2018
VU AMSTERDAM SUMMER SCHOOL
COME STUDY AND EXPLORE

SMALL, INTERACTIVE CLASSES IN A WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS
HIGHLY DIVERSE CLASSROOMS >85 NATIONALITIES
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH COURSE EXCURSIONS

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

**AMSTERDAM FACTS**

- Capital of the Netherlands
- Europe's safest city on The Economist Safe City Index
- 187 nationalities - more than any other city in the world!
- 93% of the Dutch speak English
- 881,000 bicycles and 40 parks to bike through
- A total of 165 canals: Venice eat your heart out

**VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM**

The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) is an internationally renowned research university. Since its founding in 1880 interdisciplinary research has been leading in its education. The university consists of nine faculties with teaching facilities for 22,000 students. With over 120 English-taught Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes, the university offers a wide range of study options. The campus is a centrally located hub where people feel at home and engage in innovative ways.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

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

**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT**

- Various housing options for all students
- Airport pick up service
- Support before, during and after the programme
- Emergency assistance
- Orientation and social programme
### COURSES 2018

**SESSION 1: 30 JUNE – 14 JULY**

**SESSION 2: 14 JULY – 28 JULY**

**SESSION 3: 28 JULY – 11 AUGUST**

#### BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

**SESSION 1**
- Creativity and Innovation
  - (with Cardiff University)
- New Financing Models in a Changing World
- The Economics of Urbanization

**SESSION 2**
- Criminal Organizations From an Economic Perspective
- New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behaviour Management

**SESSION 3**
- Foundations of Strategy, How to Succeed as a Strategist
- New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship

#### COMPUTER SCIENCES AND DATA ANALYSIS

**SESSION 1**
- Big Data Methods for Society
  - Data Analysis in R
  - Programming in Python

**SESSION 2**
- Artificial Intelligence
  - For a Healthy Life
  - Big Ideas in Computer Science
  - Data Analysis in R

**SESSION 3**
- Big Data Management and Analysis in Linux
  - Operations Research: A Mathematical Way to Optimize Your World

#### HEALTH SCIENCES

**SESSION 1**
- Global Health
- Nature and Nurture: Twin Research and Human Genetics
- Neurodegenerative Diseases: From Lab to Patient and Back

**SESSION 2**
- Applications of Fluorescence in the Life Sciences
  - Brain and Mind
  - Human Movement Analysis
  - The Beautiful Mind: Global Perceptions of Mental Health

**SESSION 3**
- Out of my Mind: Embodied Cognition, Mechanistic Explanation and Mental Disorder

#### HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

**SESSION 1**
- Buddhism and Psychology
- Decolonizing Europe: History, Memory, Redress (with Brown University)

**SESSION 2**
- Design, Society and Cultures of Display in Museums
- Dutch Language and Culture
- Essential Academic English (B2)
- Laws in Antiquity
- The Heart of Capitalism: Amsterdam 1600-present

**SESSION 3**
- Impact of An Empire

#### LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

**SESSION 1**
- Empirical Research Methods For Legal Studies
- International Criminal Justice

**SESSION 2**
- Criminal Organizations: An Economic Perspective
- Wildlife Crime Analysis: Data-Driven Nature Protection
- Laws in Antiquity: Legal Systems of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Rome and Byzantium

**SESSION 3**
- Crime in Numbers: From Correlation to Causation
  - Cybercrime: The Human Factor

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SESSION 1**
- Causal Evaluation Methods in Education Research
- Hands-on Anthropology and Ethnographic Storytelling I

**SESSION 2**
- Feeding the Billions: Challenges and Innovation in Food and Water Security
  - Hands-on Anthropology and Ethnographic Storytelling II

**SESSION 3**
- Governing Climate Change: Theory and Practice
FEES

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* Accommodation and social programme are optional.

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* Partner University and Early Bird Discount cannot be combined.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

WORLD HEROES SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

SASKIA AUHENACKER, ARGENTINA

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