science students find a full-time job that matches their qualifications before the day of graduation. As a student, you will profit from the expertise of VU Amsterdam's research groups, and from their contacts at national and international level.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Computer Science is a two-year programme, consisting of a core programme and a selected specialization. This is a joint degree programme of the University of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam. Courses are given at the two Faculties of Science. Graduates receive a diploma accredited by both universities.

There are six specializations to choose from:

Big Data Engineering, Computer Systems Security, Foundations of Computing and Concurrency, Internet and Web Technology, Parallel Computing Systems, Software Engineering and Green IT. You will conclude your programme with a Master's project. This takes the form of a graduation project in one of the research groups at the Department of Computer Science or an internship at a company. Most students complete the project on an individual basis, but it can also be completed in a group.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

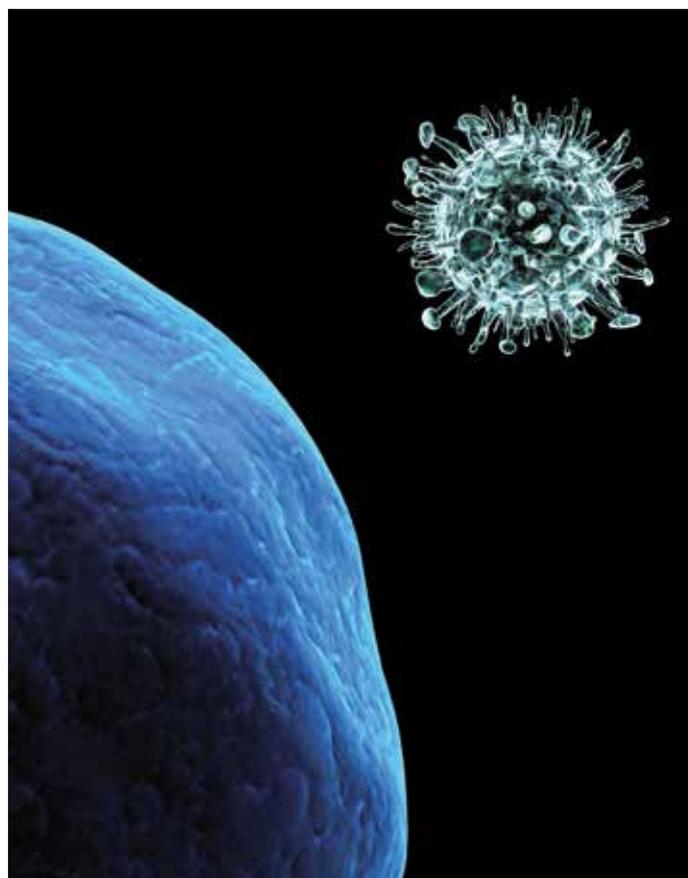
Computer Science graduates are in demand. The vast majority of our students (90%) embark on a career in consultancy, the software business, other private sector businesses or the government sector. Jobs include systems manager, information analyst, software engineer, policy advisor or project manager. Others set up their own company. Graduates with excellent grades can apply for a PhD position.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If you hold a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from a foreign university, you are welcome to apply for this Master's programme. We will assess your qualifications for relevance to your chosen Master's specialization and decide whether and to what extent a pre-Master's track is required.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Artificial Intelligence – Business Analytics – Information Sciences – Parallel and Distributed Computer Systems. ■



DRUG DISCOVERY AND SAFETY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- BIOMARKERS AND CLINICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS
- COMPUTATIONAL MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY AND TOXICOLOGY
- DRUG DESIGN AND SYNTHESIS
- DRUG DISCOVERY AND TARGET FINDING
- DRUG DISPOSITION AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

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Why study Drug Discovery and Safety at VU Amsterdam?

Developing new drugs is a complex process that requires real specialists who are excellent team players. The Master's programme provides you with broad theoretical knowledge of the first phases of drug discovery and development with an emphasis on chemistry and molecular interactions. Your chosen specialization and research project will make you a theoretical and practical expert in one of these areas. Drug Discovery and Safety is a one-of-a-kind programme at the intersection of chemistry and life sciences.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In this Master's programme, you will examine drug discovery and safety from a range of disciplines: chemistry, pharmacology, medicine, genetics and toxicology. This multidisciplinary approach is essential in tackling the diseases of tomorrow and developing the drugs of the future. Drug Discovery and Safety starts with introductory courses on chemical biology, ADME processes, drug action, computational design and synthesis of drugs. You will take advanced courses in one of five specializations, write a thesis and carry out your own research project in one of our internationally renowned research groups at the Department of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences within the brand new O12 laboratory building. You can also opt for an internship abroad or our Double Degree Programme in collaboration with the University of Copenhagen. Our Master's coordinators will provide you with expert guidance in putting together your own personalized programme within your specialization.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a Master's in Drug Discovery and Safety, you will have excellent career prospects and can generally expect to earn a good salary. Our graduates have gone into scientific research (45%), pharmaceutical sales (25%), government or private-sector policy-making (10%), teaching (5%) and other jobs (15%, ranging from clinical research associate to patent consultant and from toxicologist to customs researcher).

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can join the programme with a Bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry and Pharmacy (depending on the exact contents of your BSc programme). If you hold a Bachelor's degree in a related subject, the exam committee will in consultation with the Master's coordinator of the desired specialization decide on your eligibility.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Biomoleculaire Sciences - Chemistry - Medical Natural Sciences - Biomedical Sciences - Science, Business and Innovation. ■



INFORMATION SCIENCES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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• WEB VARIANT
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Why study Information Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Information Sciences bridge the gap between Information and Communication Technology and its practical use in society. Are you more interested in the application of technology than technology for its own sake? Do you believe it's important not to lose sight of the role people, organizations and cultures play in generating, processing, designing, modelling, communicating and sharing information? Are you fascinated by knowledge and innovation? If so, the Master's programme in Information Sciences is an excellent choice for you.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The one-year Master's in Information Sciences trains you to become an outstanding professional who – working independently or in a team – is able to solve problems with regard to the design, application and practical use of complex information systems in organizations. The first half of the semester consists of optional and compulsory courses offered by VU Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam. Both institutions offer five courses of six credits, and you will select a minimum of five courses from a total of ten. Topics range from e-business and visual analytics to courses on the social web and internet information. The full list of courses can be found online. The academic research component of the Master's consists of courses on research methods and thesis design (12 credits), and a thesis worth 18 credits.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Career prospects for Information Sciences graduates are excellent. Our graduates work in a wide range of industries and public institutions, both inside and outside the IT sector. They take on positions as consultants, analysts, designers, project coordinators, IT programme managers and researchers. Some graduates pursue their studies to PhD level and some go on to start their own businesses.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's is open to students with a university Bachelor's degree in Information Sciences or in related fields such as Computer Science, Informatics, Business Analytics or Artificial Intelligence. A detailed application procedure for international students can be found at the website.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Artificial Intelligence – Computer Science. ■



MATHEMATICS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- STOCHASTICS
- ANALYSIS AND DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS
- ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY
- BIOMEDICAL MATHEMATICS

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Why study Mathematics at VU Amsterdam?

Mathematics is a vibrant, multifaceted and versatile field, focusing on the study and development of techniques to tackle pure and applied mathematical questions. Often, the dividing line between theory and practice is illusory. Mathematical theory, developed for a specific problem, often finds its way into unexpected applications. The Department of Mathematics at VU Amsterdam maintains close ties with organizations where mathematical principles are applied, including financial companies and other businesses, VU University Medical Center and biomedical research groups.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's programme in Mathematics consists of specialized courses, optional courses and a Master's project, culminating in the Master's thesis in your second year. You can carry out this project under the supervision of a staff member from the Department of Mathematics, or externally at a company or research facility. The Mathematics Department at VU Amsterdam has an excellent reputation as a training and research institute, active in areas that vary from the purely theoretical to the highly applied.

The Departments of Mathematics at the Dutch universities have joined forces to offer joint courses through the MasterMath initiative. This gives you an ideal opportunity to interact with students and lecturers from other institutes in the Netherlands. All students are required to take at least 30 credits of MasterMath courses.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

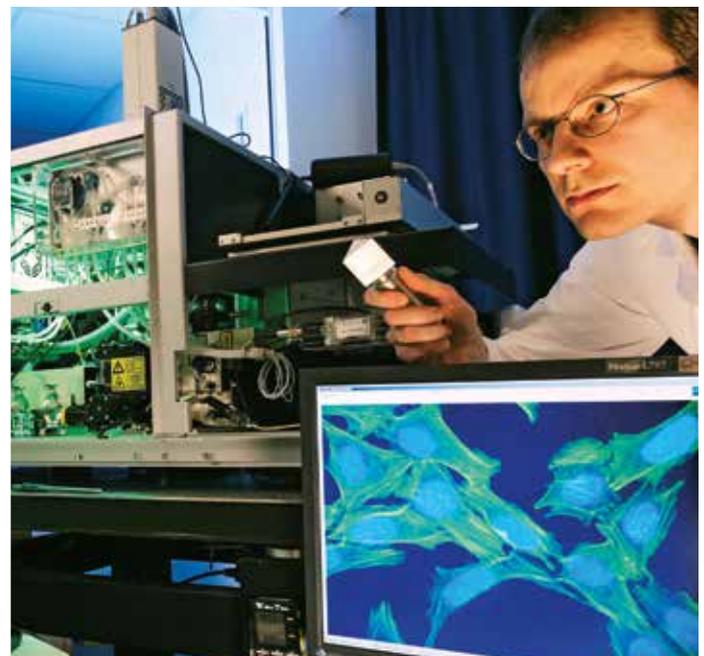
As a Mathematics graduate, your versatility, analytical acumen and problem-solving skills will make you an ideal candidate for a variety of jobs in industry, banking, technology, consultancy, service organizations and many other fields. Graduates with excellent grades are invited to apply for one of our PhD positions. As PhD student you will conduct research, culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Direct admission to the Master's programme in Mathematics is possible with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics or Engineering Mathematics from a university in the Netherlands. If you have a Bachelor's degree in another subject from a university or institute of higher education in the Netherlands or elsewhere, you require the approval of the Examination Board. Assessment criteria include 90 credits of Mathematics courses at BSc level, including some advanced courses.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Stochastics and Financial Mathematics - Business Analytics - Physics - Computer Science - Bioinformatics and Systems Biology. ■



MEDICAL NATURAL SCIENCES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

WWW.VU.NL/MNS

ADMISSIONSFS@VU.NL

Why study Medical Natural Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

The field of medical sciences is developing incredibly fast. While the first pacemaker was too large to implant, nowadays these devices are the size of a matchbox and doctors can set them remotely. Such technological advances call for scientists with an innovative and clever approach to medical research. Medical Natural Sciences is a multidisciplinary programme that combines physics and chemistry with medicine. It will equip you perfectly for future developments in medical research, in all their complexity.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Medical Natural Sciences starts with introductory and advanced courses that combine subjects in physics and chemistry with clinical-based topics. You will write a literature thesis, join one of the participating research groups and possibly opt for an internship abroad. You will also have some more specialized courses, to elaborate your knowledge and prepare you for the academic field. These courses can be chosen from a selected list and can (either) be more physically, chemically or physiologically oriented.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

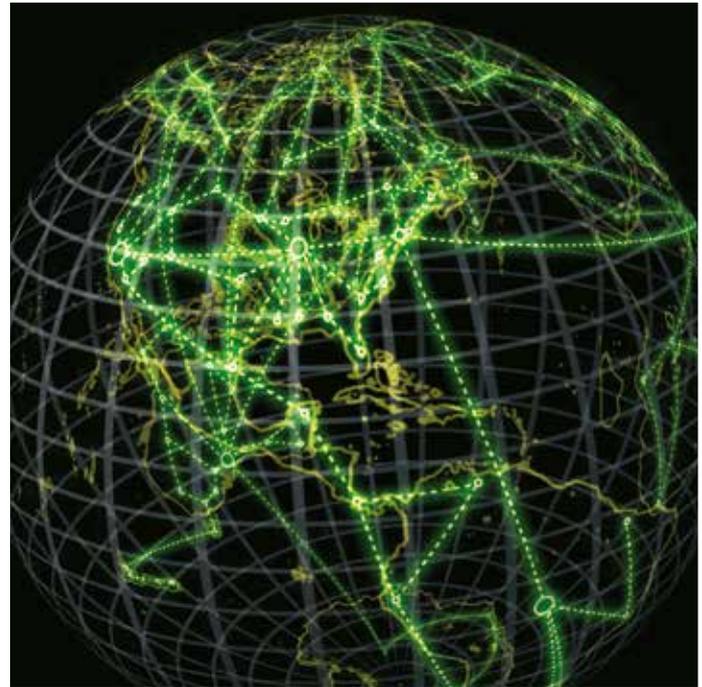
Medical technology is developing rapidly. Medical Natural Sciences graduates therefore enjoy highly favourable career prospects in the fields of genetics, bio-informatics, clinical chemistry, medical physics, pharmacy and molecular research. 90% of our graduates found a position within six months after graduation. You can work in clinics, institutes or companies in various areas based on your chosen path.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Examination Board of the Faculty of Sciences can admit international students with a qualification that is equivalent to a Dutch Bachelor's degree in Medical Natural Sciences. Your Bachelor's degree should provide you sufficient preliminary knowledge for the desired course plan.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Bioinformatics and Systems Biology – Biomedical Sciences – Biomolecular Sciences – Cardiovascular Research - Drug Discovery and Safety - Neurosciences - Oncology - Physics. ■



PARALLEL AND DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEMS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Parallel and Distributed Computer Systems at VU Amsterdam?

As the internet develops, it has come to include cloud computing centres, smartphones, RFID tags and sensor networks. This connected world brings new opportunities for science and business, but also new challenges to privacy and security. You will study entirely new software architectures and large-scale, geographically distributed systems which can serve billions of users. Scalability, performance, security and visualization are key topics.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Parallel and Distributed Computer Systems is a two-year programme that strikes an effective balance between classroom and applied work. About one third of the first three semesters is devoted to practical projects. The emphasis shifts gradually from lectures to independent and research-oriented study with practical work, seminars and the identification of open research questions.

The first semester is an even mix between compulsory and elective courses. Compulsory courses include Distributed Systems, where you will learn about the development of middleware systems for large-scale computer networks. Parallel Programming teaches you how to write programmes that run in parallel on a large number of processors and Computer & Network Security is a wide-ranging course on security. The final semester is dedicated to the Master's thesis, which usually involves conducting research together with a member of the programme's academic staff.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

PDCS is a research Master's, which means that most of our students are preparing for a career in academic or industrial research. Many PDCS graduates continue their studies by obtaining a PhD research position at a top university. Others join industrial research laboratories. PDCS graduates are needed in many sectors. Graduates with an entrepreneurial drive often start their own companies.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme in Parallel and Distributed Computer Systems is an internationally oriented, multidisciplinary programme based on outstanding research at VU Amsterdam. The requirements, procedures and regulations are therefore different from those of a standard Master's programme. For the full procedure, check the website.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Artificial Intelligence - Computer Science. ■



PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY JOINT DEGREE WITH UVA

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- ADVANCED MATTER AND ENERGY PHYSICS
- ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS
- GRAVITATION, ASTRO- AND PARTICLE PHYSICS
- PHYSICS OF LIFE AND HEALTH
- SCIENCE FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY
- THEORETICAL PHYSICS
- SCIENCE, BUSINESS & INNOVATION

WWW.VU.NL/PHYSICS
ADMISSIONSFS@VU.NL

Why study physics at VU Amsterdam?

Physics and Astronomy is an indispensable part of modern society. Our lives would be entirely different without world-wide-web, computer chips, lasers, MRI screening and all the other benefits of physics research. The Master's in Physics and Astronomy provides you with plenty of opportunities to study and engage in ground-breaking fundamental research and its applications. The programme offers a wide range of courses and the opportunity to work with leading international researchers in advanced laboratories such as the Laser Centre (LCVU).

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's programme gives you wider knowledge and a deeper understanding of physics as a whole, and the opportunity to specialize in a specific area. The specializations offered range from Fundamentals of particle physics, Advanced Matter and Energy Physics to Physics of Life and Health. You will take core courses in your chosen specialization, plus a number of optional subjects. These options can be general physics subjects or courses drawn from another specialization. In your second year, you will join one of the research groups for your Master's project and write a Master's thesis. In addition to your specialization, you can choose between various professional profiles which emphasize research, communication, education or executive and management skills. Physics and Astronomy is a joint degree programme of the University of Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam. Courses are given at the two Faculties of Science. Graduates receive a diploma accredited by both universities.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

A Master's degree in Physics and Astronomy provides a solid steppingstone to a variety of career paths. You can pursue a career at a research institute, a major multinational, a telecommunications company or a bank. Other opportunities can be found in the public sector, software houses and consultancies. You can also choose to continue your research at PhD level.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general requirements for the Master's in Physics and Astronomy, each specialization has its own set of specific requirements. In general, you should hold a Bachelor's degree in Physics or Physics and Astronomy or an equivalent qualification. Please contact the programme coordinator for your specialization to obtain detailed information on specific further requirements.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Mathematics - Medical Natural Sciences - Science Business & Innovation. ■



STOCHASTICS AND FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Stochastics and Financial Mathematics at VU Amsterdam?

