



VRIJE  
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Amsterdam  
Summer School



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## VU Amsterdam Summer School in a nutshell

- Small-scale courses (max. 25 students)
- Interactive classes, intensive and in-depth learning
- Diverse classroom
- High academic level
- City used as classroom, all courses include built-in course excursions
- Personal guidance by VU professors
- Stimulating cultural environment
- Last summer, students awarded us an average score of 8.5 out of 10!**



## Structure of the programme

- ❑ 3 blocks of 2 weeks, between 8 July and 19 August 2017
- ❑ Courses can be combined to create a 6-week programme
- ❑ Credit bearing (min. 3 ECTS per course)
- ❑ Minimum of 45 contact hours per course
- ❑ Courses offered by all faculties of VU Amsterdam
- ❑ 36 courses in 2017

✓ ***How do you evaluate your academic learning experience?***  
**Students gave us an average of 4.1 out of 5**



## Some of the offerings

### **Economics and Business Administration**

- Creativity and Innovation
- New Venture Creation/Entrepreneurship

### **Human Health and Life Sciences**

- Global Health
- Neurodegenerative Diseases: From Clinic to Bench

### **Religious Studies**

- Buddhism and Psychology
- Contextual Biblical Interpretation

### **Humanities**

- Decolonizing Europe: History, Ideas and Praxis
- Exploring the Roman Frontier

### **Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice**

- International Criminal Justice
- Governing Climate Change: Theory and Practice

### **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences**

- Brain and Mind
- Organizational Behavior Management

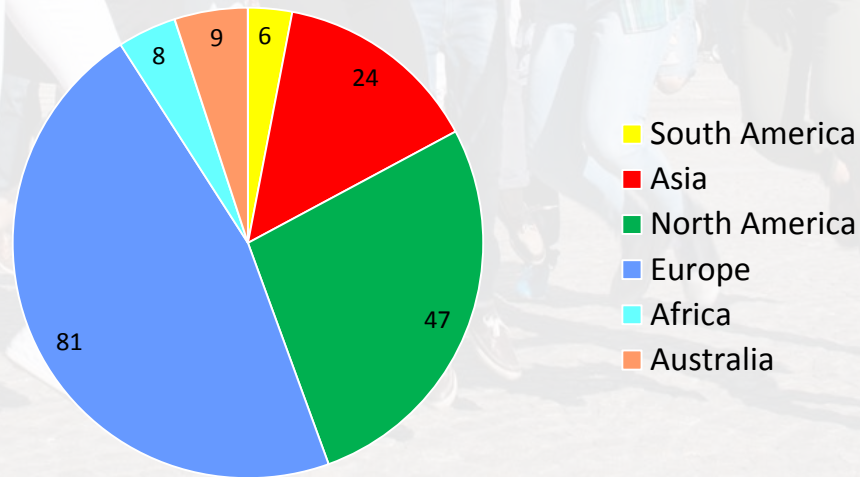


## Summer school schedule

Generally, classes are Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, with an hour lunch break. Most classes have lectures in the mornings and excursions or other activities in the afternoon. The exact schedule varies by course, some professors may choose an all day excursion or give a day off for self-study or group projects.

## Diverse classroom

A diverse classroom is one of our key focus points. We are proud of the mix of our student body. To guarantee a diverse classroom we allow a max. of 5 students from the same university in one course. In 2016 we hosted over 50 nationalities (spread over 250 students).



## Social programme

Students can select activities from a social programme. A small preview:

- Citywalk through the old city of Amsterdam
- Day trip to the Kröller-Muller National Park and Museum
- The National Maritime Museum
- Visit to the Anne Frank House
- EYE Film Museum and citywalk to the Java/ KNSM island
- Day trip to The Hague including dinner at the Dutch seaside



## On campus: Uilenstede

- ❑ located approximately 5-10 minutes from the university by public transport or bike and is the biggest student campus of Northern Europe.
- ❑ On campus, students have access to Il Caffé, a lively bar, an extensive sports center and the Griffioen Cultural Center. A grocery store and other shops are available at a 5 minute walking distance.
- ❑ The rooms at Uilenstede are fully furnished and have a shared bathroom and shared kitchen. Bed linens and kitchen utensils are provided. Cable internet is available.







