Faculty of Economics and Business

Economics and Business
International Bachelor’s programme

Bachelor 2012/2013
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There could hardly be a more exciting time to start with your degree in economics and business. The current credit crisis proves that global developments in the business world are more than ever part of society as a whole. The aftershocks in the financial market can be seen, read and heard in all media on a daily basis. The rapid changes and growing complexity require well-educated academics and professionals who not only understand the current reality but are also able to grasp the reasons behind it. The BSc in Economics and Business at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) gives students an understanding of the theories and tools that address the complexity of issues in today’s global economy.

We provide an interesting and up-to-date curriculum backed by a prestigious university and taught by a faculty with an excellent reputation. The programme is truly international in terms of staff, students and content. We also realise that the quality of our programme is determined for a large part by the quality of our student body. We therefore take care in assessing all applications for admission. Quality is also monitored by means of internal and external assessments and accreditation procedures, ensuring a top-quality and demanding curriculum as well as official recognition of your degree in both the Netherlands and abroad.

Finally, we are located in the fascinating, cosmopolitan, cultural and business centre that is Amsterdam. Our location gives students excellent opportunities for developing contacts and finding internships, as well as for finding employment after graduation. Students also enjoy living in Amsterdam for its tolerant and multicultural environment and reasonable costs of living.

This brochure provides information about studying in Amsterdam, the UvA, the Faculty and the BSc in Economics and Business. You can get more information from our website and from our staff. If you find the programme to be right for you, and we think you are right for us, we will look forward to welcoming you to the University of Amsterdam.

Dr Massimo Giuliodori
Programme Director foundation year
University of Amsterdam

The University of Amsterdam (UvA) is a modern university with a rich history. Founded in 1632 by the Amsterdam city council under the name Athenaeum Illustre, the UvA has grown into a world-class research and teaching university. The university has seven major faculties, over 30,000 students and 5,000 staff. It offers a wide range of courses, a top grade academic curriculum, inspiring surroundings and personal guidance. This combination enables UvA students to develop personally and intellectually. What it asks in return is that students learn as much as they can.

To create an international environment of research and learning, the UvA has always encouraged international cooperation. With over 2,500 international students and researchers from over 100 countries, the UvA provides ample opportunity to benefit from academic knowledge on a worldwide scale, because lecturers incorporate today’s research results into tomorrow’s lectures.

The UvA does far more than prepare its students for the labour market. It is a place where talent is developed and people come into contact with differing and sometimes conflicting points of view. It is a university where students learn to think in an original, independent and academic way. It is a top UvA priority to serve as breeding grounds for creative learning, nationally and internationally. Since the UvA is in contact with universities all across the globe, virtually every student can do part of the curriculum abroad or meet students from all over the world in their Amsterdam classroom.

In the field of academic research, the UvA has a reputation to uphold. The UvA is ranked 56th in the World University Rankings (THES, 2010) and 5th in continental Europe. Furthermore, the UvA is the highest ranked university in the Netherlands. The UvA is also a member of LERU, a network of renowned European research universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, University College London, Zurich, Leuven, Leiden and Edinburgh. Furthermore, the UvA is a member of Universitas 21, a network of twenty-one leading comprehensive research universities from thirteen different countries.

Economics and Business at the UvA

The Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) was established in 1922 and currently has around 5,000 students. The FEB provides a high-level economics and business curriculum with a strong academic basis for national and international undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. The Faculty has an excellent reputation both in the Netherlands and around the world.