Stochastics examines phenomena in which chance plays a central role, such as general election results, share price fluctuations and interactions between molecules in a living cell. The Master's programme in Stochastics and Financial Mathematics trains you in the full depth and breadth of this field, expanding your abilities and insights and enhancing your career opportunities. VU Amsterdam maintains close contact with the mathematics departments of many financial businesses and is located in the financial heart of Amsterdam.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Stochastics and Financial Mathematics is a small-scale programme that is characterized by a personal style and individual attention. Student-teacher interaction plays a key role. You will benefit from having the opportunity to study in small groups and work closely with the academic staff.

The two-year programme is divided into four semesters. In the first semester you will take courses that lay the foundation for the more advanced subjects to come. In the second and third semester, you can select subjects from a list of recommended courses provided each year by the department. The last semester is dedicated to your Master's project, which is either a research project or an external project carried out at a business or research facility outside the university.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

A Master's degree in Stochastics and Financial Mathematics will be a great asset to you in finding employment in the business world, especially with major financial institutions (e.g. banks, insurance firms), rail transport and telecommunications companies. Your future employer will not only benefit from your mathematical background, but also from the personal and organizational skills you developed during the programme.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is possible with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics or a closely related subject, such as Statistics or Econometrics, subject to approval by the Examination Board. You also require some knowledge of measure and integration theory, probability and stochastics.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Analytics - Computer Science - Mathematics. ■

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- ACCOUNTANCY
- CONTROLLING
- HONOURS PROGRAMME IN BUSINESS RESEARCH (20 ADDITIONAL CREDITS)

WWW.VU.NL/BUSINESSRESEARCH

WWW.VU.NL/ACCOUNTING

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Why study Accounting and Control at VU Amsterdam?

The Accounting and Control programme draws on the strengths of VU Amsterdam as an established research university and as a major provider of postgraduate professional education in accountancy. The programme takes you beyond debits and credits and invites you to consider accounting as a vital form of scorekeeping for business and society, and the challenge of maintaining reliability and integrity of financial information when the stakes are high.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

A common core of 24 credits gives all students a thorough exposure to financial reporting, management control systems, the institutional environment of accounting and control, and research methodologies in accounting. The remainder of the programme consists of three or more electives (e.g. corporate finance, audit, or accounting information systems) and an individual thesis of 18 credits, all of which you can use to develop a specific disciplinary profile.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a strong academic core, an openness to the world of professional practice, and an international outlook, the programme is an effective starting point for your career as a professional preparer, user or auditor of financial information, and a gateway to further specialized training.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted you must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Auditing, Quantitative Methods and Financial Statement Analysis.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration: Financial Management - Finance. ■



BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- DUISENBERG HONOURS PROGRAMME IN FINANCIAL MARKETS & REGULATION
- HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- DIGITAL INNOVATION
- MANAGEMENT CONSULTING
- STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION
- TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
- HONOURS PROGRAMME IN BUSINESS RESEARCH (20 ADDITIONAL CREDITS)

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Why study Business Administration at VU Amsterdam?

No part of the Dutch economy is growing as fast as the business services industry. The Master's in Business Administration at VU Amsterdam is the only Master's in the country and in Europe to focus specifically on this aspect of industrial activity. The university is located alongside Dutch multinationals, right in the heart of Amsterdam's Zuidas business district. Our teaching staff provides an ideal combination of excellent scholarship and hands-on experience straight from the business world.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Business Administration is a one-year, full-time programme. The programme offers seven specializations and a honours programme, each with its own entry requirements,

giving you the opportunity to become a leading expert in one of these areas. You will complete the programme by writing a Master's thesis about your own research on a specific topic taken from your specialization's research spectrum. Upon successful completion of the programme, you will have amassed expert knowledge in this specific area of studies and you will receive an internationally recognized Master of Science degree (MSc) in Business Administration. The specialization will be stated on your diploma supplement.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Regardless of the specialization you choose, you will be ideally equipped for a career in management, research or consultancy, both internal and external. Your strengths will either lie in your knowledge of a specific field (FM, FM&R, HRM, IKM, S&O, TSCM) or in your command of processes and skills (MC).

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses related to the specialization of your choice and general courses such as Statistics, Business Statistics and/or Research Methods. See specific admission requirements per specialization.

7 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Financial management professionals have to be experts in three major fields: they must have a thorough understanding of how to acquire financial resources (Corporate Finance), must understand the financial environment (Financial Market) and must have a keen awareness of how to manage and report internal financial flows (Management/Financial Accounting). The programme has two focus areas: financial management in business (Corporate Finance and Accounting) and financial management in the financial sector (Banking and Insurance).

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Corporate Finance, Financial Management, Financial Markets and Institutions, Business Statistics and Accounting.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Finance - Accounting and Control.

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2 DUISENBERG HONOURS PROGRAMME IN FINANCIAL MARKETS & REGULATION

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Duisenberg honours programme in Financial Markets & Regulation provides students a broad perspective on how financial markets function. This programme combines the disciplines finance, accounting, law and regulation. The aim of the programme is to give you a firm grounding in these disciplines. This will enable you to make a quick start as an all-round finance professional. Multi-disciplinary trained finance professionals have a good position in the labour market.

This honours programme is challenging because of extra disciplines, extra courses, extra challenging assignments and an extra leadership programme.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Corporate Finance, Financial Management, Financial Markets and Institutions, Business Statistics and Accounting. As this programme is selective above average performance in previous bachelor programme is required.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Finance, Accounting and Control and Duisenberg honours programme Quantitative Risk Management.

WWW.VU.NL/FMR

3 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

HRM can be defined as the management of work and people in order to achieve desired outcomes. For organizations, these outcomes involve high performance aligned with organizational goals. For employees, they involve career and development opportunities. Human resource managers take on the challenge of aligning individual needs to organizational requirements using HRM tools and models. This process takes place in the context of environmental and societal trends, such as increasingly diverse employee backgrounds and more fluid career paths.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Organizational Behaviour, Human Resource Management and Research Methods for Business.

WWW.VU.NL/HRM

4 DIGITAL INNOVATION

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

You will develop a thorough understanding of innovative organizational forms and new online technologies, and you will focus on their value to develop business and improve organizational processes. You will be called on to think creatively and critically, using new academic insights, while searching for innovative, practical solutions to turn information and knowledge into strategic value. Many high-profile companies are keenly interested in our students, both when collaborating with them on joint projects during courses and upon graduation.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in E-Business, Information Technology, Knowledge/Innovation Management, Business Research Methods, and (Strategic) Management/Organization. We are looking for highly motivated students with a strong work ethos and a solid command of English.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Marketing - Business Administration: specialization Strategy and Organization - Entrepreneurship.

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5 MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Consultants are hired when clients are unsure what action to take or lack the time for proper reflection. The consultant's task is to solve management problems, improve performance, implement changes and seize new opportunities. Yet even when consultants are called in, clients may still fail to take the right decisions or to implement change. We offer you academic tools and training to develop the personal skills you need to become an invaluable partner to businesses, government bodies and other organizations.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including 30 credits of advanced Business Administration courses (e.g. Strategy and Organization, Organizational Design) and 30 credits of method courses (e.g. Business Statistics, Research Methods). If you have completed a 30-credit minor in Business Administration as part of another degree, you may also apply.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration: Strategy and Organization.

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6 STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

You will explore the four challenges faced by businesses in the 21st century: globalization, collaboration, transformation, and servitization. You can study the challenges involved in the internationalization of entrepreneurial companies and multinational enterprises, and explore different forms of collaboration, including alliances, mergers and acquisitions. Alternatively, you can focus on topics including the design and management of services, how production firms use services to improve their competitive position and the management of service innovation.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Strategy and Environment, Organizational Design and Business Statistics/Research Methods.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration: specialization Management Consulting.

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7 TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Various national and international studies list the Netherlands as one of the leading logistics regions in the world. The presence and support of ambitious companies and our strong track record in applied research offer you the right academic and professional environment for education. You will examine contemporary transportation and supply chain challenges and develop novel solutions and insights in close collaboration with industry and policy makers. The combination of supply chain management and transport economics coursework makes this an unrivalled degree specialization in the Netherlands and in Europe.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including courses in Operations Management or Operations Research, Supply Chain Management and/or Transport Economics. We are looking for highly motivated students with a strong work ethos and strong analytical skills. A solid command of English is required.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Spatial, Transport and Environmental Economics.

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BUSINESS IN SOCIETY (JOINT PROGRAMME VU-UVA)

2 YEAR; 120 CREDITS

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RESEARCH
MASTER



Why study Business in Society at VU Amsterdam?

The two-year Research Master's programme Business in Society will equip you with the knowledge and skills to shape new ways of doing business, taking into account how organizations and society affect each other. With a maximum intake of 25 talented and highly motivated students from all over the world, this English taught elite programme offers intensive interactions. You will learn from, and work closely with, some of the world's leading business administration scholars from both VU and UvA.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

We are not only unique in our focus on business in society, but also in our emphasis on developing theory-building skills. We strongly believe that further testing existing theories will not suffice to successfully address the complex issues businesses face in interacting with society: tomorrow's business researchers need strong theory-building skills besides strong methodological skills. So, instead of purely focusing on developing your knowledge of research methods, this programme is designed to promote a balanced combination of methodological skills and academic literary skills (theory-building, critical, reflective attitude, excellent writing, and communication).

The programme offers specialized courses, an overarching perspective connecting specializations and ample opportunities to tailor courses to your personal interests, either to broaden or focus your scope. Upon successful completion, you will receive a legally accredited Master's degree from two universities and the title Master of Science (MSc) in Business in Society.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

It is the ideal preparation for a leading PhD programme in business administration or a related discipline. It also gives you excellent credentials to apply for a (research-related) position in the public or private sector, including in top consulting firms. In short: our alumni possess all the required skills to be a leader in tomorrow's business research.

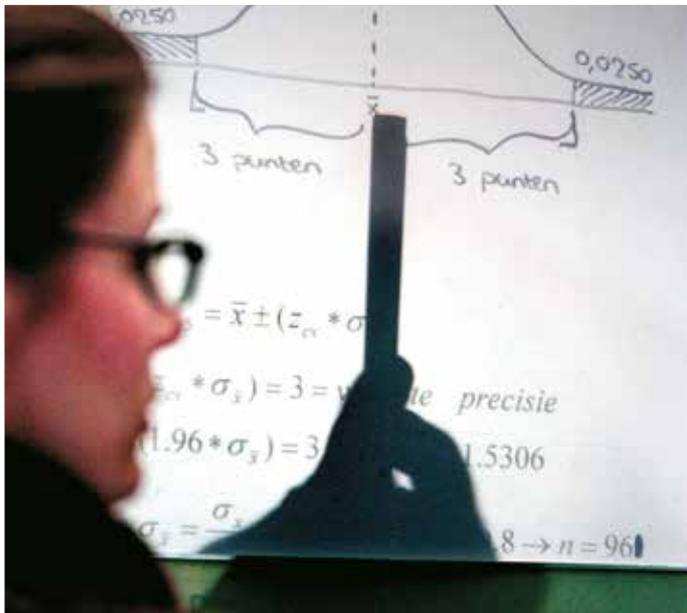
SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admissions are selective and competitive and a maximum of 25 students may enroll each year. Apart from holding a university bachelor's degree applicants are asked to, for instance, submit a motivation letter, references, GMAT/GRE score, TOEFL score, and/or an essay. Check our website for exact requirements.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

VU/FEWEB MSc Business Administration

UvA MSc Business Administration ■



ECONOMETRICS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- ECONOMETRICS AND MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS
- OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND BUSINESS ECONOMETRICS

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Why study Econometrics and Operations Research at VU Amsterdam?

Econometrics and Operations Research is a fascinating scientific discipline which develops state-of-the-art quantitative methods and applies them to the analysis of economic problems in their broadest sense. Due to the diversity of modelling and analytical techniques, the programme is divided into two specializations. Each specialization provides you with the opportunity to examine a number of areas in greater detail, oriented either towards economic or business processes.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The curriculum features many of the latest developments in areas such as financial econometrics, combinatorial optimization and game theory. The programme offers two specializations, one in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics and one in Operations Research and Business Econometrics. You will choose a specialization at the beginning of the programme, or you may combine courses from both specializations to create a tailor-made programme based on your own interests. In the latter case, no specialization will be mentioned on your degree certificate. Each of the tracks can be further profiled into areas of interest in Econometrics or Operations Research.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

You will have excellent career prospects in areas where mathematics, statistics and ICT resources are applied to the quantitative analysis of business problems. Operations researchers work in a range of industries, including logistics, software development, transport and distribution, manufacturing and consultancy. Econometricians find employment in national policy research at planning agencies or government ministries, in financial institutions and consultancy firms.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted you must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including elementary courses in calculus, linear algebra, statistics, probability theory, mathematical economics and a programming language such as C/C++, JAVA, Matlab, Python and/or Ox. Additionally, you have passed advanced courses in econometrics and/or operations research, depending on the specialization you choose.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Analytics - Finance: Duisenberg Honours Programme in Quantitative Risk Management.

2 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 ECONOMETRICS AND MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization focuses on econometric methods and techniques within finance and economics. Within the field of Econometrics you will learn to model economic time series and estimate parameters using advanced statistical techniques. Electing a profile, you can choose to dive deeper into fields like dynamic econometrics, advanced theoretical econometrics, or financial econometrics. Within the field of Mathematical Economics you will learn to model and investigate markets with network structures, and develop optimal strategies from both the societal and business perspective.

2 OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND BUSINESS ECONOMETRICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization is geared towards analysing, modelling and optimizing operational business processes. The topics in the field of Operations Research concern the analysis of combinatorial optimization algorithms, and stochastic simulation of logistical systems. Within Business Econometrics you will learn to model business processes and to apply quantitative techniques for solving business decision problems. Electing a profile you can delve deeper into fields like computer science, game theory, and logistic, or follow an honours programme Operations Research. ■

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

You will learn to take a structured approach to solving practical problems, using state-of-the-art methodology, and basing your research conclusions and policy recommendations on sound scientific principles. In core courses, you will gain a thorough understanding of economic tools in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics at an advanced level. You will then take in-depth and challenging field courses to put theory into practice, with a focus on applied modelling and policy perspectives. Taking a specialization is optional, and students who would prefer to exercise a range of talents can freely pick and mix from our list of elective courses. Those who wish to gain more expertise in a particular policy field can choose from among the four specializations within this Master's programme. Finally, you will conduct your own research and subject current theories to critical tests, culminating in a thesis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a graduate you will be a versatile and independent economist, with an internationally recognized MSc degree in Economics, testifying to specialized knowledge as an expert in your field. Some graduates work as policy advisors or analysts at ministries, government agencies or central banks. Others become consultants or join multinationals in banking and insurance, while others pursue research at PhD level.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics and Mathematics.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Spatial, Transport and Environmental Economics - Research Master: Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics. ■



ECONOMICS

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
- PUBLIC POLICY
- INTERNATIONAL AND MACROECONOMIC POLICY
- GLOBAL CHALLENGES

WWW.VU.NL/ECONOMICS

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Why study Economics at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's in Economics admits highly motivated and inquisitive minds from a global pool of applicants (40% international).

Using appropriate models and statistical techniques, you will tackle economic issues in a broad range of areas, straddling globalization and development, public policy issues spanning labour, health and industrial organization, and international macroeconomic policy coordination. We offer world-class teaching with an excellent student/teacher ratio.

The programme is highly rated by our students and is one of the top Economics programmes in the Netherlands.

4 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Development Economics group forms one of the strongest development economics research groups in Europe. Our approach is decidedly empirical, using case studies or survey data from individual households or firms to test competing theories and to evaluate the impact of implemented policy initiatives and specific development projects. The Development Economics curriculum is also shaped by broader issues of human development. We cooperate closely with the University of Amsterdam, which is responsible for certain teaching activities.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics and Mathematics.

