Study programmes and courses

The current curriculum is comprised of over 100 international study programmes. The International Study Programmes (ISP) offers Undergraduate, Masters, Postgraduate and PhD Programmes. However, exchange students are registered on a non-degree basis for undergraduate courses. Access to Graduate courses is very limited and restricted. Admission on graduate level is decided on a case-by-case basis and only if the student has a bachelor/undergraduate degree in the desired field of study. Please know that graduate courses in social sciences are not possible. English taught courses can be found in Humanities, Social Sciences, Psychology, Business & Economics, Law, Natural Sciences, Pedagogical & Educational Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Future Planet Studies, Geography, Planning, and Development Studies. Students cannot follow courses in Medicine and Dentistry. Students can only be registered for one academic department, but they are allowed to select a maximum of 12 ECTS of courses (out of the minimal 30 ECTS per semester) in other departments. This can be arranged upon request after the student is accepted by their main academic department.
Entrance requirements for exchange students

Students should have at least two years of academic education, a Grade point average of 3.0 (US system) and a relevant academic background in the proposed field of study. A relevant background will be assessed by the following guidelines:

- For courses in **Humanities**, students should have taken courses in any of the following subject areas for at least a full academic year: Dutch Studies, History, Archaeology and Regional Studies, Language and Literature, Philosophy, Media studies, Art, religion and Cultural Studies.

- For courses in **Social sciences** and **Communication Science**, students should have taken courses in any of the following subjects for at least a full academic year: Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Communication Science, Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, Political Sciences and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

Incoming exchange students in these disciplines are placed in the Undergraduate Certificate Programme for Social Sciences (formally known as the Undergraduate Certificate Programme in Humanities and Social Sciences) where they can take courses from the following thematic clusters: Asian Societies and Cultures, Conflict, Cultural Diversity and the Law, Development and Planning, Dutch Society, Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism, European Society, Gender, Sexuality and Society, International Relations and Globalisation, Media and Communication, Politics, Governance and Democracy

- For courses in **Psychology**, students should have taken courses in psychology for at least a full academic year.

- For courses in **Pedagogical and Educational Sciences**, students should have taken courses in Pedagogical and Educational Sciences for at least a full academic year.

- For courses in **Business & Economics**, students should have completed at least two full academic years of courses in general economics, business economics, econometrics, actuarial sciences, management, or marketing.

- The **Law** programme is intended for advanced law students who have completed at least two full academic years in Law courses.

- **Future Planet Studies** is an interdisciplinary bachelor with English taught courses on the themes Food and Water. Both natural and social sciences play an important role in these courses. Students with a natural sciences background should have taken a half academic year in social sciences as economics, human geography, spatial planning, political sciences. Students with a social sciences background should have taken a half academic year in natural sciences courses as Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Ecology, Climatology.

- The **Research Master Metropolitan Studies** is a selective master with a restricted number of places, meant for students with a thorough interest in the field of urban studies. We have a limited number of places available for exchange students, who have shown that they have the right qualifications and potential to conclude courses within the research oriented graduate programme successfully. For a description of the programme: [http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81470.html](http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81470.html)

The general entrance requirement is a Bachelor degree in Social Science with a GPA of at least 7.5 (out of 10) (equivalent to a B+/A- according to US credits system). For a complete list of entrance requirements see [http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81454.html](http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81454.html)

Students can only choose courses within this programme all other Master courses offered at the Graduate School of Social Science are not open for exchange students. For a course overview: [http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81462.html](http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sgs/en/p/133_81462.html)
Course Selection University of Amsterdam

The actual registration for courses will be done a few months before the start of the semester. Due to possible changes in the course schedule, the University of Amsterdam will not have a final course schedule ready before the application deadline. Therefore students are asked to select a list of preliminary courses in the application form. These courses may also be selected from the current academic year instead of the requested period of exchange. There are two ways to find interesting courses, through the main website for exchange students and in the online course catalogue.

Option 1: The main website for exchange students

http://www.studeren.uva.nl/studyinginenglish/exchangeprogrammes.cfm

click on “course overview” and select the academic department of your choice. Each department will give instructions on how to find courses within this department. After selecting the academic department, follow the instructions to find their course offerings:
Option 2: Online Course Catalogue

www.studiegids.uva.nl/sgs/WebSite_en

To search for courses in the current course catalogue, please click on “search course”. To search in older versions of the course catalogue you will first need to select an archived catalogue and then click on search course.

Students can enter keywords to search for specific courses or browse through the alphabetical overview of all courses. If this is unsuccessful, students can also try to search for a programme or browse through the alphabetical overview of all programmes. Please note that registering for master (graduate) courses is difficult and competitive. The admission officer will evaluate on individual basis if the student has the required background. It is advisable to select bachelor (undergraduate) courses if the student is a bachelor (undergraduate) student at their home university.

Once the student has found an interesting course it is important to investigate if it is a bachelor (undergraduate) course and if the student needs a specific academic background to enrol in the preferred course. Please bear in mind that in most cases courses need to be confirmed for the new semester and that it cannot be guaranteed that the course will go ahead as planned. Final registration and confirmation of the preferred courses will happen a few months prior to the start of the semester.

Please note that the course catalogue of 2012-2013 will be available summer 2012.

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