Internationalisation is a keyword at the FEB. The staff, student body, degree programmes and research all have a strong international focus. The Faculty has also developed a worldwide network of academic partnerships, offering both a wide range of opportunities for our students and a global platform for the exchange of knowledge. All research and teaching within the FEB is organised in two schools: the Amsterdam School of Economics (ASE) and the Amsterdam Business School (ABS). They offer a high-level curriculum with a strong academic basis for the national and international undergraduate and postgraduate market. Both schools aim to train students for careers in research and leading positions in the public or private sector. Their educational programmes foster the academic ideal of integrated research and teaching.
The BSc in Economics and Business has been positively assessed by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO). This means that upon completion, students receive an accredited and internationally recognised Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business with a specialisation in Business Studies, Economics or Economics and Finance.

www.nvao.net

In 2010, the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) awarded the EQUIS accreditation to the ABS for the second time. This means that the Amsterdam Business School is one of around 100 elite schools, including the London Business School, INSEAD and IMD, that have been awarded this accreditation worldwide.
Amsterdam

The capital of the Netherlands is one of Europe’s most frequently visited cities. As the Lonely Planet notes, ‘Amsterdam combines a huge case of big city exuberance with small-town manageability. It doesn’t take much more than chaining your bike to a bridge to feel like you’ve got a handle on the place.’ It is this mixture that makes Amsterdam a pleasure to visit or live in. It is a real cosmopolitan capital and one of Europe’s most beautiful at that, with an enormous number of attractions. With 760,000 inhabitants comprising 177 nationalities, it is also a relatively small city, peaceful, well organised and an easy place to find your way around.

www.iamsterdam.nl

The ultimate mix

The historic city centre is famous for its architecture and canals. Amsterdam also has an outstanding and well-deserved reputation for its variety of entertainment. If you have a look at the tourist websites or for a less formal view the Lonely Planet, Time Out or Rough Guide sites, you will find an unparalleled list of options. In addition, Amsterdam has always been known for its intellectual freedom, which has greatly stimulated the international exchange of ideas and research. Again and again, Amsterdam has proven itself an important centre for cultural, social and financial developments. Its liberal approach to social issues might well be even more important to the visitor. The city is a melting pot of cultures and races that are welcome in a way that is probably unmatched throughout Europe.

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Compelling and safe

A study on the quality of life in major cities worldwide (William M. Mercer, 2010) ranked Amsterdam 13th out of 235 and Time Out called Amsterdam ‘in a nutshell, one of the most consistently surprising, thrilling, intriguing (and) compelling cities on earth.’ William Mercer also called Amsterdam one of the safest capital cities in Europe.

International gateway

With its proximity to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, about half an hour from the UvA, there is easy access to the rest of the world. Barcelona, Berlin, Vienna, Edinburgh, Geneva, Paris, London, and Rome are only a few hours away. Public transport around Amsterdam and the Netherlands is excellent, which makes living in Amsterdam or visiting other parts of the Netherlands all the more convenient.

Cradle of international business

The Dutch capital is a leader in finance and trade, and is at the heart of Europe in more ways than one. International finance was born in Amsterdam, built on the capital amassed by the merchants of the seventeenth century known as the Golden Age. The world’s first public stock exchange was founded in Amsterdam, and served as an example for stock markets all over the world. The first multinational, the Dutch East India Company or VOC, was established in Amsterdam; further evidence of the entrepreneurial spirit of the Netherlands in general and Amsterdam in particular. Amsterdam now has a broad economic base, but the most important sectors with over 120,000 jobs are still business and financial services. Together, the stock exchange, the central bank and the regional head offices of numerous Dutch and international firms make Amsterdam the financial and business heart of the Netherlands and a prestigious international business centre. The study programmes at the FEB benefit greatly from this real business environment, which is literally right around the corner.
The Bachelor’s in Economics and Business is a three-year full-time study programme completely taught in English. At the University of Amsterdam, the academic year starts the first week of September and is divided into two semesters. Each semester consists of two periods of eight weeks and one short period of four weeks. Students are trained to develop analytical and problem-solving skills as well as a critical attitude. Courses are taught in several ways, by means of lectures, tutorials and practical training involving business cases and group assignments. During lectures, students get a general introductory survey of the subjects. At the tutorials or seminars, certain parts of the lectures are discussed by a smaller group of students. Students are assigned exercises to revise and practice the theory.