2 PUBLIC POLICY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Microeconomics research group is one of the strongest in the country in this field, and it forms the backbone of this specialization. It focuses on three specific areas: A) bridging the gap between micro- and macroeconomic approaches to labour market policies, B) strategies embraced by firms to gain market power and countervailing policy measures of government (regulation, incentives, market transparency), C) the consequences of ageing on social security and healthcare institutions and policies to improve work, health and longevity outcomes.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics and Mathematics.

3 INTERNATIONAL AND MACROECONOMIC POLICY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization builds on the foundations of advanced macroeconomics. Among other topics, specialization courses discuss strategies involved in the coordination and cooperation needed to maintain and promote European integration. Another area focuses on growth in developing nations. We also study the drivers of growth in industrialized countries, specifically the strategies embraced by firms to boost innovation and growth, and the role of policy. Our highly respected teaching staff have an international track record in academia, central banking and policy advice.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics and Mathematics.

4 GLOBAL CHALLENGES

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization addresses main issues with a global dimension. Global warming and climate change, poverty and growth in developing nations, migration or international policy coordination are some examples. Courses apply relevant theoretical and empirical insights into practical issues, you will learn to use modern analytical tools to investigate potential solutions and to formulate policy recommendations. This specialization is also supported by teaching staff from the department of spatial economics.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Statistics and Mathematics. ■



ENTREPRENEURSHIP JOINT DEGREE

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

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ADMISSIONS-EB@UVA.NL

Why study entrepreneurship at VU Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam?

As two leading Dutch universities, the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and VU Amsterdam jointly deliver a unique Master's programme in Entrepreneurship. The programme will give you a profound academic grasp of entrepreneurship and will hone your entrepreneurial skillset. This powerful combination of knowledge and skills will appeal to creative and ambitious students. At the same time these are also competencies that are much in demand with employers who see entrepreneurship as crucial to their ability to create social and economic value.

The programme will expose you to two distinct academic cultures, which challenges you to look further and prepares you for the demands of entrepreneurial practice.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

This one-year, full-time programme is entirely taught in English. We see entrepreneurship as the processes of creating and exploiting opportunities by means of novel combinations of resources leading to new value. Creativity plays a key role in these processes. You will study entrepreneurial processes in all contexts where they occur and acquire a solid foundation in academic research, cutting-edge theory and research methodology. Upon graduation you will be awarded a joint VU-UvA Master's degree. This degree is recognized internationally.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Apart from setting up your own business, you could also pursue another type of entrepreneurial career. An increasing number of companies are looking for 'entrepreneurial professionals', giving our graduates a distinct advantage on the labour market. This programme can also put you on a pathway to obtaining a PhD degree, becoming an entrepreneurship researcher or otherwise pursuing an academic career.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including courses in Organizational Behaviour, Organization Design, Statistics and Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration and Marketing. ■



FINANCE

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

• DUISENBERG HONOURS PROGRAMME IN QUANTITATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT (84 CREDITS)

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Why study Finance at VU Amsterdam?

Financial decision making touches upon all aspects of the modern economy: finding appropriate financing instruments for new companies or new business opportunities; thinking about stimulating economic growth through financial innovation and a safe regulation of the financial system; building sound investment strategies and improve risk sharing in insurance and old-age provision. Both the corporate world and financial industry are constantly on the lookout for clever, bright minds that have an academic critical attitude and can face up to the complex challenges of today's financial world.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme in a nutshell:

- 60ec, 12 months, classified the Netherlands' top programme in Finance by the Guide for Higher Education 2015 ('Keuzegids Hoger Onderwijs');
- 6 challenging courses, 2 research projects;
- Flexibility: 30% coursework is elective, featuring either a more corporate or more investments flavoured profile;
- Academic and hands-on: academic and industry professors, career services, two active student study associations.

In the first semester, you deepen your knowledge in the field of Asset Pricing and Corporate Finance. You learn how to apply optimal asset allocations and gain quantitative skills to apply corporate finance concepts in real life. In Empirical Finance, you cover the empirical research methods you will need directly

afterwards in your research project and academic thesis. You also take an elective in your desired field of specialization, e.g., Derivatives or Corporate Valuation. The semester ends with the Research Project in January. This is an applied project where you work in teams of three students on a topic provided by our faculty members. Some research projects are also offered in collaboration with partner firms from the financial industry. In the second semester, you take your final core course on Financial Markets and Institutions and a second elective (for instance, Behavioural Finance, Institutional Investments and ALM, or Bank Management). Finally, in April you start working on your MSc thesis, which is aimed for completion end of June. The thesis can be combined with an internship (extended deadline) and is supervised by one of our faculty experts.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Almost 90% of our alumni obtain a job within one year after graduation. You can find VU Finance alumni in the financial industry (78%), which includes the banking and financial services industry, as well as in the Industrial, Export & Transport sector (19%). This includes for example promising careers at large international companies, such as Royal Dutch Shell. Alumni also enter government and supervisory institutions, or enter an academic career. Throughout the programme, we offer a number of career workshops to help you prepare for the job market.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equal to the Dutch academic Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Corporate Finance, Investments or Asset Management, Quantitative Methods, Mathematics and Statistics.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration: Financial Management - Finance:
 Duisenberg Honours Programme Quantitative Risk Management
 - Financial Management: Duisenberg Honours Programme
 Financial Markets and Regulation - Accounting and Control -
 Econometrics - Stochastics and Financial Mathematics.

1 SPECIALIZATION:

DUISENBERG HONOURS PROGRAMME IN QUANTITATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT

WHY CHOOSE THIS HONOURS TRACK?

The Duisenberg honours programme in Quantitative Risk Management is a 84 credits prestigious programme specifically for students who are interested in quantitative modelling aspects within the finance profession. You will tackle issues in the field of risk management and the development of complex financial products, and apply methodological concepts to real-life situations. You will be trained in asset pricing, investment issues and derivatives, as well as in the application of the latest computational and econometric techniques needed for a successful career.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Investments, Econometrics, Mathematical Statistics and Probability Theory, and Programming.

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MARKETING

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- HONOURS PROGRAMME IN BUSINESS RESEARCH (20 ADDITIONAL CREDITS)
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Why study Marketing at VU Amsterdam?

This programme focuses on training you to become a marketing professional with a strongly developed critical and analytical intellect, in-depth knowledge and a keen insight into state-of-the-art marketing, as well as the ability to apply this insight to practical marketing problems. The programme distinguishes itself from others by focusing on strategic marketing topics and integrating a managerial and research-focused approach. The Master forms an excellent basis for solving marketing problems in both consumer and business markets.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In the Master's programme in Marketing, you will study and analyse the choices that companies make in defining, creating and delivering superior customer value with the ultimate aim of achieving a sustainable competitive edge. Accordingly, you will concentrate on acquiring and applying knowledge of strategic marketing and market research, and you will specialize in the areas of consumer and business marketing. You will integrate

and apply your new knowledge in present-day real-life case studies and challenges set by our business contacts. Electives include Digital Marketing, Branding & Advertising, Sales and Product Management, Retailing, Experimental Research, Cross-Cultural Consumer Research and Geo-Marketing. You will learn to think critically, make succinct analyses and reach well-argued conclusions.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Holding a Master's degree in Marketing, you can pursue a career in marketing management or market research, for example as a product or brand manager, marketing manager, account manager or market researcher in academia, multinational corporations, or in the SME sector. In addition, the Master's in Marketing can lead to a career in consulting, management or a range of other fields.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Consumer Behaviour, Research Methods/ Marketing Research (including substantial experience of using SPSS, R, STATA or equivalent statistical programme), and sufficient foundational Marketing courses.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Business Administration: Information and Knowledge Management. ■



SPATIAL, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- SPATIAL ECONOMICS
- TRANSPORT ECONOMICS
- ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

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Why study Spatial, Transport and Environmental economics at VU Amsterdam?

The Department of Spatial Economics at VU Amsterdam houses several internationally renowned professors and has one of the world's largest research groups in spatial economics. They actively participate in the economic policy debate and are often consulted on large-scale government initiatives. Under their intensive and accessible supervision you will acquire in-depth understanding on theory and practice.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme offers an integrated view of the themes of space, transport and the environment from an economic perspective. The first semester provides you with a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of economic theory and research methods. From period two onwards you select core courses and optional courses that allow you to specialize in various combinations of urban and regional, transport or environmental economics. Three months of your second semester are devoted to the research and writing of your Master's thesis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Spatial, transport and environmental economics offers excellent career prospects. Many graduates find jobs as policy economists at national or international government agencies or consultancy firms; or at organizations such as airlines or railway operators. Others opt for a career in economic research.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess at least an accredited Bachelor's degree (equivalent to a Dutch university Bachelor's degree), including advanced courses in Microeconomics, Econometrics, and Mathematics.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Economics: specialization Spatial Economics - Business Administration: Transport and Supply Chain Management - Environment and Resource Management: specialization Environmental Studies - Earth Sciences: specialization Earth and Economics.

3 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 SPATIAL ECONOMICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Spatial Economics analyses how various forces contribute to the economic functioning of cities and regions from a mainly microeconomic perspective, and explores the use and further development of various techniques, methods and tools in this field.

2 TRANSPORT ECONOMICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Transport Economics focuses on the causes and consequences of a growing demand for mobility from a microeconomic perspective. It also addresses problems such as traffic congestion, reliability, safety and environmental externalities.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Environmental Economics focuses on economic aspects of environmental problems and policy. It combines scientific and policy expertise and addresses the need to integrate economics with insights from other disciplines, notably the environmental sciences. ■

Why choose the Tinbergen Institute MPhil in Economics at VU Amsterdam?

Work with the best lecturers and researchers from the 3 leading Dutch universities in economics, econometrics and finance at the renowned Tinbergen Institute, named after Jan Tinbergen, the Dutch Nobel Prize laureate in Economics (1969). Pursue a career in academic research and join the graduate school of the economics departments of Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Amsterdam, and VU Amsterdam. TI offers a research master's programme; fully paid PhD positions; individual mentoring; an international and small-scale community and intensive job market training.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Tinbergen Institute offers a Research Master's programme with three specializations: economics, econometrics and finance. Its scope, level and quality rival that of equivalent programmes at leading academic institutions worldwide. The first year consists of rigorous training in the core subjects and tools of economics, econometrics and finance (Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Finance and (Advanced) Econometrics). During this year, students follow seminar series where TI research fellows introduce themselves. These seminars allow students to explore potential supervisors and fields of specialization.

In the second year, students complete 30 credits of specialized coursework by choosing from over 40 field courses and write an MPhil thesis (30 credits), supervised by one of TI's senior research fellows, all of whom have excellent international credentials. The final version of the thesis should be suitable for submission to an international, peer-reviewed journal and may serve as the first chapter of the PhD dissertation. Most students who perform well in the MPhil programme, transfer (upon graduation) to the three-year PhD programme.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Tinbergen Institute's Research Master's offers excellent preparation for further study and research leading to a PhD in fully paid positions at one of the three economics departments (VU, UvA or EUR). Ask any of TI's over 600 PhD alumni, and they will tell you that a degree from Tinbergen Institute opens the doors of opportunity at e.g. LSE, Oxford, INSEAD, IMF or World Bank. See our placement record:

WWW.TINBERGEN.NL/RECENT-TOP-PLACEMENTS/.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The typical TI student is one of the better students in his/her class and is mathematically skilled, creative, inquisitive, hard-working, independent and has plenty of academic ambition. Admission to the programme is highly selective and competitive. Criteria include a Bachelor's degree with a strong quantitative orientation (economics, econometrics, mathematics, physics) and a strong motivation to obtain a PhD.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Economics ■



TINBERGEN INSTITUTE MPHIL IN ECONOMICS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- ECONOMICS
- ECONOMETRICS
- FINANCE

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RESEARCH
MASTER 

BEHAVIOURAL AND MOVEMENT SCIENCES



HUMAN MOVEMENT SCIENCES: SPORT, EXERCISE AND HEALTH

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- REHABILITATION
- BIOPHYSICS IN SPORT
- SPORT PSYCHOLOGY
- HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHING

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Why study Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health at VU Amsterdam?

From the latest developments in sports training to new approaches to rehabilitation, this Master's programme in Human Movement Sciences gives you state-of-the-art insights into the various ways in which motor performance can be enhanced. You will learn to translate multidisciplinary scientific knowledge to applications in sport and healthcare practice. The Department of Human Movement Sciences provides a stimulating study environment, as it is internationally renowned for its highly qualified and dedicated researchers and lecturers and its excellent lab facilities.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

You can only take this one-year Master's programme on a full-time basis. It spans the broad multidisciplinary spectrum of human movement sciences and comprises four main tracks: rehabilitation; biophysics in sport; sport psychology; and high performance coaching. These tracks are not mutually exclusive and you are free to customize your own profile by taking a variety of elective courses. Besides lectures and seminars, the programme involves several practicals and a substantial research internship on a topic of your own choice. Successful completion of the programme results in an internationally recognized Master of Science degree (MSc).

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a Master's degree in Human Movement Sciences, you will be a qualified specialist with wide-ranging career opportunities. Depending on your individual profile, you can for instance opt for a career in movement-related technology, scientific research, higher education or policy making in sport or (mental) healthcare, or become an exercise physiologist or embedded scientist in the fields of healthcare and sport.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To gain admission to the Master's programme in Human Movement Sciences you need a Bachelor's degree that includes coursework on anatomy, physiology and psychology at introductory textbook level, along with sufficient research skills, knowledge of mathematics and physics, and a good command of English (TOEFL 580 or IELTS 6.5). The final decision lies with the departmental Admissions Board.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health (research) - Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Sciences. ■



HUMAN MOVEMENT SCIENCES: SPORT, EXERCISE AND HEALTH

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

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RESEARCH MASTER 

Why study Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise & Health (research) at VU Amsterdam?

This Research Master's is a multidisciplinary programme that covers the whole spectrum of human movement sciences, from molecular biology to cognitive neuroscience and human motor behaviour. Admitting a maximum of thirty students per year, the programme guarantees plenty of scope for in-depth discussions

and personal attention. Our highly qualified researchers and lecturers and excellent lab facilities provide a stimulating setting that will prepare you for a career in top-level scientific research in sport, healthcare or more fundamental aspects of human movement.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

You can only take this two-year Research Master's programme on a full-time basis. The first year is dedicated to preparing you for scientific research, providing a thorough background in sport, rehabilitation and regenerative medicine, alongside training in state-of-the-art research methods and advanced statistics. You can customize your own profile, with a focus on sport, health, fundamental aspects of human movement or research methods. Since extensive experience in high-quality research is indispensable for a scientific career, the entire second year is reserved for your research internship. We aim to produce first-class projects that result in scientific publications and we will help you find a project that suits your interests, either at our department or with another leading institute in the Netherlands or abroad. Successful completion of the programme results in an internationally recognized Master of Science degree (MSc).

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

After completing the Research Master's, you will be all set to pursue a scientific career, typically starting with a position as a PhD researcher. Approximately 80% of our graduates pursue a career in scientific research. However, you will also be well equipped for other research-related positions.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Thirty students a year can be admitted to this selective Research Master's programme. You need a Bachelor's degree in Human Movement Sciences or related life sciences. You should be highly motivated and have a demonstrable interest in research as well as an aptitude for research activities. Admission also depends on your Bachelor's or pre-Master's grade average and your proficiency in English.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health - Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Sciences. ■



MUSCULOSKELETAL PHYSIOTHERAPY SCIENCES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

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Why study Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Sciences at VU Amsterdam?

