Amsterdam

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

Arrival & Housing

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

Social Programme

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

Courses

The Amsterdam Summer School offers two-week courses in consecutive blocks during the month of July. It is possible to combine two courses in order to create a four-week programme. Find our full programme for 2016 listed on the back of this flyer.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam is a comprehensive research university, ranked amongst the world’s top 100 universities. Since its founding in 1880, interdisciplinary social research questions have been at the core of its educational model. Throughout the past century, the university has continued to expand. It now comprises ten faculties and has teaching facilities for 26,000 students.

Join us in summer 2016

Spend your summer studying in the vibrant UNESCO World Heritage city of Amsterdam. The Amsterdam Summer School of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers interactive small-scale courses (max. 25 participants) in a wide range of fields. You will participate in engaging discussions with a unique group of peers from all parts of the world. Our courses are designed to provide an intensive, in-depth look at your topic of study. Included are built-in excursions to museums and institutes such as the Anne Frank House, the International Criminal Court and the recently reopened and world-renowned Rijksmuseum.
Courses 2 to 16 July

- Becoming A Fly on the Wall: Observational Methods for Violent Everyday Conflict
- Big Data in Society
- Buddhism and Psychology
- Creativity and Innovation (in collaboration with Cardiff University)
- Decolonizing Europe: History, Ideas and Praxis (in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice at Brown University)
- Disability Studies and Arts Based Research: An Exciting Partnership?
- Doing Research with Discourse Analysis: A Discourse Perspective on Making Sense of Social Change (in collaboration with Lancaster University)
- From Correlation to Causation: An Introduction to Novel Analysis Methods for Observational Data
- Global Health
- International Criminal Justice
- Irrationality and Nudging: Understanding and Influencing People’s Decision-Making
- Neurodegenerative Diseases: From Clinic to Bench
- The Economics of Vibrant Cities

Courses 16 to 30 July

- The Entrepreneurial Family Business
- Translating the Text of the Bible. Erasmus Novum Instrumentum Omne after 500 Years
- Data Analysis in R
- Brain and Mind
- Challenging the Banks: From Microfinance to Fintech (in collaboration with Maastricht University)
- Discover [the] Dutch: Dutch Language and Culture (in collaboration with Maastricht University)
- Empirical Legal Studies: An Introduction to Research Methods for Legal Scholars
- Governing Climate Change: Theory and Practice
- Human Movement Analysis
- Laws in Antiquity: Law and Legal Systems from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Rome and Byzantium (in collaboration with Leiden University)
- New Venture Creation/Entrepreneurship
- Organizational Behaviour Management
- Spatial Crime Analysis
- Syriac Christianity in Context (one week, 23 to 30 July)
- The Bible in the Syriac Tradition (one week, 16 to 23 July)

Application

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

Fees

The tuition fee for a two-week course ranges between € 1,000 and € 1,150. Fees for housing start at € 425. The tuition fee includes the following: airport pick-up service, course excursions, welcome programme, on-site support, 24/7 emergency assistance, and a transcript of records after completion of the course. The social programme is not included in the tuition fee.

Scholarships & Discounts

- An early bird discount of € 100 is available for students who apply before 1 March 2016.
- Students from exchange partner universities will receive € 250 discount.
- The Amsterdam Summer School offers 10 scholarships of a full tuition fee for one course.

Scholarships and discounts cannot be combined.

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

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