**Example of a course**

**Microeconomics**

This course mainly deals with individual consumption choices and firms’ production decisions. By aggregating these choices to demand and supply curves, the course introduces the notion of an equilibrium in a market economy. An important aspect is the analysis of the properties of such an equilibrium with respect to allocative efficiency and distributive justice. Furthermore, instances where the market mechanism is expected to fail are introduced. The discussion of these market failures revolves around market imperfections (like monopolies), the provision of public goods (like defence and security), and externalities (like pollution). Last but not least, the analytical tool called game theory, is presented and applied to economic problems. The lectures and classes are supplemented by economic experiments. In these experiments students are directly confronted with the choices faced by consumers, producers, and government agencies as well as their consequences.

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**The first year**

The first year of the programme is the same for all three majors. It is designed to include the basics of mathematics, statistics, economics and business, needed by every student studying economics and business. Students acquire writing, presentation and research skills in specific designed courses. After completing the first year, students receive a certificate. Students decide what to specialise in after they complete the first year.

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Second and third year

In the second and third year, students specialise in either Business Studies, Economics, or Economics and Finance.

**Business Studies**
Business Studies presents an interdisciplinary view of the business world. Businesses and other organisations are currently facing complex issues, dealing for example with increased competition, organising (logistic) processes, acquiring and using information technology, attracting the necessary financial resources and recruiting good, skilled staff. Managers are not only expected to have knowledge and expertise in the field of economics, but also in such areas as psychology, politics, sociology and law. In making decisions, they need to be able to see the cohesion between these disciplines and be aware of how they affect each other. This interdisciplinary approach to organisational issues is at the very root of the programme in Business Studies.

**Economics**
The specialisation in Economics gives students broad knowledge as well as analytical insight into the field of economics. The specialisation in Economics focuses on the (dis)functioning of markets and the relationship between the market and government. Topics include the development of employment or the impact of public expenditure on investments of companies. For example, students analyse money flows between countries and calculate the effects of price and wage increases. From the second year onwards, students are expected to participate more actively. They should be prepared to discuss economic issues with enthusiasm and have a clear interest in an analytical approach.

**Economics and Finance**
The specialisation in Economics and Finance focuses on economic decision making in the fields of (macro-)economics and business economics. Subjects include monetary economics, banking, investments and portfolio theory and advanced

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**Maurice Bun (The Netherlands)**
Associate Professor in Econometrics

Since 1997 Maurice Bun is employed by the University of Amsterdam. He has been first year programme director of the BSc Economics & Business for seven years. Currently he is Associate Professor in Econometrics and teaches various Econometrics courses at both undergraduate and graduate level. His main research interests are on panel data econometrics, programme evaluation and international economics.
corporate finance. Financial aspects are emphasised in all these areas. The main topics are the operation of international financial markets, government intervention, and financing and investment decisions in the business and banking sectors in the context of the international financial environment.

Before receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Business, students write an extensive paper involving literature or practical research. Students doing a third-year internship usually do a moderate research project for the company, consultancy firm or official agency where they are getting on-the-job training. The report on this research project can be used for their bachelor’s thesis.

Minor/Study abroad

In the specialisations Business Studies and Economics it is possible to include a minor into the programme that consists of 30 ECTS credits (one semester). The minor can either be taken at the University of Amsterdam or at one of our 100 foreign partner universities. Students are actively encouraged to add another international experience to their curriculum and study a semester abroad. Our partners are located worldwide and characterised by an excellent reputation and attractive locations.

Honours programme

Excellent students are invited to participate in an interdisciplinary honours programme. Honours students work together with the best students of other programmes and they motivate each other to get the most out of their studies.

The class of 2011-2012

We are proud to present the class of 2011-2012. This year the number of applications has gone up to 405. Through our rigorous admissions process we have been able to select the best students from these applications. In September 2011, 90 students have started in the first year. Next to quality, we have also succeeded in maintaining the diversity of our student body. In this year’s class 29 different nationalities are represented. This fits well with the Faculty of Economics and Business where internationalisation is seen as the way to increase quality in every respect: the staff, student body, degree programmes and research all have a strong international focus. The male/female ratio is 46:54 and the age range is 18-22 years.