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is the only university in the Netherlands (and probably the world) to offer a dedicated Master of Science programme that focusses on clinical experimental research in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy. Through innovative research, you will contribute to national and international programmes to improve the diagnosis and management of people with musculoskeletal conditions, and understand the working mechanisms of interventions. The multidisciplinary programme is an excellent stepping-stone to commence a successful research career or to advance your clinical career.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The multidisciplinary programme builds upon the latest developments in Physiotherapy, Orthopaedics, Human Movement Sciences and Health Sciences research. The programme consists of three major components. The first component focusses on research methodology and translational research. You will become familiar with the different types of research designs that are commonly used in Health research. In a second component, you will gain insight in trending topics in musculoskeletal research, and gain knowledge and skills in state-of-the-art data collection and analysis methods, such as 3D motion analysis, EMG, medical imaging, histology, etc. The third component consists of an individual research project on a topic of your preference under the supervision of our nationally and internationally renowned researchers. Various tuition formats are used, such as lectures, practicals, seminars, individual and group assignments, directed self-guided learning, debates, and of course a substantial research project.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

This Master's programme enhances your theoretical knowledge and practical research skills, and integrates those within the context of the diagnosis and management of musculoskeletal

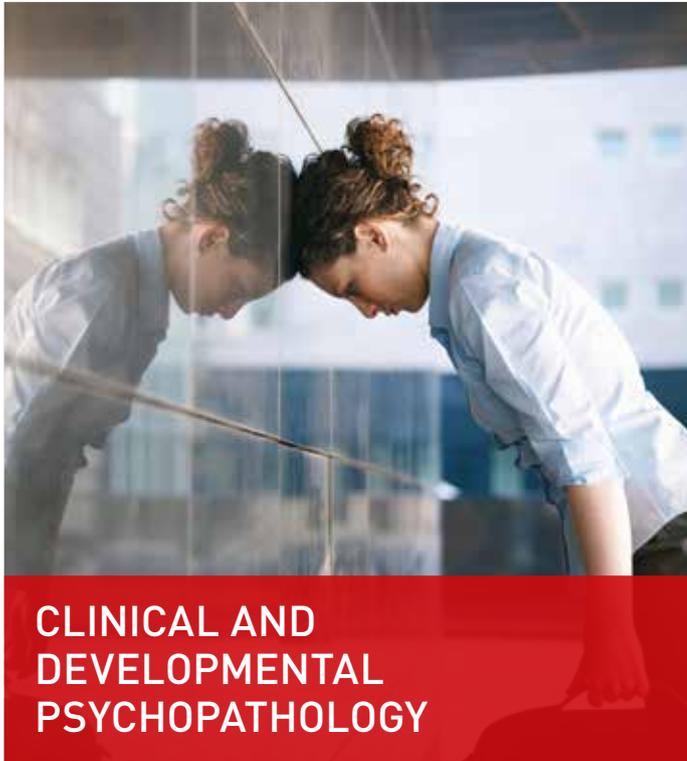
conditions. This makes you more competitive for (more senior and leadership) positions in primary, secondary or tertiary care facilities. You are also well-trained for an academic research career, lecturing position or PhD position.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A successfully completed Bachelor's degree in a relevant field is required, along with fundamental skills in Methodology, Mathematics and Biomechanics. Please consult our website to find out whether you can be admitted directly, or whether a preparatory programme is required. With a Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy you probably need to take this (online) preparatory programme before you can enter the Master's programme.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health
Human Movement Sciences: Sport, Exercise and Health (research). ■



CLINICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Clinical and Developmental Psychopathology at VU Amsterdam?

In a small-scale academic setting, students of the Research Master's in Clinical and Developmental Psychopathology learn about the etiology, development, and course of psychopathology, as well as the cutting-edge methods for its prevention and treatment. Top researchers in this field provide excellent teaching on the latest insights into the relationship between mental health, biological endowments and environmental resources, the neuropsychological substrate and human relationships, and adaptive and maladaptive developmental pathways.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In this two-year Research Master's you will work on theoretical and practical problems in individual, group, and tutorial settings using a diverse range of learning activities (seminars, practicals, research projects, presentations and lectures). Electives and research projects will enable you to discover your own individual direction and approach. Your tutor will be a leading scientist in your field of interest, providing feedback on essential academic skills, including presentation, collaboration and application of theoretical concepts. Your first year will feature courses such as Psychopathology, Theory of Therapeutic and Preventive Intervention, Epidemiological Research, Scientific Writing and Presenting and you will complete your first research project. Your second year will include a course on Trends in Brain and Behaviour, three practical skills courses and your Master's thesis. In both years you can choose from a range of elective courses.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a graduate of the Research Master's in Clinical and Developmental Psychopathology, you will be well equipped for a career in academia or find employment as a researcher at a research institute, tackling interdisciplinary questions at the intersection of clinical psychology, developmental psychology, psychiatry, and educational science, bridging the gap between science and practice. Other career options are available in the research departments of mental healthcare organizations, municipal health services, government ministries and local government agencies.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Education or a related field, and have an appreciable interest in research. You must have received an 8 (B+) or higher for your final Bachelor's thesis and have a grade average of 7.5 or higher. Furthermore, you must be proficient in English.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Research master's in Cognitive Neuropsychology. ■



COGNITIVE NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Cognitive Neuropsychology at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Cognitive Neuropsychology will teach you how to investigate the human mind. You will learn about cognitive and neuropsychological theories and apply these to individual patients with brain damage. You will understand how such disorders lead to fascinating symptoms, and what such symptoms mean for our theories of the mind. In doing so, you will acquire essential skills in the cognitive neurosciences, including experimenting, programming and imaging. In the end, you will become an expert on brain functioning.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

You will learn about the brain, cognition, brain disorders, and the expression of brain disorders in cognitive functioning. You will learn to investigate this using behavioural measurements, neuropsychological tests and neurophysiological techniques such as EEG and MRI. The two-year programme also has a strong focus on academic skills, such as critical analysis and presenting your own research. It includes three elective courses, seminars, a research internship and a Master's thesis. Courses include Medical Neuroscience; Cognitive Dysfunction in Psychiatric Disorders; Advanced Statistics; Memory and Memory Disorders; Cognitive Neuroscience; Perception; and Brain Imaging. Students who are proficient in Dutch and have a Dutch Bachelor's degree with a neuropsychological specialization will be eligible for a specialized programme that prepares them for the Dutch clinical GZ programme.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

You will become a versatile and skilled researcher, capable of pursuing a successful career at a university, research institute or in a clinical setting. Graduates work in developing evidence-based clinical applications, in human factors research, in marketing and IT, in the pharmaceutical industry, etc. Many continue to obtain a PhD in cognitive psychology, neuropsychology or other brain sciences.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply, you must hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, Biology or a related field and have an appreciable interest in research. The grade average of your Bachelor's programme must be 7.5 (B+) or higher, and you must be proficient in English.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Research Master's in Neurosciences - Artificial Intelligence. ■



SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY: REGULATION OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Social Psychology: Regulation of Social Behaviour at VU Amsterdam?

Become the best scientist and scholar that you can be! Our Master's programme in Social Psychology takes a multidisciplinary approach to understand fundamental social psychological processes. The underlying idea is that new insights regarding human behaviour can be understood more completely by incorporating evolutionary, cognitive, and social structural perspectives into the study of diverse social and psychological phenomena, including self processes, interpersonal relations, and intra- and inter-group phenomena. Social psychology is therefore an important factor in countless situations and settings.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

During the first year, courses focus on basic principles and advanced skills, including methods, statistics, and writing; you will also complete a group-based research project. The second year integrates this knowledge and places it in a broader, multidisciplinary context; you will complete two research projects and write a thesis as the culmination of your Master's degree. Teaching takes place on a small scale in seminars, workshops, and individual mentorships. Our lecturers are internationally recognized in diverse fields. The programme features special facilities, including a dedicated research laboratory and a work-study room, and has a truly international character: all teaching is in English, and more than half of our students come from outside the Netherlands.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a social psychology graduate, you can work in college or university settings, in the private sector as a consultant, researcher, or manager, or in government and non-profit organizations, designing and evaluating policies and programmes in education, conflict resolution, environmental protection, etc. You can also pursue your studies to PhD level.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a related field and have an appreciable interest in research. You must complete an assignment as part of the admission procedure, which needs to be graded with at least "sufficient" to be admitted to the programme. Furthermore, you must be proficient in English.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Research master's in Cognitive Neuropsychology - Political Science. ■



PSYCHOLOGY

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2 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Social psychology examines human interaction, and the influence of the social environment on cognition, emotion, motivation, and behavior. This Master's specialization focuses on the question how basic social-psychological theories can be applied to solve societal problems, for instance in the context of health, the environment, communication, aggression, and charity. The programme specifically seeks to increase student's knowledge of social psychology, and train them in (a) translating theory to a thorough analysis of social problems, and (b) developing scientifically grounded interventions.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

In the first semester, students take the following five mandatory courses:

- Advanced Organizational Research Skills [6 EC]
- Applying Theories to Societal Issues [6 EC]
- Negotiation [6 EC]
- Social Processes and Organizational Change [6 EC]
- Applied Social Psychology [6 EC]

In the second semester, students will write their Master thesis (16 EC) and conduct an internship (14 EC).

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Students with a Master degree and specialization in social psychology are versatile at the job market. They –for instance– find employment as coach, mediator, manager, or consultant. In addition, they often work as a policy advisor for a municipality or the government, or they find jobs in professional fields such as communication, education, or journalism. Social psychologists also often work as researchers, for instance at a university, a commercial research agency, or the research department of a governmental institution.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor in psychology.

2 WORK AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Master's specialization 'Work and Organizational Psychology' focuses on human behavior in organizations and work situations. Some of the questions posed are: How can organizations attract competent and reliable employees? What role do organizational leaders play? How does one influence group and organizational processes? The programme offers courses that are grounded in both theory and practice, offering insight in the role of personality, social processes, leadership, and decision-making in organizations, and is taught by internationally renowned experts.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Students can choose five out of the following seven courses:

First semester

- Leadership and Organization [6 EC]
- Social Processes and Organizational Change [6 EC]
- Work and Health [6 EC]
- Advanced Organizational Research Skills [6 EC]
- Personality at Work [6 EC]
- Elective [6 EC]

Second semester

- Consumer Behavior and Economic Decision Making [6 EC]

In the second semester, students will write their Master thesis (16 EC) and conduct an internship (14 EC).

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Students who have obtained a Master degree, specialization Work and Organizational Psychology often find employment in Human Resource Management departments of large companies. Typical jobs include personnel manager, trainer, assessor, or internal consultant. You can also end up as a coach or external consultant in a consultancy firm or as a recruiter or assessor in a recruitment agency.

Work and Organizational Psychologists are also sought after in educational and research institutions, and may also end up in general management functions.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements: Bachelor in Psychology - Business Administration - Business Science - Management - or HRM/ Personnel Science with sufficient methodological and organizational background courses. ■

SOCIAL SCIENCES



CULTURE, ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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Why study Culture, Organization and Management at VU Amsterdam?

Management styles, cultural diversity, identity, cross-cultural co-operations, and organizational change processes are only



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CULTURE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

“When I applied to VU Amsterdam I honestly didn’t know much about this school. I chose my master mainly based on its content. That being said, as I’ve progressed at VU Amsterdam I have felt reassured in my decision to come here on multiple occasions. I’ve had some really outstanding professors, met some wonderful people, and I especially appreciate that the university continually asks students for feedback. To me this shows a dedication to improvement.

It takes a big leap of faith to decide to study in another country, but at some point you just have to embrace the unknown and move forward. Take the leap.”

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some of the subjects from the interdisciplinary master Culture, Organization and Management (COM). This master programme trains students to examine organizational cultures from different perspectives. COM helps to understand organizational problems and management issues in a social and cultural context, and offers students a unique toolbox to reflect capabilities, challenges and obstacles of modern organizations that deviate from commonly used 'standard models'. It presents a unique and critical approach in the realm of organization studies by 'looking behind the scenes' in organizations and across professional identities. This innovative and expert-driven programme combines anthropological and sociological methods with research-based knowledge and coaches how to apply tools of cultural analysis to the workplace. The knowledge you will gain opens up new career opportunities in both public and private sectors.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The one-year-full-time English-language programme provides both practical and theoretical skills. In the first semester you take a number of seminars, which involve knowledge of contemporary theories of organizational culture and methods for analysing complex cultural processes that dominate organizations and society. During this period you will also gain in-depth knowledge of qualitative research methods such as qualitative interviewing, participant observation, and being a "fly on the wall", all of which are key to an ethnographic approach in organization studies. In the second semester you apply and deepen this knowledge by conducting three months of fieldwork research for your Master's thesis in an organization or a professional field. Optionally, you do this in a country of your choice. Your research will be monitored by cutting-edge supervision from organizational research professionals.

The COM programme supports you in developing an interdisciplinary academic, critical, and investigative research-focused attitude. After completion you have gained knowledge and experience for a firm basis of understanding the complexities of everyday life in organizations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The prospects for Culture, Organization and Management (COM) graduates are good. Many graduates become organizational consultants. Others enter the fields of customer relations, HRM and recruitment, or policy and internal communications, planning and media. Our previous students chose very diverse career paths, from working in big international corporations to establishing their own start-ups, or joining consultancy firms. In both the non-profit sector and the public sector, there is an increasing demand for COM graduates, particularly in interdisciplinary teams that require comprehensive analytical thinking.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To join the Master's programme you must have a Bachelor's honours degree from an accredited research university in one of the following subjects:

Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Organization Science, Communication Science (from a Social Sciences perspective),

Organization Psychology, Social Psychology, or Business Administration. Your studies must have included courses in qualitative social sciences research methodology. ■



POLITICAL SCIENCE

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE
- GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
- COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN POLITICS
- POLICY AND POLITICS

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Why study Political Science at VU Amsterdam?

Are you interested in international and European politics, environmental governance and policy making? Welcome to the Master's programme in Political Science! You will become acquainted with current academic research in the field of political science, while exploring a specialization of your choice and learning about the most important research traditions, theories and approaches. The programme has been developed and is taught by an internationally renowned team with an extensive international network. Approximately 25% of our students come from abroad.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme has a unique cumulative structure, in which you continue to specialize month by month. You start the first semester with two basic courses in the major sub-disciplines of the field: International Relations and Comparative Politics (or Public Administration for the Policy and Politics specialization). In smaller groups, you then focus on contemporary issues and approaches within your specialization as well as a selected issues course from one of the other specializations. In the final phase of the programme, you concentrate exclusively on your own

specialization with a workshop and your individual Master's thesis. This Master's therefore provides you with a solid foundation in all aspects of Political Science, as well as a clear specialization. Throughout the programme, you benefit from highly interactive tutorials, workshops and intensive individual supervision.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our graduates find work as policy analysts or advisors with international governmental or non-governmental organizations in the private sector, or as civil servants in government ministries. You can also enter the field of journalism or pursue a career in communication and public relations, or continue your studies by participating in PhD programmes around the world.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This master's programme is selective: to gain admission, you must hold a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, International Relations or a closely related discipline from an accredited research university, you should have obtained excellent results and demonstrate a strong working command of English (IELTS 7.0 or TOEFL iBT 100).

Criteria for selection:

- Academic record, based on GPA or an overall grade average.
- Aptitude for social scientific theory and methods, as demonstrated by: thesis/writing sample, results on individual courses and/or academic references;
- Likelihood to benefit ('growth potential') from the international and academic environment of the MSc Political Science, based on CV and motivation letter.

Application files will be examined in their totality: relative weakness on one indicator may be compensated by exceptional quality or promise in another domain.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Culture, Organization and Management - Social and Cultural Anthropology - Law and Politics of International Security.

4 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Issues of war and peace, terrorism, globalization and economic crises are not restricted by national borders. They therefore require an international or transnational approach. As a result, politicians and diplomats ever more frequently find themselves dealing with multinationals, NGOs and intergovernmental organizations such as the World Bank. This results in a shift in political power. In this specialization, you analyse these issues and get to grips with theoretical approaches and current research in the field of international relations.

2 COMPARATIVE AND EUROPEAN POLITICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

European politics is at a crossroads. European integration is having a major impact on citizens, politicians, businesses and governments. This inevitably creates tussle about the boundaries of domestic policy choices and EU governance responsibilities, casting many shadows over how to solve the European debt crisis and how to prevent a Brexit or a Grexit. At the same time Europe is a powerful, relative stable and wealthy region, and as such a model and magnet of peace and stability in a globalized world. Today Europe is grappling with a refugee crisis which paralyses its politics and ignites populist and nationalist anti-EU sentiments. The new political realities require keen minds who are knowledgeable about Brussels and developments in domestic politics across Europe and beyond. This Master's specialization acquaints you with current scientific research on the European Union and member state politics, and the debates on key issues that, from a comparative politics perspective, affect Europe.