## Off campus: Hotel Jansen

- ❑ Hotel Jansen is a boutique style student hotel, at a 10-minute bike or 20-minute walking distance from the university. It takes about 15 minutes to get to the city center by either bike, bus or tram.
- ❑ The hotel consists of 6 floors, each with a unique design representing a different city area. Rooms are approx. 18 m<sup>2</sup> and have a private bathroom, small fridge, desk and super comfortable bed (bed linens are included).
- ❑ Students have access to a large Club Room with kitchen and amenities, which is to be shared with the rest of the floor. At restaurant Mama's students can enjoy healthy dishes for an affordable price.



## Off campus: The Student Hotel

- The Student Hotel in Amsterdam West is a larger student hotel with top notch facilities. It has easy access to the city center by bike and public transport. The metro that stops next door brings students in 10 minutes to the university. Or they can choose for a 20-minute bike ride.
- At The Student Hotel students have a private room with bathroom and a fully equipped shared kitchen.
- Students have unlimited access to a gym, study spaces, a library, Wi-Fi, a great espresso bar and restaurant. Game rooms are provided with football, ping pong tables and more.
- The hotel has a 24-hours reception and security.

# Fees and scholarships

**Tuition fees 2017 range from €1000 to €1150**

Including:

- Airport pick-up service
- Goodie bag
- Orientation programme
- On-site support
- 24/7 emergency assistance
- A transcript of records after completion of the course.
- Use of university facilities such as free Wi-Fi, PC's and library

## **Combination Discount**

Combination of 2 courses: €100 discount.

Combination of 3 courses: €200 discount.

## **Early Bird Discount**

All students that apply and pay before 15 March 2017 receive €150 discount.

## **Partner Discount**

Students from partner universities receive a €250 discount.

## **Scholarship**

The VU Amsterdam Summer School offers 10 scholarships that cover the full tuition fee of one course. Deadline 1 April 2017.

\*Combination Discount can be combined with the Early Bird and Partner Discount. Scholarships, Partner and Early Bird Discount cannot be combined.

**Dr. Joris van Wijk, associate professor  
Criminology and coordinator of summer  
course *International Criminal Justice***

“I think the summer school provides a unique opportunity to discuss the highly topical and challenging issues related to war, genocide and justice with an interdisciplinary group of young people from all over the world. Highlights of our programme are visiting the International Criminal Court, meet and discuss challenges with one of the judges and of course to escape bullets during the 'Paintball according to Geneva Conventions' activity. I believe the Amsterdam Summer school offers the perfect mix of content and fun”.



## Sana Chakroun

29 years, from Sfax, Tunisia

Participated in Doing Research with Discourse Analysis (i.c.w. Lancaster University)