All in all we are extremely pleased with the class in terms of quality, quantity and diversity. Hence, we have no hesitation in stating that also this year the BSc in Economics and Business represents everything the UvA stands for: high-quality students from diverse backgrounds, studying in innovative courses, and taught by world-class academics.
As soon as I came across the University of Amsterdam (UvA) website I was intrigued and it quickly moved to the top of my list. The Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) offers an intense programme. However, coupled with the city’s charming views, cozy cafes and crazy nightlife, studying in Amsterdam is as fun as it can ever be! All courses so far have proven to be highly relevant and helpful for my studies at the FEB. Most of the lecturers have impressed me, and I definitely learned a lot from them. Since I’ve decided to follow the Economics track, I am very much fond of Micro and Macroeconomics, as well as Finance.

Victoria Cantemir (Moldova)
Student in Economics and Business

Selection of FEB partner universities

- Academia de Studii Economice Bucaresti
- Athens School of Economics and Business
- Bilkent University
- Bocconi Business School
- Charles University in Prague
- Chulalongkorn University
- Copenhagen Business School
- Escola de Administração de Empresas de São Paulo da Fundação Getulio Vargas
- Fudan University
- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- Instituto de Polítique Sociales: Science Po, Paris
- Nanyang Technological University
- National ChengChi University
- New York University (NYU)
- Norwegian School of Management
- Peking University
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chili
- Tech de Monterrey
- Tsinghua University
- Universidad del Pacífico
- Universidad Torcuato di Tella
- Université de Lausanne
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- University of Arizona
- University of Vienna
- University of Warwick
- UT1 Toulouse
- Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City
- Warsaw School of Economics
Yiwen Li (China)
Alumnus

‘I knew that I wanted a career in finance and I was looking for an academic programme that would provide me with a solid theoretical grounding in economics and finance with an emphasis on quantitative skills. After researching different programmes and universities, I decided to apply to study at the UvA due to its excellent reputation combined with the opportunity to study with people from various backgrounds. It met all my expectations. The teaching staff was dedicated and always willing to share their ideas on both academic and practical issues. For me, the diversified student body was the greatest feature of the programme: I gained a better insight into various cultures and greatly improved my communication skills.’

Internships

Students are encouraged to do an internship. The Faculty of Economics and Business has an internship office that coordinates work placements. Various student associations at the faculty also organise study trips abroad every year to conduct research or observe the business world. In the past few years, student trips have been organised to New York, Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Hong Kong, London and Madrid.

Intensive coaching

Students are closely monitored at the Faculty of Economics and Business. Students with questions or problems related to their study or other more personal issues can always turn to the student counsellors. Students also receive guidance from a student coach during the Practicum Academic Skills. Apart from professional support all new students are appointed a mentor who is a student in the second or third year of the programme. These mentors help to make students well-acquainted with studying and living in Amsterdam. In the first year, lecturers provide ample coaching as well.
The Faculty of Economics and Business gives a ‘binding study advice’ (BSA) to all first-year students. This means students need to obtain a minimum of 42 credits (out of 60) including the course Mathematics and Statistics 1 to continue on to the second year. Their study progress is monitored in the first year and discussed at consultations. For students who have to leave the Faculty of Economics and Business after a negative binding study advice, a study programme at a University of Professional Education like the University of Applied Sciences in Amsterdam (UvA’s partner) can be an option.

Frank Belschak
(Germany)
Associate Professor of HRM-Organisational Behaviour

Frank Belschak graduated in educational science and business administration and did his PhD in organisational psychology at the University of Cologne, Germany. After having worked as an Assistant Professor in Cologne for eight years he moved to the Netherlands. There, he worked as a scientific researcher at the Institute for Sales and Account Management (ISAM) at the School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, for two years. Then he moved to an assistant professor position at the Marketing Department. Frank joined the University of Amsterdam in January 2006. His research interests cover emotions and emotion regulation in organisations, proactive behavior at work, feedback interventions, and sales/personal selling. He has published in journals such as, the Journal of Marketing and the Journal of Occupational and Organisational Psychology.
The UvA is a university with a whole city as its campus. It offers students a lot of opportunities to make their student life more interesting and fun. Many of the UvA’s facilities, such as the University Library and the student cultural organisation CREA, are located in the heart of Amsterdam. With the cultural and scientific institutes and UvA facilities spread across the city in this way, Amsterdam itself can be said to be the UvA’s true campus. This campus offers a lot of opportunities for socialising, relaxation and personal development.