3 GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

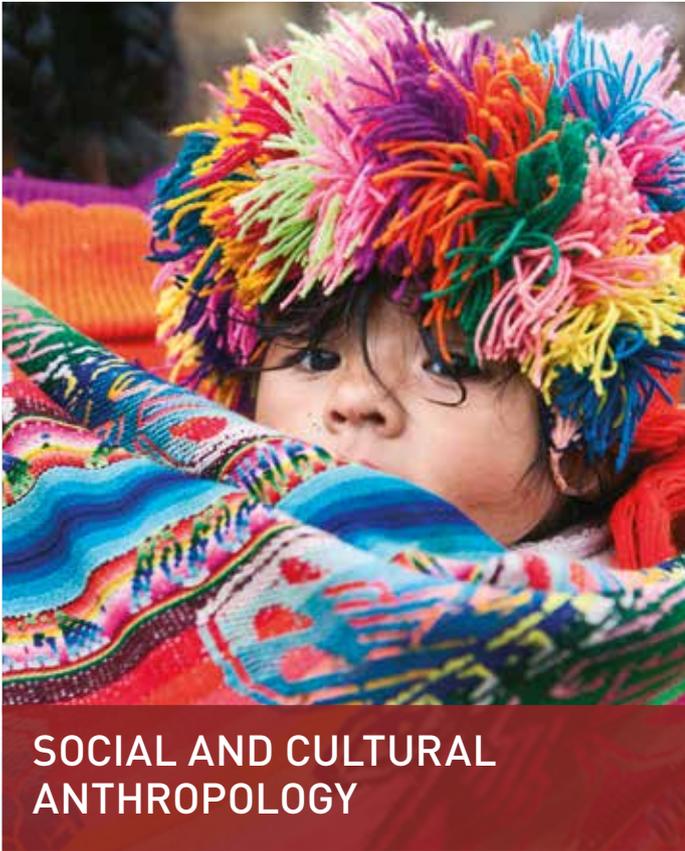
WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The development of human civilization and industrial growth has left almost no species, country or part of the ocean untouched. Politicians and policy makers have to cooperate with multinationals, organizations and scientists to confront international environmental problems. In this specialization you will engage with the political aspects and implications of topics such as climate change, sustainability and nature. You will familiarize yourself with current research and learn about the most important research traditions and approaches related to international environmental politics.

4 POLICY AND POLITICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The specialization in Policy and Politics offers you an interdisciplinary combination of political science and governance studies. The focus is on the interaction between political institutions and policy development. You will receive a thorough introduction to the interaction between political and governance processes, not only in the Netherlands, but also at European and international level. You will apply this knowledge to specific policy areas, including security policy. ■



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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Why study Social and Cultural Anthropology at VU Amsterdam?

This challenging and tightly organized Master's programme explores the multiple dimensions of mobility, diversity and development and how these are related to global and local inequalities. You will learn to practice applied anthropology, a way of doing engaged research which intends to make a difference to people's lifeworlds. In the National Student Survey 2015, this programme was judged to be the second best anthropology Master's in the Netherlands.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme offers you a fascinating combination of intensive courses on mobility, development and diversity, with time for individual research in the field of your choice. You will deal with various aspects and manifestations of our research angles, such as livelihood, sustainable development, migration and belonging, identity formation, and religion. The programme begins with a comprehensive theoretical orientation on mobility, diversity and development. After two months you will choose one of the three profiles: Mobility and Diversity; Development and Sustainability; City, Space and Politics. In the second semester you will spend three months conducting fieldwork research for your Master's thesis in a country of your choice. You will be closely involved in your fellow students' projects through joint activities such as Master's conferences, the reunion day after fieldwork and the weekly graduate seminar that supports you when writing your thesis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The job market offers a variety of prospects for anthropology graduates. You can find anthropologists in policy or management positions in companies, government organizations and NGOs. Other career opportunities include government jobs in the social services or advisory positions in the field of communication and organization. As reported by the Quality Assurance of Netherlands Universities in 2012: "[The master course has] an excellent return due to the manner in which the programme is organized...they [students] eventually attain jobs that correspond with their level of education."

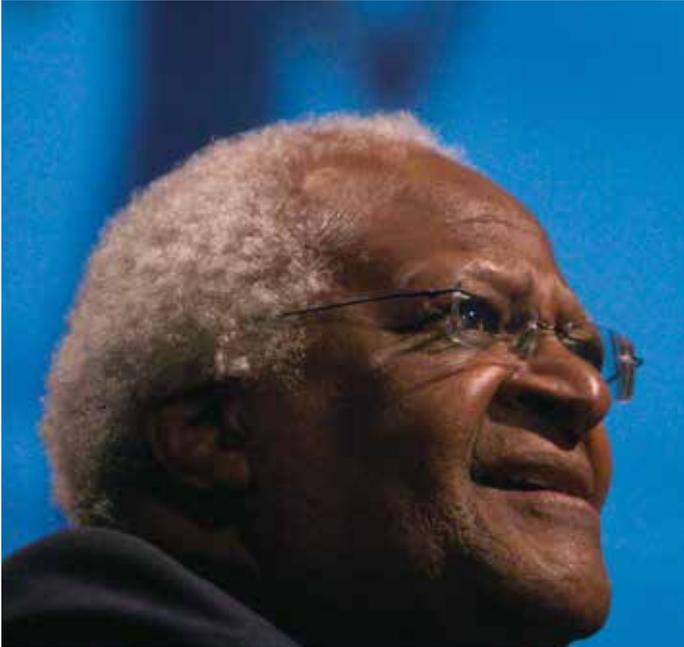
SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must hold an honours Bachelor's degree in Anthropology or a closely related discipline from an accredited research university. Your studies must have included courses in qualitative social sciences research methodology and you must have achieved good grades throughout.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Culture, Organization and management - Political Science. ■

THEOLOGY



THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- EXPLORING A DISCIPLINE
- LEADERSHIP
- MEDIA
- BUILDING INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS
- PEACE, TRAUMA AND RELIGION

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Why study Theology & Religious Studies at VU Amsterdam?

Amsterdam is the place to engage in theology and religious studies. A metropole of world fame, the city is home to a large diversity of religious traditions. In this context, VU Amsterdam's Faculty of Theology offers in-depth teaching and cutting-edge research. In its research and teaching, the faculty mirrors the society it is part of. Therefore, it is also committed to making a meaningful contribution to its immediate context - and even to the global village we live in.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The one-year programme in Theology & Religious Studies aims to train academic professionals who are specialized in the role of religion and theology in professional fields such as education, management and media. You may also opt to spend a year specializing in one area of theological expertise, eventually continuing your studies in the second year of the Research Master's. Central to this Master's programme is the professional field and the link between a specific section of contemporary society and the way in which theological reflection relates to this field. The programme includes general and specialized courses, an internship and a thesis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

A wide range of careers are open to you, including positions of responsibility and entrepreneurship in societal organizations and movements, in politics, in schooling and education, in media and communication, in non-profit organizations, in churches and other religious organizations, and in the world of business. The programme also offers a solid basis for a career in research.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students with a Bachelor degree from a university abroad will only be admitted following an assessment of their degree by the admissions board.

5 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 EXPLORING A DISCIPLINE

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

"Exploring a Discipline" is especially suitable for students that are eager to obtain in-depth expertise in a particular theological subdiscipline (biblical studies, church history, dogmatics and ecumenics, philosophy of religion and comparative study of religion, practical theology, or Islamic theology) or topic. This includes professionals that want to further explore an aspect of theology or religious studies, among which ministers, teachers, church workers and media practitioners. The MA programme can be part of the continuing education of ministers.

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2 LEADERSHIP

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

There is enormous demand for good leadership in all types of organizations, from faith communities to other third-sector organizations and businesses: leadership that inspires people, that brings people together; leadership that is based on humanity and sustainability. This specialization focuses on leadership issues in societal organizations and on (prospective) leaders of religious or religiously inspired organizations who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the academic theory behind leadership.

WWW.VU.NL/LEADERSHIP

3 MEDIA

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Across the globe, religion holds sway over the public debate, and has become part of popular culture. This specialization enables you to reflect critically on the media's role in constructing everyday images religion and identity and the ways religions and spiritualities are being transformed through modern media. With a multidisciplinary approach combining perspectives from journalism, media studies, religious studies and theology, this specialization offers a challenging programme at the cutting-edge of contemporary debates on religion and society.

WWW.VU.NL/MEDIA

4 BUILDING INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

In an age of globalization, a need has arisen for interreligious dialogue in politics, education and business. This specialization enables students to critically engage issues of religious diversity, focusing on various models of religious pluralism (from exclusivism to particularism), changing patterns of religious identity (multiple religious belonging, hybridity, fundamentalism, nones), the ethics of encounter (power imbalances, violence, hospitality), interreligious hermeneutics, and the politics of recognition. The programme interweaves theory and practice via reading assignments, scriptural reasoning groups, internship, student presentations and on-site visits. Students will study in a multireligious environment together with Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Christians, Muslims and post-Christians. We especially invite international students looking for a European experience in a multicultural and multireligious environment. Students learn to engage cutting-edge literature and relate it to current societal challenges.

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5 PEACE, TRAUMA AND RELIGION

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

VU Amsterdam offers a unique academic entrance into a most important field of peace & justice studies, trauma healing and processes of reconciliation. The programme offers a distinct theological and interreligious perspective on questions of violence, peace-building and conflict transformation. The programme offers an excellent academic training in research, analytical and reflective skills with attention for personal development and contextual and (cross-) cultural sensitivity. The programme is characterized by a focus on contemporary lived religions. Thus, research is empirically based or informed. Furthermore you will gain working experience during an internship in a societal, cultural, political or religious organization – or deepens your interest by a research internship.

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THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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RESEARCH
MASTER

Why study Theology and Religious Studies (research) at VU Amsterdam?

The Faculty of Theology's Master of Arts in Theology & Religious Studies (research), is a two-year research Master's degree comprising 120 credits. The programme consists of in-depth training in specialized research and allows advanced studies in a wide range of topics and disciplines in theology and religious studies. The specialized research training is supervised by leading scholars from the Faculty. The programme of the research Master

is designed to prepare you for a career involving theological research, especially doctoral studies, but also for positions in society or in religious organizations in which academic excellence is a prerequisite. The degree is comparable to the M.Phil. in other countries.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Faculty of Theology's Master of Arts in Theology & Religious Studies (research), is a two-year research Master's degree comprising 120 credits. The programme consists of in-depth training in specialized research and allows advanced studies in a wide range of topics and disciplines in theology and religious studies. The specialized research training is supervised by leading scholars from the Faculty. The programme of the research Master is designed to prepare you for a career involving theological research, especially doctoral study, but also for positions in society or in religious organizations in which academic excellence is a prerequisite. The degree is comparable to the M.Phil. in other countries.

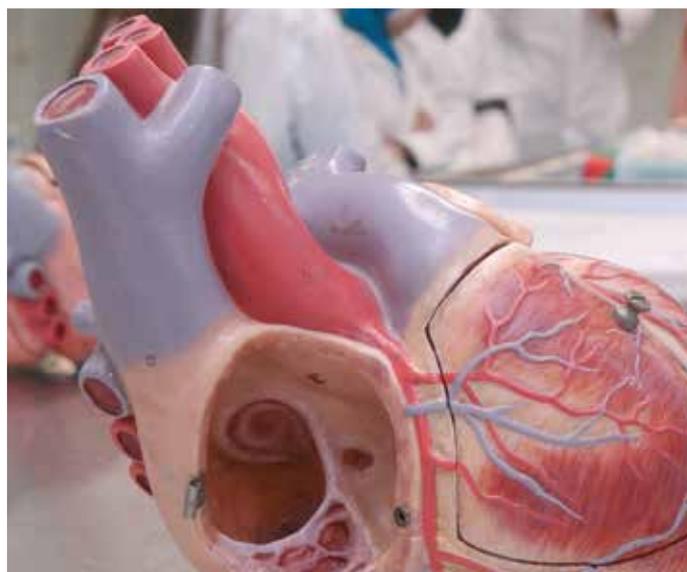
YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Theology & Religious Studies research Master's degree is the gateway to writing a doctoral dissertation at VU Amsterdam. If you are interested in pursuing your theological studies at the PhD level, then we strongly recommend this Master's programme. Provided your grade average allows it, you will be eligible for the doctoral programme at the University's Graduate School of Theology. Having followed this research master, you will be exempted from the 30 European Credits (840 hours) training programme.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students with a Bachelor's degree in Theology or Religious Studies from a university abroad will be admitted following an assessment of their degree by the admissions board. Your grade average needs to be equivalent to (or higher than) 7.5 according to the Dutch grading system. ■

VUmc SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES



CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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RESEARCH
MASTER

Why study Cardiovascular Research at VU Amsterdam?

Can you envision yourself doing research at a renowned institute? Do you want to join the battle against heart disease with experts from the field? Then you should consider the two-year Master's degree programme in Cardiovascular Research. The Master's programme in Cardiovascular Research at VUmc School of Medical Sciences is the only programme of its kind in the Netherlands and one of the few in Europe. Due to the small scale of the programme, you will receive personal guidance from the best researchers in the field.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

During the first year you learn all about the cardiovascular field, including the pathophysiology of the heart and the clinical aspects of cardiovascular diseases. During the second year you focus on your own interests and preferences. There are many possibilities, also for doing a research internship abroad. For example, would you like to do research at Harvard University in the USA? VUmc School of Medical Sciences has connections with such renowned research institutes worldwide.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

A Master's in Cardiovascular Research enables you to work in the field of cardiovascular research at a university, a research institute or a pharmaceutical or biotech company in the Netherlands or abroad. The majority of our graduates (75%) make a smooth transition to an international PhD programme.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- You have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in biomedicine or the life sciences
- You are interested in working in a multidisciplinary environment where you build bridges between experimental and clinical research
- You enjoy working with people who challenge each other to attain the best results
- You are interested in cardiovascular disease and patient-oriented research

Go to www.med.vu.nl/en for more information about admission or contact us at CVRMASTER@VUMC.NL ■



ONCOLOGY

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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Why study Oncology at VU Amsterdam?

Do you have an affinity with scientific research? Are you a talented student with an interest in oncology? If your answer is yes, then the two-year Master's in Oncology at the VUmc School of Medical Sciences is definitely the programme for you.

Be part of life-saving oncology research. We train our students to become world-class researchers with in-depth knowledge, razor-sharp academic acumen and top-notch investigative skills. Our mission is to train excellent students to become tomorrow's leading scientists in the field of cancer research.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's in Oncology is a two-year programme in which practical learning is paramount. You will complete internships and carry out a literature review. The programme has a number of compulsory courses and a wide range of optional subjects you can

take at VUmc School of Medical Sciences, and other faculties and universities, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

In the practical section of your studies, you will carry out research at the VUmc CCA or at one of our partner institutes worldwide.

Throughout the programme, you can rely on the supervision of researchers with an importance expertise in the field.

You are trained in important academic skills to prepare you for a significant research career. Over half of the Master's in Oncology students start working on their PhD either during the programme or in the first few months after graduating.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Successful completion of the Master's in Oncology qualifies you for research at PhD level in academic and non-academic research institutes, such as pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the Netherlands or abroad.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You have a biomedical background and are interested in working in a multidisciplinary environment. You enjoy working with people who dare to challenge each other in order to get the best results.

The impact of cancer on a patient's life and their surrounding trigger you to fight this disease.

For full admission requirements, please see WWW.MED.VU.NL or contact us at MASTERONCOLOGY@VUMC.NL. ■

HUMANITIES



ARCHAEOLOGY

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTH WESTERN EUROPE
- LANDSCAPE AND HERITAGE
- MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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Why study Archaeology at VU Amsterdam?

VU Amsterdam hosts an internationally respected centre of learning and research in the field of Archaeology. Its staff is renowned for its high-quality teaching and research projects. With strong links with archaeology, history and heritage institutions in the Netherlands and abroad, the VU Archaeology provides a dedicated interdisciplinary and international research environment, and as such an outstanding study environment. The MA in Archaeology is offered in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam, in the context of the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA). Thanks to this joint venture you can choose from a wide range of courses and fieldwork opportunities, allowing you to strengthen your own research profile and career prospects.

THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING SPECIALIZATIONS:

Archaeology of North Western Europe, Landscape and Heritage, Mediterranean Archaeology.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students with a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology are eligible for admission to the Master's programme in Archaeology.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

The one-year Master's programme in Classics & Ancient Civilizations, and the two-year Research Master's programme in Classics & Ancient Civilizations.

3 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTH WESTERN EUROPE

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRACK?

Together, the two Amsterdam universities cover over 3000 years of West European archaeology. The University of Amsterdam specializes in the archaeology of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Era. VU Amsterdam concentrates on late prehistory and Roman times in Western Europe, with a special focus on Dutch archaeology. The programme covers such topics as settlement archaeology, archaeology of cult sites, archaeology of gravesites, integration processes in the Roman Empire, and research into city centres and material culture studies.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Within the Archaeology of North Western Europe track, there are two fields of interests:

- Late Prehistory and Roman Archaeology of North Western Europe explores the Celtic/Germanic societies of North Western Europe during the late Iron Age, and their eventual integration into the Roman Empire.
- Medieval and Early Modern Archaeology focuses on the origins and development of cities (especially Amsterdam), developments in landscape, settlement and agrarian strategies in various Dutch landscapes.

You will take both compulsory and choose two electives. Your fieldwork skills at one of ACASA's current research locations in the Netherlands or elsewhere in western Europe. You can also write a 'protocol book' based on an internship in the field (max 12 credits). In the second semester, you will conduct research for your Master's thesis supervised by two of the programme's staff.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a track in the Archaeology of North Western Europe, you are exceptionally well equipped for a professional career in archaeology, either in the Netherlands or with a European company in this field. You can also pursue your studies at PhD level, work in heritage management or public services, or enter sectors such as journalism, tourism and publishing.

