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Academic Information

Semester dates (incl. exam periods):	Winter Semester:	August 31 st to January 31 st
	Summer Semester:	February 1 st to June 25 th
Number of study weeks/ academic year:	42 (4 x 7 weeks per block, 2 x 4 weeks exams) A semester consists of 2 blocks. Semester course: duration of one semester (summer or winter semester). Few courses have the duration of 1 block. No courses run for the complete year.	
Credit system:	The standard workload for full-time students is 60 EC per academic year (1680 hours of study) or 30 EC per semester (840 hours of study).	
Language:	Most classes are taught in Dutch, some BA classes and some MA courses are taught in English. Courses in the field of Modern European languages are mostly taught in their target language.	
Duration of programmes	A bachelor's programme (Bachelor of Arts) has a duration of three years and consists of 180 EC. A master's programme (Master of Arts) has duration of one to two years and consists of 60 to 120 EC.	
Workload	The credit system is based on student workload. Student workload does not only consist of lectures and seminars, but also of individual study. The workload is expressed in credit points based on the ECTS. 1 EC represents 28 hours of full-time study, including lecture attendance, hours spent on individual study and preparation of assignments.	
Type of education:	There are different types of education. Lectures are frequently used as well as seminars and self-study. In seminars an active participation is expected. Students are obliged to attend 80% of the classes. On the internet Blackboard is used to prepare for classes, for discussions etc. For language classes the media-room is used frequently.	
Assessment:	All types of exams are practised: oral exams, written exams, essays, class room presentation and assignments.	

Grading System

Comparing international grading systems:

<i>Universiteit van Amsterdam 10 point system</i>	<i>ECTS Quality Assessment</i>	<i>Distribution Percentages</i>	<i>Recommended U.S. grades</i>	<i>Recommended ECTS grades</i>
8 ≤ grade ≤ 10	excellent	10%	A	A
7.5 ≤ grade < 8	very good	25%	B	B
7 ≤ grade < 7.5	good	30%	B	C
6 < grade < 7	satisfactory	25%	C	D
5.5 ≤ grade ≤ 6	sufficient	10%	D	E
< 5.5	fail	-	F	F

Study streams available in exchange programs

<http://studiegids.uva.nl/web/uva/sqs/en/p/951.html>

	Bachelor courses	Master courses	Language
Art and Media studies	yes	Limited	English
Dutch art and culture	yes	in Dutch	English
English language and culture	yes	yes	English
European and American studies	yes	yes	English
Modern European languages	yes	yes	In target language
History, society and religion	yes	yes	English
Philosophy and discourse	yes	yes	English
Nederlandse taal, cultuur en geschiedenis	yes	yes	Dutch
ISHSS (International School for Humanities and Social Sciences)	Students wishing to participate in the programs offered by the ISHSS can only do so if they fulfil specific requirements (e.g. grade average and English language test). Please see www.ishss.uva.nl for further information.	no	English

Application procedure:

Application deadlines	- for 1st semester and full year students: <u>May 15</u> - for 2nd semester students: <u>September 15</u>
Application procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - student application webform - list of grades (in English) - course registration form - certificate of English test* *strongly recommended and compulsory for those who will be studying in English MA courses or courses at the ISHSS.	Prospective exchange students fill out the online web form. They need to print this and have it signed by their exchange coordinator. With the signature and the other documents they can send it to: International office humanities Spuistraat 210 1012 VT Amsterdam The Netherlands Or by email: international-fgw@uva.nl We prefer not to receive documents by fax.
After application	Students will receive Information Letters prior to their arrival.
Suggested date of arrival:	5 to 7 days prior to start of the semester.

Orientation:	The orientation programme is organised by International Student Network (ISN) during the week before the start of the semester. More information on www.isn-amsterdam.nl .
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Accommodation

Accommodation	<p>The university co-operates with several housing agency's. The majority of students rent a room from housing cooperation De Key. Please check www.shortstay.dekey.nl</p> <p>Double room (sharing a room with another student) is common accommodation in Amsterdam. Normally students share kitchen, bathroom and living quarters. The majority of the dorms is outside of the city centre.</p>
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Additional services

Special needs	<p>The university is open to student with special needs, including students with apparent of non-apparent disabilities or learning disorders.</p> <p>We would like to encourage students and our foreign colleagues to contact us as soon as possible if a special needs student is contemplating a study abroad in Amsterdam.</p>
Students with children	<p>Students travelling with children are asked to contact the Humanities' International office as soon as possible. University's housing facilities is not open for students with children.</p>