Introduction of new students

Introduction days for new BSc in Economics and Business students take place late August or early September before classes start. The main aim of the introduction days is to acquaint new students with their fellow students, the programme staff and the organisation of the faculty. In the past, students participated in activities such as a canal tour, a workshop on intercultural awareness, a crash course in Dutch, a yoga class and Dutch games in a public park. It is an informal way to make the new students feel at home before the study programme starts.

Mentor system

During the introduction days new students are guided by their mentor who is a current student in the programme. Apart from participating in the introduction, mentors have several scheduled meetings with new students throughout the year and can be contacted about all kinds of practical, personal or social matters.

International Student Committee

Six active and motivated students with different backgrounds form the International Student Committee (ISC) of the Bachelor’s programme. The ISC members act as ambassadors for the programme and are concerned with student satisfaction, alumni activities, the mentor system for new students and the organisation of festive events. Last year the ISC organised parties, a sailing trip, a Dutch Santa Claus celebration, and a World Food Party. For further information contact the ISC at isc-feb@uva.nl or through Facebook at University of Amsterdam - Faculty of Economics and Business.

Student sports

Students can engage in any number of sports at special student rates at the University Sports Centre (USC), including tennis, fitness, fencing, karate, ice skating, indoor climbing, hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball, horseback riding, yoga, canoeing and water polo. www.usc.uva.nl

Cultural activities

The UvA has its own cultural organisation, CREA, with activities at special student rates in the arts and artistic education, such as courses, work groups and projects in drama, music, dance, photography, film, visual arts and much more. www.crea.uva.nl
Student associations

Every department has one or more student associations that promote student interests and organise excursions, social activities and book discounts. The associations often play an important role in department and faculty committees. Sefa is the largest student association at the Faculty of Economics and Business that serves students from all years and all programmes. Each year Sefa organises career events, a research project abroad and a faculty camp for new students. The camp usually takes place in the third week of August and is open for all. It is a smashing start to college life and a great way to meet a lot of Dutch students in the faculty.

www.sefa.nl

International Student Network (ISN)

To help students find their way at the UvA and in the city, the Amsterdam International Student Network (ISN) works in cooperation with other student associations. The ISN is part of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and focuses on a wide array of activities.

www.isn-amsterdam.nl

Presently the ISC is formed by (from left to right)
Marko Virkebau (Estonia)
Katharina Sdero (Germany)
Ada Ziemyte (Lithuania)
Pascal Dusold (Germany)
Marina Nadine Caspers (United Kingdom)
Ivan Radkov (Bulgaria).

Javid Mustafayev (Azerbaijan)
Alumnus

“The Bachelor’s courses were pretty diverse and sometimes different from each other in level of difficulty, but all of them were very well structured and really useful. Besides theoretical knowledge, I also learned very useful academic skills that will definitely benefit me in my future work. Finance has been my favourite course so far. I always take part in activities arranged by the Faculty of Economics and Business, where I can socialise with fellow students and also learn interesting and useful things. After completing my Bachelor’s programme I’ve decided to continue my studies at the FEB. I will start to built my future career as soon as I graduate by trying to find a job.’
Secondary school

Studying at the University of Amsterdam with a foreign diploma means a student’s secondary school diploma needs to be equivalent to the Dutch six-year secondary school (VWO) diploma in order to be admitted to the university. The starting level of a regular study programme at Dutch universities is comparable to that of other Western European countries, which usually is equivalent to one or two years of university education in most countries outside Western Europe. A student’s foreign diploma or certificate will be compared to the official list of equivalent qualifications drawn up by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. An overview of approved qualifications is available from the programme’s website.