2 LANDSCAPE AND HERITAGE

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRACK?

VU Amsterdam has a leading international position in the field of Landscape and Heritage, both in research and teaching. This track deals thematically with archaeological landscapes and heritage in many different societies, and has no geographical or chronological limits. The strong tradition of landscape studies at VU Amsterdam is combined with current perspectives on archaeological heritage. Both the cultural and the more science-based approach of Landscape Archaeology are present in the programme of this track. Archaeological Heritage focuses on the multifaceted meanings of archaeological remains in modern society. Processes of preservation and management, the role of archaeology in spatial planning, and its societal impact in Europe are some of the key-issues that are addressed in the MA Archaeology Landscape and Heritage.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Within the Landscape and Heritage track, there are two fields of interests:

- Landscape Archaeology addresses the cultural landscape from wide-ranging perspectives and through core themes: ecological and economic dimensions of interrelationship between man and landscape; historical stratification of landscapes; 'the past in the past'; landscape and identity.
- Archaeological Heritage is for archaeology graduates with an affinity for heritage management and policy. It interprets the social and economic significance of archaeological remains in modern society, especially the shift towards heritage, and explores the current archaeological system and how the 'market' operates.

You will take both compulsory courses and choose two electives. In the second semester, you will conduct research for your Master's thesis, supervised by two of the programme's staff.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a track in Landscape and Heritage you are exceptionally well equipped for a professional career in archaeology, particularly in heritage management or public services. You can also pursue your studies at PhD level, work for a Dutch or European company doing archaeological research or enter sectors such as journalism, tourism and publishing.

3 MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRACK?

VU Amsterdam offers an excellent teaching environment in the field of Mediterranean archaeology, with special emphasis on (early) Roman and (colonial) Greek archaeology, and Italian and Aegean Pre- and Protohistory. Our staff includes specialists in burial, ritual, settlement and landscape archaeology and work closely together with colleagues from Ancient Studies, History, Classics and Heritage Studies. We combine a research interest in Mediterranean interconnectivity with a strong tradition in regional archaeology.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Within the Mediterranean Archaeology track, there are two fields of interests:

- Ancient material culture which incorporates aspects from material culture studies, material sciences and museum archaeology. The in-depth analysis of different facets of pottery or material from burials and sanctuaries invites you to learn more about the relation between ancient material culture and identity. Material culture is studied in its widest sense, from technique and style to the social role of objects and buildings.
- Mediterranean Interconnections explores the Mediterranean in the broadest sense of the term, linking current discussions about interconnections with cultural exchanges in the Mediterranean from 2000 B.C. onwards.

You will take both compulsory courses and choose two electives. In the second semester, you will conduct research for your Master's thesis, supervised by two of the programme's staff members. Varied fieldwork opportunities are offered, ranging from excavations in the heart of Rome or on the Greek island of Euboea to field surveys and landscape analysis in the rugged hills of southern Italy and Greece.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

With a specialization in Mediterranean Archaeology, you are exceptionally well equipped for a professional career in archaeological services or heritage management, for example. You can also pursue your studies at PhD level, work for a museum or educational institution or enter sectors such as journalism, tourism and publishing. ■



ARTS & CULTURE

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- COMPARATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA STUDIES
- DESIGN CULTURES

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Why study Arts & Culture at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's Programme in Arts & Culture consists of two specializations, namely Comparative Arts and Media Studies, and Design Cultures. While Comparative Arts and Media Studies focuses on the relations between the visual arts and media, Design Cultures focuses on design history and theory. The Arts & Culture Master's programmes at VU Amsterdam are unique in the Netherlands and part of a research university with an outstanding reputation.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

The two year Research Master's Arts & Culture with its specialization Visual Arts, Media and Architecture.

2 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 COMPARATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA STUDIES

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Comparative Arts and Media Studies specialization focuses on the relations between the visual arts, film, literature, television and digital media. This not only covers crossovers and interrelations between the arts and the media, but also within and between various media. This process has intensified with the arrival of digital media and the hypermedium generated by the on-screen interplay of words, images and sounds, and through the convergence of cinema, television, radio, journalism, e-books and photography on the web.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Arts & Culture: Comparative Arts and Media Studies is a one-year Master's degree comprising seminars, electives and a Master's thesis (18 credits). Compulsory courses are:

- Reading Concepts of Intermediality
- Transmedia Storytelling
- The Art of Comparison
- Crossmedial Exhibitions

The range of interdisciplinary electives includes Fiction and Film; Literature Visualized; The Gothic Gaze; Visual Art and The American Poet; Design, History and Culture; and Methods of Design Analysis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Comparative Arts and Media Studies specialization prepares you for employment in various sectors. Our graduates work in cultural and historical research, digital registration of cultural heritage materials and cultural policy and administration. Other career paths include museums, archives, film theatres and cultural funds, and positions such as festival organizer, programmer, producer and distributor.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can join the Comparative Arts and Media Studies specialization with an academic Bachelor's degree in Art, Film, TV, Digital Media or (Visual) Cultural Studies. If you have a degree in another humanities subject (e.g. History, Journalism, Communication Studies, Comparative Literature), you may be eligible with at least 30 credits in Art, Film, TV, Digital Media or (Visual) Cultural Studies.

2 DESIGN CULTURES

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Design Cultures specialization focuses on the study of product design, graphic design and fashion in a broad and diverse cultural context. Central to Design Cultures is the diversity of cultural processes where design has evolved as practice, product, environment and discourse in recent decades. The focus is on both the designer as 'author' and the complex chain of production, sale, consumption and criticism in which design operates and derives its many different meanings.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Arts & Culture: Design Cultures is a one-year Master's degree comprising compulsory courses (30 credits), electives or an internship and a Master's thesis (18 credits). Compulsory courses are:

- Design, History and Culture
- Methods of Design Analysis: The Meanings of Design
- The Arts and Crafts of "Dutch" Design
- Design in Words: Criticism, Writing & Theory

Opportunities for interdisciplinary electives include Transmedia Storytelling; Reading Concepts of Intermediality; Seminar Architecture; Crossmedial Exhibitions; Trajectory Global and Local, Global Changes and Human Choices; Literature Visualized; Trajectory Culture and Power; Culture and Identity in Organizations; Migrations and Circulations; and Ethnicity and Nationalism in East and South East Asia.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a Design Cultures graduate, you can look forward to a career in a cultural institution (editor, project manager) or a museum (researcher, curator), in the media, (author, critic, producer), in the government sector (administrator, advisor), at a design agency (researcher, consultant) or at an educational or research institute (teacher, researcher).

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can gain direct admission to Design Cultures with an academic Bachelor's degree in Art History, Industrial Design, Architecture, Design or Fashion. Admission is also possible with an academic Bachelor's degree in Cultural Studies, History, Anthropology or Sociology, if your major or specialization (minimum 30 credits) was in Design, Fashion, Art or Visual Culture. ■

1 SPECIALIZATION:

ENGLISH LITERATURE IN A VISUAL CULTURE

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The English Literature in a Visual Culture specialization at VU Amsterdam focuses on the relation between literature and visual culture, unique in the Netherlands and rarely studied so intensely as here. Rooted in the university's longstanding tradition of studying the relations between word and image, this specialized interdisciplinary programme will teach you how to analyse the various ways in which textual and visual culture interact. The topics studied in this Master's range from the Renaissance stage to the contemporary graphic novel, from the relation between poetry and photography to film adaptations of gothic novels.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

English Literature in a Visual Culture consists of 60 credits and aims to give you new insights into the ways in which literary works and the visual arts continually reinforce one another. After a theoretical core course, you will be exposed to a host of highly diverse yet interrelated courses, for instance on Visual Art and the American Poet, Film Adaptation, Renaissance Literature, and Visual Culture, and The Gothic Gaze. You will complete your Master's degree by writing a Master's thesis (18 credits).

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

After completing your degree, you have become a specialist in English literary studies with a strong international orientation and, more generally, you are fully trained to analyse and write about complex cultural issues. Many of our recent graduates have found employment in commerce, working as communication specialists, marketing managers or lexicographers, for instance. Opportunities also abound in journalism, translation, editing, and publishing.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme is intended for students with an academic Bachelor's degree in English Language and Culture. It is also suitable for students with other Bachelor's degrees in the Humanities (e.g. History, Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, American Studies) who also have a solid background (at least 30 credits) in English and American literature and culture. ■



LITERARY STUDIES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

• ENGLISH LITERATURE IN A VISUAL CULTURE
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Why study Literary Studies at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Literary Studies includes a specialization English Literature in a Visual Culture. This Master's programme, offered at an internationally oriented research university with an outstanding reputation, attracts a large number of international students each year.



CLASSICS & ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- ANCIENT HISTORY
- ANCIENT STUDIES
- CLASSICS

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Why study Classics & Ancient Civilizations at VU Amsterdam?

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam offer a joint Master's programme in Classics & Ancient Civilizations within the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA). This joint venture enables you to choose from a wide range of subjects and develop as an ancient historian or classicist in many different specialisms, covering the Graeco-Roman world as well as the Ancient Near East. The Master's programme comprises the following specializations: Ancient History, Ancient Studies, and Classics.

3 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 ANCIENT HISTORY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam are the only universities in the Netherlands explicitly connecting the study of the Graeco-Roman world with the Ancient Near East. It is possible to focus, among others, on the development of religions in Antiquity, Greek elite culture in the Roman Imperial era, city life in the Roman Empire, and Assyrian and Babylonian cultures. In this specialization, you will interact with students from widely differing academic backgrounds such as History, Ancient Studies, Archaeology, and Classics.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

- 12 EC core modules on interdisciplinary themes and important debates among ancient historians and classicists
- 12 EC modules on the rise of Christianity and the role of other religions in Antiquity
- 6 EC term paper or tutorial
- 6 or 12 EC electives on aspects of Greek, Roman, or Near Eastern history, as well as the interaction between the various areas and cultures
- 8 EC Master's thesis

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Graduates of this specialization can find employment in sectors where knowledge of ancient culture and history is important, such as history magazines, publishing, cultural travel, and museums. With a Master's in Classics & Ancient Civilizations you will also be able to pursue PhD research at a university or research institute, including both VU Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam. Graduates of this specialization with a BA in History may also enrol for a teaching qualification (first-level) in History.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Ancient History specialization is open to students with a Bachelor's degree in Ancient Studies. If you have a degree in Archaeology, Classics, or History, you will also be eligible, provided that Ancient History has been covered adequately in your Bachelor's programme.

WWW.VU.NL/ANCIENTHISTORY

2 ANCIENT STUDIES

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

The Master's in Ancient Studies is designed as a multi-disciplinary programme. It offers a unique combination of historical, literary, and archaeological approaches from which the student can make a choice. In addition, high-level study of Greek, Latin, or Assyrian and Babylonian can be included in the programme. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam are the only universities in the Netherlands explicitly connecting the study of the Graeco-Roman world with the Ancient Near East.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

- 12 EC core modules on interdisciplinary themes and important debates among ancient historians and classicists
 - 18 to 24 EC specialization modules, divided over 4 tracks:
 - Ancient Culture and Society (including archaeological approaches)
 - Ancient Studies & Near Eastern languages

- Ancient Studies & Greek
- Ancient Studies & Latin
- 6 EC term paper or tutorial and 18 EC Master's thesis

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

As a graduate of the Ancient Studies specialization, you will be able to find work in areas that require an in-depth knowledge of Antiquity, such as higher education, publishing, cultural travel, and museums. However, your skills in conducting independent, interdisciplinary research and producing coherent, concise, and clear reports will stand you in good stead in a wide variety of jobs, including that of a PhD researcher. Graduates of Ancient Studies with Latin may also enrol for a teaching qualification (first-level) in Latin.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Ancient Studies specialization is open to students with a Bachelor's degree in Greek and Latin Language and Culture; Ancient Greek Language and Culture; Latin Language and Culture; Assyriology; and Ancient Studies. Students of History, Archaeology, or similar programmes may also be eligible, provided that Mediterranean Archaeology or Ancient History have been adequately covered. Admission requirements may vary per track.

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3 CLASSICS

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Classics is alive and kicking. The study of the texts, literature and material culture of ancient Greece and Rome offers a treasure trove of information. This information is not only fascinating in its own right, but it is also highly relevant to our present-day culture. Do you consider it a challenge to nuance our image of Greco-Roman antiquity and to forge new links between the present and the past? In that case, Classics is the specialization for you.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Within the Classics track, there are two fields of interests:

- Linguistic and Narratological Approaches to Classical Texts: theoretical lectures on the principles of textual linguistics and narratology; parallel workshops applying theory to work of Greek and Latin authors; choice between two modules in Greek and Latin linguistics or Greek and Latin literature studies.
- Intertextuality and Reception: module on theory and practice of intertextuality and reception; Greek or Latin literature studies focusing on later historical periods; representative texts from Christian literature; Greek section covers Byzantine literature; Latin section covers Medieval and neo-Latin.

In the second semester, you will conduct research for your Master's thesis.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

University language studies are not designed to lead to one specific career. As a Classics graduate, you can work within your area of expertise or in less immediately relevant positions that call for a critical, independent and inquiring mind-set. Possible areas of employment include secondary education, libraries and publishing houses, the media and the corporate world.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students with a Bachelor's degree in Greek and Latin Language and Culture are eligible for admission to the specialization in Classics. If you have taken only Greek or only Latin, you may be eligible for the Ancient Studies specialization, which has separate Greek and Latin tracks.

WWW.VU.NL/CLASSICS ■



CLASSICS & ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
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RESEARCH
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Why study Classics & Ancient Civilizations at VU Amsterdam?

As this programme is the result of a close cooperation between the University of Amsterdam and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, which have joined forces in the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA), it offers a very broad range of courses and specializations. Unique is the fact that these cover not only the cultures and societies of Western Europe and the Mediterranean region, but also the Near East in the period from c. 1600 BCE to 700 CE, and that an in-depth study of languages can be combined with archaeological, historical, and other approaches. The programme was listed as Top Programme in the *Keuzegids Universiteiten* (Selection Guide to Dutch Universities) 2015.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Research Master's in Classics & Ancient Civilizations is a full-time programme lasting two years. You will benefit from a

highly specialized, individually tailored study programme with close personal supervision from your mentor. The programme offers an archaeological/historical specialization and a literary/cultural specialization. Each specialization comprises a number of disciplinary study clusters that correspond with the research interests of the various members of the teaching staff. These study clusters offer you a basis for building your own individual study programme in consultation with your mentor.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Research Master's in Classics & Ancient Civilizations is the ideal stepping-stone to an academic career in Archaeology, Greek and Latin Language and Culture, Ancient History or Assyriology. It opens the way to doctoral research at a university or research institute, or positions in museums, publishing houses, etc. which require advanced research skills. Successful graduates are well prepared for PhD positions at VU Amsterdam and other institutions.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You will be able to join the Research Master's programme if you have a Bachelor's degree in Archaeology, Greek and Latin Language and Culture, Ancient Studies or a related degree. Your thesis grade and your grade average must be 7,5 (out of 10) or higher, and you must possess appreciable research skills.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

The one-year Master's programme in Classics & Ancient Civilizations and the one-year Master's programme in Archaeology. ■



HERITAGE STUDIES

1 (60 ECTS)

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Why study Heritage Studies at VU Amsterdam?

VU Amsterdam is one of the few universities in Europe offering a full master in Heritage Studies, even with the option to extend the programme into a two-year research master. The staff of the Heritage Studies programme is well-embedded in the international

heritage networks. Amsterdam, with its global scope and many renowned heritage institutions, extensive creative industries, and its canal district that figures prominently on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites, is the perfect urban context for studying (transforming) cultural heritage.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Master's programme Heritage Studies at VU Amsterdam is a one-year programme of 60 ECTS. It includes a combination of lectures and workshops, with space for round table discussions and debate. Additionally, lectures are held on location during group visits to projects, institutions, landscapes, and cities. The examination forms are verbal and oral, and presentations and essays are often included. The student will complete his or her master's study with a thesis.