Currently finalizing her PhD in Marburg, Germany

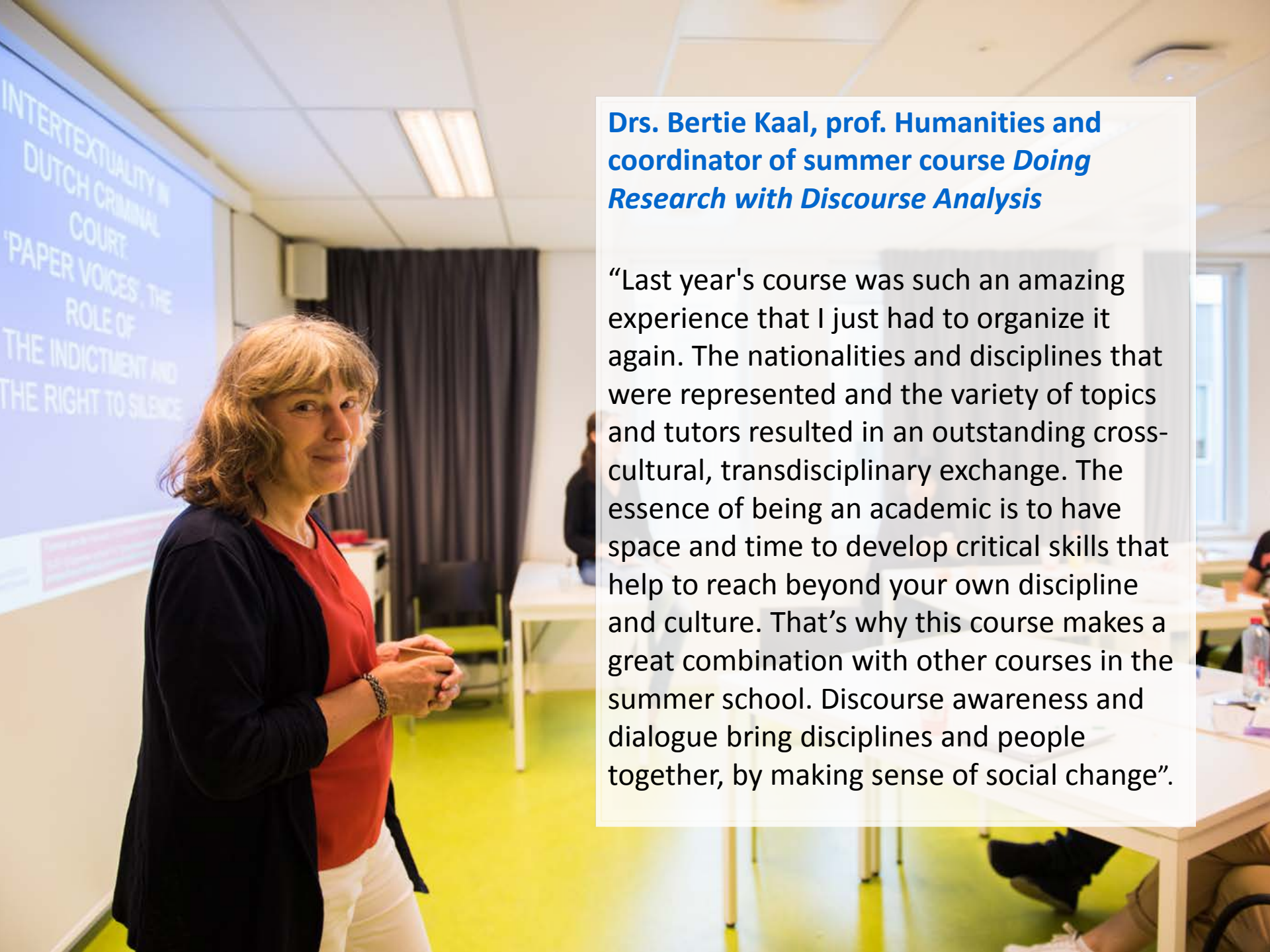
### **Melting pot**

“With 24 different nationalities my course was like a melting pot. I enjoyed every minute of the discussions I had with my classmates. I can advise future students to be open and to be willing to integrate in the group. It is a great chance to meet new people and to learn about other cultures”.

### **Insightful ideas**

“I was amazed by the professors that were listed to teach us. I had the opportunity to talk with them and discuss my PhD project, which gave me insightful ideas about how to pursue my thesis”.





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**Drs. Bertie Kaal, prof. Humanities and  
coordinator of summer course *Doing  
Research with Discourse Analysis***

“Last year's course was such an amazing experience that I just had to organize it again. The nationalities and disciplines that were represented and the variety of topics and tutors resulted in an outstanding cross-cultural, transdisciplinary exchange. The essence of being an academic is to have space and time to develop critical skills that help to reach beyond your own discipline and culture. That's why this course makes a great combination with other courses in the summer school. Discourse awareness and dialogue bring disciplines and people together, by making sense of social change”.

## Khadejah Latrice Ray

20 years, from California, United States

Participated in Decolonizing Europe: History, Ideas & Praxis (i.c.w. the Center for Slavery & Justice at Brown University)

Student Sociology and African American Studies

### Uilenstede

“The university housing was absolutely amazing! I enjoyed having my own room, bathroom and balcony. The view of Amsterdam from my balcony was beautiful, it made me feel really spoiled”.

### Inspiration

The summer course helped me to be better able to understand social justice on a global scale. For the most part my class was very diverse, with fellow students from all over the world. The course inspired me to conduct further research about the African Diaspora and the Black Experience on a global level”.



## Other options to study at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

### Semester in Amsterdam

The [Semester in Amsterdam](#) programme welcomes students from all years of Bachelor studies. Students can spend either one semester or a full year abroad and are directly enrolled at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

### Exchange Programme

Students from our partner universities can also spend a semester or a year at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam as an [exchange](#) student.

### International Master and Bachelors Degrees

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers over 80 English taught Master programmes and 6 International Bachelors programmes beginning 2017. All options are listed on the [VU website](#).