Language requirements

Non-native speakers of English need to take an English language test. Applicants should have a minimum TOEFL score of 92 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5. This does not apply to Dutch students with a VWO diploma, German students with an Abitur and International Baccalaureate students with - provided that English has been the instruction language - at least English B (SL/HL).
Application

Please refer to the website for further details regarding the admissions procedure. Note that registration through Studielink is not possible for this programme. In order to apply, please complete the online application form and submit it to the International Office of the Faculty of Economics and Business.

www.feb.uva.nl/education

Deadline for application

Admission is on a FCFS basis, therefore applicants are advised to apply as early as possible. The maximum capacity of the first-year programme is 150 students.

The deadline for submission is:

- non-EU and non-EEA* students: 1 April, 2012.
- EU and EEA* students: 1 May, 2012.

* Note: European Economic Area (EEA) includes the European Union and Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.

Enrique Schroth (Peru)
Assistant Professor of Finance

Enrique Schroth holds a PhD and Masters degrees in Economics from New York University, and a Bachelor’s in Economics from the Universidad del Pacífico. His research interests are in the areas of corporate governance, corporate law, investment banking, the financing of innovation and industrial organisation. Recent publications have appeared in the Review of Financial Studies and Economia. Enrique is also affiliated with the Swiss Finance Institute, where he teaches at the PhD in Finance programme. He also serves as Editor for the Global Association of Research Practitioners’ (GARP) Digital Library. He has previously worked as an Assistant Professor at the Business School of the University of Lausanne, and as a consultant for the World Bank.
After your Bachelor’s degree?

If you wish to complete your academic education, you can continue on to a Master’s programme. The University of Amsterdam has more than 150 Master’s programmes, around 100 of which are taught in English.

**MSc programmes**

Students can specialise further with a Master’s programme in Business Economics, Business Studies or Economics. These are all one-year programmes leading to a Master of Science degree.

**The world of science**

Outstanding students with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics, Econometrics, Mathematics or Physics and ambitions focused on an academic career can apply for the selective two-year Research Master programme offered by the Tinbergen Institute (TI). TI is the research institute of the Faculties of Economics and Business of the University of Amsterdam, VU University Amsterdam and Erasmus University Rotterdam. The programme does not only teach students how to carry out independent scientific research, it also provides an excellent stepping stone to good PhD positions. Students can also take a PhD in Business at our Amsterdam Business School after they finish their Master’s degree in Business Studies or Business Economics.

[www.feb.uva.nl/education](http://www.feb.uva.nl/education)
Ada Ziemyte (Lithuania)
Student in Economics and Business

‘The University of Amsterdam is well recognised and highly ranked. The courses at the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) are strongly related to practice in the real world, thus making our studies and theory easier to understand and relevant to real life. My favorite course is Macroeconomics. Because students come from different countries and backgrounds, working together gives you a lot different perspectives to look at a problem.
I’m a member of the ISC (International Student Committee) and this year I was elected to FSR (Faculty Student Council) to represent all FEB students. When I finish my Bachelor at the UvA I’ll choose International Economics and continue my studies in an MSc in Economics and Law.’

The labour market

The career prospects for graduates are excellent. More specifically:

**Business Studies** qualifies students for commercial and management positions in companies worldwide. Examples of such positions include organisational consultant, strategic analyst, project leader, HRM manager, information analyst, information manager, account manager, product manager and financial manager.

**Economics** prepares students for policy-making positions in government bodies, multinational companies and international organisations, which increasingly require people who have studied economics and have a strong quantitative background.

**Economics and Finance** is intended for students who wish to embark on careers where economical and financial aspects play a key role. These positions can be at multinational companies (especially in their financial departments), financial institutions such as international banks, government bodies or other international organisations.