Four core modules are compulsory:

- Historical Landscapes and Archaeological Heritage
- Architectural and Town Planning Heritage
- Biography of the Landscape
- Spatial Transformations: Meeting Designers

Several optional modules:

- Research Tutorial
- Politics of International Heritage, including tourism
- Terrormaps in Postwar Europe
- Challenging Eternity. Heritage, Urbanistic Interventions and the City of Rome (field trip to Rome, Italy)

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Master diploma Heritage Studies qualifies you as a professional. Government bodies as well as stakeholders in the market are in search of highly educated professionals who contribute their heritage knowledge to societal issues, policy matters and design questions in the spatial arena. Heritage experts are keen on the valuation, selection and protection of heritage objects and complexes.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A graduate (bachelor) degree in: Ancient Studies (provided that 60 ECTS is spent on Archaeology), Archaeology, Architectural History, Geography, History, Designers and professionals working in the heritage sector. ■



HISTORY

1 YEAR (60 ECTS)

- POLITICS AND SOVEREIGNTY [CONTEMPORARY HISTORY] (DUTCH)
 - CULTURES OF KNOWLEDGE
 - RELIGION AND SOCIETY FROM ANTIQUITY UP TO TODAY
 - GLOBAL SOCIAL HISTORY (15TH-21ST CENTURY)
 - MIGRATION AND MOBILITY (HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, 19TH - 21ST CENTURY)
- WWW.VU.NL/HISTORY

Why study History at VU Amsterdam?

History matters. The master's degree programme in history at the VU trains you to become a professional historian. The course is broad-based and also allows you to specialize in a particular area of history. Each specialization is based on one of the chairs of the History Department. The progress of your study is personally mentored by a professor. According to a student, "History at VU Amsterdam distinguishes itself by its small community of students and the support of its staff."

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

All students follow a number of basic courses. In addition you choose the broad master's curriculum or one of the five specializations. If you decide to follow the broad master's curriculum then you make your own choice from the other subjects offered. Each specialization is connected to one or more of the chairs of the History Department. The progress of your study is personally mentored by a member of the academic staff. Some specializations are in English; others are in Dutch, but with some courses in English.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

A master's title in History gives you an attractive employment prospect, as you will develop broad-based knowledge and an analytical method for reading and writing. Among other areas, such as politics, journalism or education, you could work for government institutions, business or international institutions.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's History is designed for students with an academic Bachelor's in history. You may also be accepted if you have an academic Bachelor's in other disciplines of the Humanities (including theology or philosophy) or in anthropology or sociology, with a significant historical interest, apparent from a major or specialization equal to a minimum of 30 ECTS.

5 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 POLITICS AND SOVEREIGNTY (DUTCH)

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization in Dutch concerns different forms of power and the legitimacy in contemporary history (19th up to 21st century). The courses also pay attention to the ways in which the past influences the present.

2 CULTURES OF KNOWLEDGE

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization focuses on the history of knowledge practices and their relation to modern times. Students learn to analyse changing conceptions and constructions of knowledge from historical and comparative interdisciplinary perspectives. Students will deal with issues that are extremely relevant to present-day knowledge societies - certification of knowledge, the role of gatekeepers, plagiarism and embodied and artistic knowledge. The specialization also covers digital knowledge.

3 RELIGION AND SOCIETY FROM ANTIQUITY UP TO TODAY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Religion and society mutually influence each other: important aspects of society find their expression in religion, while religion helps to determine the character of society. In the course of history the role and scope of religion in society fluctuate, and neither society nor religion is static or uniform. This specialization focuses on a European and Middle Eastern line in history. It is also possible to focus specifically on the history of Protestantism in the Netherlands.

4 GLOBAL SOCIAL HISTORY (15TH-21ST CENTURY)

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Global Social History focuses on the ways people lived the great global changes from the fifteenth century until the present. It deals with the rise and development of maritime empires, the history of intercontinental trade and of free and forced labour, the history of relations between humans, water and the natural environment and the history of the globalisation of knowledge. Geographical information systems and digital databases in the field of economic and social history are important instruments for research.

5 MIGRATION AND MOBILITY (HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, 19TH - 21ST CENTURY)

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

This specialization focuses on the history of a mobile world in which migration, travel, tourism and pilgrimage have always been central to human interactions and identities, and link that history to contemporary political debates on migration, nation, ethnicity and diaspora. We focus on industrial, colonial and postcolonial mobilities in the modern era and consider movements between Western industrialized countries and the post/colonial periphery as well as movements between Asia and Africa. ■

Why study Humanities at VU Amsterdam?

The Humanities Research Master is a unique programme that offers four specialization tracks and two state of the art cross cutting themes, within the context of an inspiring and sustainable interdisciplinary research environment. The programme provides an excellent route to prepare yourself for an internationally oriented scientific career. During the intensive curriculum you will develop in-depth knowledge of the theories and methods of your research field, develop your research skills, improve your talent to pose innovative questions, and learn to connect research with societal issues.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Humanities Research Master offers four specialization programmes:

- Linguistics
- Critical Studies in Art & Culture
- History
- Literary Studies: Literature and Social Change

And two cross-cutting themes:

- Digital Humanities
- Environmental Humanities

We offer a flexible system of fixed programmes and tutorials, and curriculums that are tailor-made for the individual student.

A personal tutor will support you for the duration of your degree to design your personal trajectory. The Graduate School of Humanities offers financial and practical support for arranging and funding international research stays or internships. In order to prepare you for a future research career, you will receive extensive training in research design, and will closely connect to our leading research groups.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our students are noted for their research skills, their analytical prowess and interdisciplinary, innovative approach. This MPhil degree forms an excellent preparation to pursue a PhD, or embark on a career at a research institute, NGO, local/national government, heritage institute, or private company. Investing in a research master's education has proved to be very profitable for our Humanities students over the years.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The research master's programme is aimed at the talented student who is exceptionally motivated to train in academic methods in the field of humanities. Applicants hold a Bachelor's degree in a Humanities study (e.g. Arts, Communication, Culture, History, Literature, Linguistics, Media), have a proficient level of academic English, proof of excellent study results (average 7,5) and motivation for doing academic research. ■



2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)

- SPECIALIZATIONS
 - LINGUISTICS
 - CRITICAL STUDIES IN ART & CULTURE
 - HISTORY
 - LITERARY STUDIES: LITERATURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE
- CROSS-CUTTING THEMES
 - DIGITAL HUMANITIES
 - ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

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5 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 LINGUISTICS

WHY STUDY LINGUISTICS AT VU AMSTERDAM?

Linguistics offers a two-year programme that will enable you to become a professional linguistics researcher. A series of general courses on theory and methodology, is followed by a specialization of your choice, designed under supervision of one of our committed tutors. The Linguistics programme offers you the opportunity to closely connect with our highly acclaimed international research groups in Linguistic Engineering, Forensic Linguistics, and Language, Cognition & Communication, who will train you to explore connections between linguistics, computer science, cognitive sciences, anthropology, communication theory, and education.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The Linguistics programme offers two unique tracks:

LINGUISTIC ENGINEERING

Linguistic Engineering is a young research field that holds a unique position between linguistics and computer science. Students follow courses on text mining, sentiment analysis, programming and machine learning.

The track Linguistic Engineering is offered by the Computational Lexicology and Terminology Lab (CLTL), a leading research group in computational linguistics. For details on the tracks see: WWW.CLTL.NL

FORENSIC LINGUISTICS/LANGUAGE AND THE LAW

Forensic Linguistics is a new and exciting field, which researches the use of linguistic evidence in the courtroom and other areas of overlap between language and the law. You will acquire theoretical background and practical casework experience, e.g. to be able to analyse disputed texts, or recognize "language crimes".

For details on the tracks see: WWW.CLTL.NL

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

After completing the Research Master's, many students opt to pursue a PhD. You might also embark on a career at a research institute outside of the academic setting. Other opportunities available to you after graduation include working as an editor, a teacher or a language policy officer in education for a local or national government. The language industry is very keen on linguists with a firm background in language technology. As a language engineer and a graduate of the CLTL you will have excellent chances in this field.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree in Linguistics in order to be considered for admission to the programme. For Linguistic Engineering both Bachelors in linguistics and Bachelors in computer science, AI etc. are encouraged to apply. Programming skills are not necessary for applying for the Linguistic engineering track.

WWW.VU.NL/LINGUISTICS

2 CRITICAL STUDIES IN ART & CULTURE

WHY STUDY CRITICAL STUDIES IN ART & CULTURE AT VU AMSTERDAM?

This two-year programme is unique in the Netherlands. With special emphasis on methodological and theoretical issues, it interrelates perspectives from art history, media studies, design studies and architectural history. It fosters the acquisition of knowledge, analytical skills and a capacity to critically reflect on historical and contemporary developments in the cultural industries. It centers on the analysis of "visual objects" (from landscapes, cities and buildings to artworks in various media, film, television, design and games) in their social, institutional, economic and ideological contexts.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

While part of the programme is compulsory, you have plenty of opportunity to define your own individual path via electives, personal research (tutorials) and your thesis.

Compulsory courses are:

- Imagining the Image
- Critical Issues in the Cultural Industries
- Research Design I and II, in which the focus is on research methodology.

and two out of the following seminars:

- Reading Concepts of Intermediality
- Methods of Design Analysis
- Critical Studies in Architecture
- Critical Studies in Modern and Contemporary Art

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The research master's degree will enable you to continue towards a PhD position or work as an independent researcher. We are proud of many alumni of this programme having obtained funded PhD positions both in the Netherlands and abroad: in UK, Germany, Belgium or US. Others have opted for a career in art and media management, journalism/publishing, art and architecture centers, research agencies, museum institutions, film festivals, art and media archives, education or government institutions.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The programme is aimed at the talented student who is exceptionally motivated to train in academic methods in the field of art history, architectural history, design studies, visual culture studies and media studies. To be admitted, you should have at least a Bachelor's degree in art history, architectural history, design studies, visual culture or media studies or a comparable degree in the humanities.

WWW.VU.NL/VAMA

3 HISTORY

WHY STUDY HISTORY AT VU AMSTERDAM?

This two-year's programme prepares talented students for a research career in history. You can specialize in political, (post)colonial history, global social history or cultural history. The History group is acclaimed for its unique expertise in the fields of the history of knowledge and religion, heritage studies, emotions studies, material culture, and environmental humanities. You will research the complex constellations in which people, objects, spaces and ideas intersect, with a focus on the role of power, social relations, religion and emotions. The programme also offers students the possibility to explore and train skills in digital analysis and reflect on the possibilities of the emerging digital humanities techniques.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

As a history student you will learn to develop a critical attitude and arrive at original lines of questioning based on a profound knowledge of your research subject. You will participate in:

- Core Courses
- Research Design courses
- Lectures & masterclasses of the Graduate School of the Humanities
- Seminars of the national research schools
- Individual tutorials, internships, or study abroad

In two years, our students develop their own unique specialization, which provides a stepping stone for a future research career.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Your most likely prospect is to set up your own research as a PhD student. You can also embark on a career at a research institute: many research institutes are eager to welcome researchers schooled in qualitative and quantitative research. But you can also start a career as a history teacher, a heritage expert, an advisor for the government or for NGO's, as a journalist, or text writer. Investing in a research master's education has been proved to be very profitable for our students over the years.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The research master's degree programme is aimed at the talented student who is exceptionally motivated to train in academic methods in the field of history. To be admitted to the programme, the student should have a bachelor's degree in history, European studies, anthropology, political science, cultural studies, or a related university degree. The student should also have a proficient level of academic English, proof of excellent study results and motivation for doing academic research.

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4 LITERARY STUDIES: LITERATURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE

WHY STUDY LITERARY STUDIES AT VU AMSTERDAM?

The focal point of this programme is the interrelation between literature and social change. Fiction matters because it shapes the way we view the world, other people, and ourselves. It is through fantasy that we can begin to change reality. In this programme you will learn to analyse the form, language and material aspects of texts as carriers of cultural, ethical, religious, scientific and political systems of meaning. You will learn to design research that combines perspectives from literature studies and literary history with other disciplines, such as cultural and (post)colonial history, environmental and digital humanities, global history and visual culture.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

As a student of Literary Studies you will participate in:

- 3 Core Courses, on environmental humanities, counter-cultures, and postcolonialism
- 2 Research Design courses that help you develop your thesis project and design a PhD project
- Lectures of the Graduate School of the Humanities

In addition, together with an individual supervisor, you will draw up your own academic trajectory, based on courses and tutorials at VU, national research school seminars, and an internship or a research stay abroad.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The MPhil degree will enable you to work as an independent researcher. In the academic world, both at home and abroad, the research master's degree is seen as a possible step towards a PhD. Yet you could also find a position in journalism, publishing, or in other cultural institutions, government agencies, or NGO's that aim to impact society partly through culture.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the programme, you should have a bachelor's diploma in literary studies, or one of its applied fields, such as English literature, French literature, Dutch literature, et cetera. The student should also have a proficient level of academic English, proof of excellent study results and motivation for doing academic research in the field of literary studies.

2 CROSS-CUTTING THEMES:

1 DIGITAL HUMANITIES

The cross-cutting theme Digital Humanities is designed to train humanities students as data analysts of the future. In our globalizing and increasingly digital world of big data, Demand is growing for analysts who are trained in comparing complex and long term sets of quantitative and qualitative data. The sources and objects studied in history, media, literature, linguistics, music are increasingly becoming available digitally. We need digitally trained students and tools to master these complex developments and to help understand the changing impact of ideas, individuals, and institutions over time.

The Digital Humanities track offers students the opportunity to develop computational competence relevant for their discipline. Students will learn how to create, interpret and analyse different types of data collections using computational tools. Students follow an introductory course in Digital Humanities and Linguistic engineering courses offered by the CLTL group. Through a combination of courses, internships and electives, students are trained to redesign traditional hermeneutic and empirical humanities methods into computational techniques and to evaluate the differences between the methods used in (digital) research projects. Students learn to investigate and apply forms of data analysis that look critically at big data from multiple sources and perspectives.

The track prepares students for a (research) career in the fast growing area of digital humanities, or a career in science journalism, data analytics, etc.

2 ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

One of the most pressing concerns in our present world is the environmental crisis. The threat of major climate change has made us aware that we live in a connected world: humans exist not in a vacuum, but always in relation to their surroundings, to others, to socio-political and cultural structures. This principle of interconnectedness is the focal point of the Environmental Humanities theme.

Relations between humans and their environment have long been central to various disciplinary courses and research projects within the Faculty of Humanities at VU Amsterdam, especially in the departments of History, Art and Culture, and Literature. The History department, for example, is a key institute in Dutch environmental humanities: it published a seminal survey on the environmental history of the Netherlands (*Groene geschiedenis van Nederland*, 1993) and hosted the first global conference of the European Society for Environmental History in 2008. Environmental Humanities brings these disciplinary interests into conversation with each other to create new connections both within and outside the humanities.

Students who choose this theme are encouraged to connect questions, issues and methodologies to probe pressing environmental concerns from the basis of their disciplinary track. In the second semester of their first year, they begin their specialization with a core course in the Environmental Humanities. Building on the knowledge of the field's key concepts, debates and methodologies they acquired in that course, they specialize further in the environmental humanities in courses and tutorials, combining their disciplinary training and knowledge with the interdisciplinary perspective of their specialization. The environmental humanities specialization thus teaches students not only to apply their disciplinary methodologies and perspectives to environmental issues, but also to make creative connections to other humanities disciplines. Moreover, it trains a generation of students aware of the value of the humanities in exploring pressing environmental concerns. ■



PHILOSOPHY

5 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 PHILOSOPHY, BIOETHICS AND HEALTH (PBH)

2 YEARS (120 CREDITS)
WWW.VU.NL/PBH

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION AT VU AMSTERDAM?

The two year Master's specialization in Philosophy, Bioethics and Health will provide you with the theoretical and practical tools to deal with ethical issues in health care. You will learn how to reflect on practical problems from a medical, moral, legal, political and economic perspective.

The need for interdisciplinary reflection is growing as developments within society lead to new challenges in health care. For example shifts in responsibility: patients are expected to take greater responsibility for their own health and to 'manage themselves' and insurers are becoming responsible for both the cost and the quality of health care provisions. In addition, there are many rapid scientific and technological developments to take into account: from knowledge of the genetic basis of diseases, pre-implantation diagnosis and IVF, to the use of plastic surgery for aesthetic enhancement. Then there are the problems of just allocation caused by the growing number of treatment options for all kinds of diseases and the growing number of people living well into old age. Such developments cause a change in the medical ethical agenda.

In the specialization Philosophy, Bioethics and Health, you will acquire expertise in the area where medical ethics meets neuroscience and mental health. The specific expertise you will acquire at VU Amsterdam is not covered by other Master's programmes in the Netherlands. It is the result of close collaboration between Faculty of Humanities at VU Amsterdam and the Department of Medical Humanities at VU Medical Center, and the backgrounds of the course coordinators and academic staff.