Arthur Schram (Netherlands)
Professor of Experimental Economics

Arthur Schram is professor of Experimental Economics and one of the founders of the research institute Center for Experimental Economics in Political Decision Making (CREED) of the University of Amsterdam. He is also founding co-editor of the journal Experimental Economics. He has held visiting professor appointments at various universities around the world, including Harvard University, Fundacao Getulio Vargas in Sao Paulo, the IAE in Barcelona, the California Institute of Technology and the University of Arizona. His research focuses on the application of experimental techniques to a variety of topics, including political economic decision making, industrial organisation and labor markets. His papers have been published in more than 30 international journals including Science, the American Political Science Review, the American Journal of Political Science, the Economic Journal, and the Journal of Public Economics.
Tuition fees

The tuition fees for the year 2011-2012 are as follows:

- EU/EEA students: €1,713
- Non-EU/EEA students: See website

The tuition fees for 2012-2013 have not been established yet. For more information see website.

www.feb.uva.nl/education

Scholarships

Students with a Dutch nationality who haven’t yet studied for more than six years are eligible for a student grant from the Dutch government. Certain EU/EEA students may also be eligible for a student grant or for limited funding by the Dutch government by means of loan tuition fees.

The UvA aims to attract the world’s brightest students to its international classrooms. Outstanding students from outside the European Economic Area can apply for an Amsterdam Merit Scholarship. The Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science also offers certain grants to non-EU/EEA students to cover the costs of living expenses. Information about application deadlines can be obtained from the Dutch Embassy or Consulate in the candidate’s country of origin. International students should also contact their local authorities, who may have funding possibilities and information on scholarships for students planning to study abroad.

www.ib-groep.nl
www.studyin.nl
Visa and residence permit

The University of Amsterdam helps students who need to apply for a visa or residence permit. The International Office will be able to assist you further.

www.uva.nl/visa

Housing

Like in all major capitals finding accommodation in Amsterdam is not easy. The UvA therefore guarantees housing for the international students in the first year of the programme. As the UvA is located in the city of Amsterdam and not on a campus, UvA accommodation is situated on several locations in various parts of the city. Some rooms are located right in the city center, others are at some distance away.

Rent for single rooms varies from approximately € 400 to € 550 a month. Rent for shared accommodation is approximately € 300 to € 350 a month.

www.uva.nl/isp

Living expenses

In addition to the tuition fees and accommodation expenses, students need approximately € 400 to € 500 a month for other expenses. Insurance costs around € 50 a month. General living expenses in Amsterdam vary from € 800 to € 1,000 a month (including rent).

www.uva/isp

Study material

The costs of books and other study material will vary, depending on the course, from approximately € 600 to € 800 per year.

Jobs

Students from the EU countries, Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland are allowed to hold a job in the Netherlands without needing a work permit. Exceptions have been made for the following EU countries: Bulgaria and Romania. The same requirements apply to students from these countries as to students from non-EU countries. Students from non-EU countries need a work permit and may either work ten hours a week all year round or work at a seasonal job in June, July and August for a maximum of 520 hours. Students should not depend on a job income to finance their study and living expenses as it can be very difficult to succeed in finding a job.

www.nuffic.nl
www.uva.nl/work

Insurance

Students are required to have appropriate health insurance in the Netherlands and are strongly advised to have liability insurance as well. Students should have some sort of travel insurance against the loss or theft of their luggage during their trip to the Netherlands and in the first days in Amsterdam. Before coming to the Netherlands, students are advised to check and see whether their insurance will cover the entire period of studying abroad.

www.uva.nl/insurance
www.nuffic.nl

Health and welfare

There is a University Medical Department of doctors, dentists and psychologists for students at the UvA. International students can use the UvA medical services at the same price as Dutch students, it is free of charge if you are properly insured.

Computer facilities

The UvA has several computer centres and all the students have free access to them. Students can use around 600 computers there offering internet and email.

Libraries

The UvA has an extensive University Library, with over four million volumes. The thirty library departments are situated all over Amsterdam, one of them is located in the Faculty of Economics and Business. Furthermore, students have access to digital publications and University Library databases making research very convenient, also from home.

University restaurants

Meals can be taken at the university restaurant Agora. It also has a trendy bar, Café Krater, where you can meet you fellow students.
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