With Philosophy, Bioethics and Health you will be an attractive candidate for the position of clinical ethicist or advisor to the management and the board within health-care organizations, health insurance companies, medical ethical committees and other organizations dealing with societal and ethical issues in healthcare.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SPECIALIZATION

The PBH curriculum includes 30 EC in Philosophy, 30 EC in Master courses Health Sciences, or Medicine, or Psychology, 30 EC in Master courses PBH, 12 EC practical training and winterschool in Oxford, 18 EC for the individual Master's thesis, in total 120 EC. For details of the curriculum, please visit the website.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The PBH programme is open for those who are admissible to the Masters Health Sciences, Medicine, and Psychology. For further information, please contact prof. Gerben Meynen, g.meynen@vu.nl.

2 PHILOSOPHY IN THE ANALYTIC TRADITION

1 YEAR, (60 CREDITS)

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION AT VU AMSTERDAM?

The Master's programme in Philosophy is unique in offering specializations covering analytic and continental styles of philosophy. The specialization Philosophy in the analytic tradition includes many courses and specialised tutorial options.

With courses taught by world renowned academics in decision theory, philosophy of science, and ethics, the VU department of philosophy is an ideal place to study analytic philosophy. The analytic track provides students not only with courses covering the core contemporary areas of philosophy of language, epistemology, and metaphysics, but also a historical background that outlines the development and emergence of analytic philosophy. You are invited to contribute to this tradition through the production of the MA thesis.

The department of Philosophy at VU Amsterdam is one of the largest in the Netherlands, providing a vibrant and modern study environment. There is an active student association (Icarus), run completely by students. In addition, there is no other philosophical department in the Netherlands where so many conferences and congresses are held, often with close student involvement. Many of our academic teaching staff have been awarded the annual university teaching prize and several others have been short-listed. Faculty research is part-financed by NWO and other funding bodies, which reflects the high quality of the department's research.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The first half of the Philosophy in the analytic tradition specialization provides students with foundational courses. The track begins with two historical courses charting the development of the analytic style of philosophy from its origins in the philosophy of language and logical positivism that developed in the Vienna Circle and in the UK to the reemergence of analytic ethics in Rawls, Cohen, and contemporary political theory. This historical background is followed by two courses that provide students with an overview of Ethics and the Philosophy of Science. In the third period students complete a bridge course Beyond The Great Divide that compares and contrasts continental methods and topics with those practiced by analytic philosophers.

The second half of the specialization gives students the opportunity to customise their programme of study, choosing two courses from three tutorial options, including Ethics, Philosophy of Science, and Epistemology. The track concludes with the MA thesis project, supported by six weeks of supervision.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the one year MA in Philosophy in the continental track requires a BA degree in philosophy or equivalent philosophical background. For more information contact Prof. dr. Reinier Munk (r.w.munk@vu.nl).

3 PHILOSOPHY IN THE CONTINENTAL TRADITION

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION AT VU AMSTERDAM?

The VU Master's programme in Philosophy is unique in offering specializations of study covering analytic and continental styles of philosophy. The specialization Philosophy in the continental tradition includes many courses and specialized tutorial options. The department of philosophy offers an exciting new specialization that allows students to specialize in the study of either analytic or continental styles and traditions of philosophy. The department is well positioned to offer study in continental philosophy, with researchers working on in the fields of phenomenology, hermeneutics, and feminist theory.

The department of philosophy is one of the largest in the Netherlands, providing a vibrant and modern study environment. There is an active student association (Icarus) and there is no other philosophical department in the Netherlands where so many conferences and congresses are held, often with close student involvement.

Many of our academic teaching staff have been awarded the annual university teaching prize and several others have been

short-listed. Faculty research is part-financed by NWO (the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) and other funding bodies, which reflects the high esteem in which the departments research is held. In recent years, a number of students have also been awarded a VSB scholarship, enabling them to embark on long-term studies at a foreign university and prepare for a PhD programme.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SPECIALIZATION

The first half of the Philosophy in the Continental Tradition track provides students with foundational courses. The track begins with two historical courses charting the development of the continental style of philosophy from its origins in the writing of Hegel and his interaction with Neoplatonism through the work of Husserl and Heidegger and on to the contemporary work of thinkers such as Derrida, and Ricoeur. This historical background is followed by two courses that provide students with an overview of contemporary social philosophy and phenomenology. In the third period students complete a bridge course Beyond The Great Divide that compares and contrasts continental and analytic methods and topics.

The second half of the Continental track gives students the opportunity to customize their programme of study, choosing two specialized tutorial tracks from three options, including Ethics, Metaphysics, and Social Philosophy. The track concludes with the MA thesis project, supported by six weeks of supervision.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the one year specialization in Philosophy in the continental track requires a BA degree in philosophy or equivalent philosophical background. The programme instruction is in English. For more information contact Prof.dr. Henk de Regt (h.w.de.reg@vu.nl).

4 PHILOSOPHY OF MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
WWW.VU.NL/PHILOSOPHY

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION AT VU AMSTERDAM?

The VU Master's programme in Philosophy offers the one year specialization in the philosophy of management and organizations with courses relevant to future business managers that incorporates a thesis project. Philosophy has an impact on ethics, culture, and epistemology. When it comes to ethics, integrity and transparency have become increasingly common. Questions like 'what do these terms mean?', 'are they reconcilable?' and 'how do we find an answer?' are unavoidable. All serious attempts to answer these questions inevitably make one philosophize.

The Philosophy of Management and Organizations specialization offers training to future leading experts and scholars in management and organization development in business and in not-for-profit organizations as well as in philosophy. The multi-disciplinary programme combines rigorous training in analytical and normative methods with an emphasis on developing management and organizational practice and theory with the help of philosophy. It will provide managers and philosophers with the multi-facetted expertise in the philosophical foundations and the philosophical enhancement of management that is needed in a society and business world that is becoming more and more culture oriented.

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STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SPECIALIZATION

The first half of the PMO programme provides students with foundational courses. The track begins with an historical overview of contemporary analytic philosophy and a survey of ethical issues in the business environment. These background courses are followed by two courses that provide students with an overview of special issues raised by technology and business organizations in a social world. In the third period students complete a PMO tutorial session.

The second half of the programme includes courses covering the epistemic aspects of management and organization and the philosophy of management and organization. Here students also complete their thesis project, supported by a thesis seminar in period five.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission into the one year specialization in Philosophy of management and organizations requires relevant non-philosophical academic Bachelors degree in combination with a course programme in philosophy of 30 ects. For information contact Prof. dr. Henk de Regt (h.w.de.reg@vu.nl).

5 PHILOSOPHY OF NEUROSCIENCE PNS

WHY CHOOSE THE SPECIALIZATION?

Neuroscience belongs to the sciences that in the future will have a large impact on virtually all aspects of our functioning as humans. Neuroscience has already changed the view we have on ourselves. This programme offers an answer to a need for responsible scientists, scientists who are sensitive to the conceptual issues in their own specific subdomain and who are, on the other hand, able to reflect and communicate about the broader implications of their field, clinical as well as societal. We aim at philosophy in neuroscience instead of philosophy about neuroscience.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The curriculum of PNS includes 30 ec in Philosophy, 36 ec in Neuroscience, 42 ec in Philosophy of Neuroscience, and 12 ec for the individual Master's thesis, at the total of 120 ec.

For details of the curriculum, please consult the website at www.vu.nl/philosophy

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The programme of PNS is open for Master and Research-Master students in Neuroscience. For information please contact Professor Gerrit Glas at: g.glas@vu.nl ■

LAW



INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)

- MANDATORY COURSES (36 ECTS)
- PLUS
- PROFILE TRANSACTIONS (24 ECTS)
- PROFILE REGULATORY (24 ECTS)

WWW.VU.NL/IBL

ADMISSIONSFL@VU.NL

Why study International Business Law at VU Amsterdam?

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam benefits from its unique location in the heart of Amsterdam's business district, where many international law firms are located. As a student of the master International Business Law (IBL), you will be able to network in a real-life business environment. Some courses are taught by legal practitioners, who can give you a genuine understanding of how law works in practice. Classes are relatively small, international and interactive. The mix of nationalities within the group gives the IBL programme an extra dimension.

STRUCTURE OF THE IBL PROGRAMME

The Master's programme in International Business Law consists of three mandatory courses, i.e. International Contract Law, International Company Law and a Research Seminar, elective courses, and a Master's thesis. Students must opt for one specialization (you must opt for the profile 'Transactions' or the profile 'Regulatory'). The mandatory courses provide you with a general legal foundation, while later elective courses focus on more specific areas of international business law. In the final stage, you will write a Master's thesis. The IBL programme focuses on rules and practices for promoting international commercial transactions. It also aims at developing an understanding of the world's trading system and rules for international investments, and it examines the legal aspects of business practices. You will study the main legal areas and the interaction between the actors involved in transactions. In addition, you will develop skills to anticipate, analyse and address problems that may arise in your future career: the legal practice of international business.

GLORIA HUANG/CHINA

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

"Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is a well-known university, the teaching quality is reputable. Apart from focusing on teaching quality, the university encourages a student-orientated approach, student voices count, that's why I chose VU Amsterdam!

The International Business Law Programme I participated in is a well-designed course, apart from professors and lecturers from VU itself, we also have guest lecturers from international companies, law firms and the EU commission, from whom we learn first-hand knowledge. This course definitely has enriched my experience and broadened my view!"



"Apart from focusing on teaching quality, the university encourages a student-orientated approach, student voices count, that's why I chose VU Amsterdam!"

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

After graduating this Master's programme, you will be well equipped for your further professional training. You can start a career as a professional business lawyer, an in-house counsel for a company, a government official, or a legal professional for an international organization. Pursuing a PhD is also an option. Alumni have found jobs at international law firms, accounting companies, banks and government agencies.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Ideally, applicants must have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Law, but students with a sound academic background and proven experience in the field of law may also apply. The Master's programme in International Business Law is a selective Master programme and open to a limited number of students only. You can find full details on admission, selection and application on our website. ■



INTERNATIONAL CRIMES AND CRIMINOLOGY

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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Why study International Crimes and Criminology at VU Amsterdam?

War crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide disrupt societies and pose a threat to international peace and security. Developing theories to understand this human behaviour and designing effective strategies to react to these atrocities is extremely challenging. International Crimes and Criminology is an interdisciplinary Master's programme in which you will learn how to measure and investigate these crimes. You are challenged to critically reflect on international criminal law and alternative modes of transitional justice, such as truth commissions and amnesties. The Master's programme is unique: it is not offered by any other university worldwide. VU Amsterdam is close to The Hague, the legal capital of the world.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme in International Crimes and Criminology consists of five required courses, several elective courses and an interdisciplinary Master's thesis on international crimes. The programme deals extensively with insights from various disciplines such as law, criminology, sociology, psychology and political science. This Master's aims to define, conceptualize and measure international crimes and to analyse ways to effectively prevent, eradicate and respond to them.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The programme leads to the Master of Science degree (MSc.). On completing the programme, you will be able to objectively assess empirical data and critically comment on theoretical notions. On the practical side, you will be able to draft policy documents, develop preventive strategies and carry out fieldwork. Possible careers include working for international criminal courts and tribunals, human rights organizations, refugee organizations, government departments, universities or other research institutes.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The International Crimes and Criminology Master's programme is a selective programme and open to a limited number of students only. An English language proficiency is required. You will also need to have at least a Bachelor's degree in Criminology, Law, Political Science, Psychology or Social Sciences. In some cases, applicants with other academic backgrounds are selected. You can find full details on admission, selection and application on our website.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

Law and Politics of International Security. ■



LAW AND POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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Why study Law and Politics of International Security at VU Amsterdam?

The Master's programme in Law and Politics of International Security offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on international security from the perspectives of international law and international relations. It includes topics such as the United Nations system of collective security, self defense, humanitarian interventions and terrorism. The programme attracts students from all over the world, so international security will be discussed in a truly international environment. You will be introduced to different methodologies for carrying out independent research, combined with practical activities and exercises such as role-playing and moot courts. Field trips to international organizations and international tribunals are an integral part of the programme. VU Amsterdam is close to international courts and tribunals in The Hague.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme in Law and Politics of International Security consists of four mandatory courses, at least two elective courses and a Master's thesis. The programme is taught entirely in English. The concept of 'international security' is no longer confined to traditional issues of war and peace, and calls for interdisciplinary study. This is why the programme takes a clear, interdisciplinary approach: it offers knowledge and modes of thinking combining international law and politics.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The programme leads to a Master of Laws degree (LLM). Successful graduates of the programme will be able to work in one of the many fields where the concept of security is most significant, such as ministries and parliaments, private security firms and the International Committee of the Red Cross. You could, for instance, become a legal or policy advisor, member of a diplomatic service or a judge in training.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme of Law and Politics of International Security is open to both Dutch and international students, and to a limited number of students only. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Law, Social Sciences or Liberal Arts, and a basic knowledge of international law or international relations theory. Applicants must be proficient in English. For detailed information on admission requirements, application and the programme, please see the website.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

International Crimes and Criminology - Political Science. ■



CORPORATE LAW

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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1 SPECIALIZATION:

LAW, MARKETS & BEHAVIOR

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Lawyers used to only deal with the law. For lawyers to live up to the expectations of clients and society, they need to have broader skills. Lawyers also have to understand the underlying economic principles of transactions and procedures they are involved in. Behavioral perspectives are key in dynamics such as the governance of a company, mergers and acquisitions and the formation of contracts. Global economic shockwaves have demonstrated that rules alone do not suffice; we need to think about ethics as well.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Law, Markets and Behavior is a track within the VU Master's programme Corporate Law. This legal Master's programme has deep-rooted multidisciplinary perspectives. Law is the vantage point of our thinking. Classical fields such as Contract Law, Tort Law, the Corporate Form, Insolvency Law and Regulatory Law will be taught in depth. In order for you to operate in an international context, we will focus on the principles; details of national laws will not be dealt with.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our partners - law firms and financial institutions - have been telling us time and again that not just legal, but also financial and psychological knowledge should be in the tool kit of today's lawyer. They need the kind of people we educate. This is an international trend. Those who successfully completed the Master's programme have a wide range of career choices. They can work as professional business lawyers, in-house legal counsels for companies, government

officials, corporate executives, legal professionals for an international (intergovernmental) organization, etc.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This programme is selective, meaning that all applicants need to apply by emailing additional application documents (listed on the website). The Master's programme is open to a limited number of students only. The admission Board will make a merit based selection of students. ■



LAW

2 SPECIALIZATIONS:

1 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
WWW.VU.NL/IMRL
ADMISSIONSFL@VU.NL

WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

International migration is one of the most important social issues of our time. People move across borders for work, studies, love, as well as in order to flee poverty, persecution and violence. This master's track addresses international migration from the perspective of international and European law, and focus on the way these legal orders function in domestic legal orders. The interplay between international, European and domestic law is a specific focus of the track.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The need for internationally oriented migration lawyers is growing in the UN, the EU, law firms, the judiciary, national and local governments and NGO's. As migration law is particularly complex and intertwined with other areas of international law, our graduates are also perfectly well equipped for other careers that require profound insight in international and European law.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Law. In some cases applicants with other academic backgrounds are selected. Applicants should have a good proficiency of the English language. ■

2 TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

1 YEAR (60 CREDITS)
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WHY CHOOSE THIS SPECIALIZATION?

Within the programme lecturers and researchers from various foreign backgrounds work together. The Faculty of Law of VU Amsterdam is distinctive in having united EU Law, International Public Law, Internet Governance and Legal theory all in one joint research programme. This approach allows a broad, and at the same time in depth, analysis of transnational legal issues. Students can design their own programme in line with their personal preferences: practical, academic, public law, civil law, economic, theoretical and social.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

Transnational Legal Studies is a full-time, one-year graduate programme, organized as a specialization in the VU Master of Laws (LLM). Its curriculum is designed for students who want to pursue careers related to European and international issues and who are passionate about exploring the political, economic and social context of law. You will follow:

- European and International Law, an intensive, advanced level course taught conjointly by international and European law scholars
- Transnational Law in Social Context, an innovative course providing political and social perspectives on transnational legal processes
- Further courses of your choice, allowing you to specialize in areas such as European economic law (EU internal market law, competition law), human rights law (European human rights protection, EU antidiscrimination law) or public international law (international humanitarian law, irregular migration)

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The need for transnationally trained lawyers continues to increase. Any organisation can employ transnationally trained lawyers. Future employers can include (but are not restricted to!): EU institutions, the UN, international organizations, ngo's, national governments, international law firms and universities.

Students specialising in transnational law have good employment prospects.

SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's programme of Transnational Legal Studies is open to both Dutch and international students. Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Law. In some cases applicant with other relevant academic backgrounds are selected. Applicants must be proficient in English. For detailed information on admission requirements, application and the programme, please see the website.

OTHER INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

International Business Law – Law and Politics of International Security – International Migration and Refugee Law. ■





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