

House rules

Semester in Amsterdam introduction 2024

Alcohol

1. Drinking alcohol is prohibited for all participants younger than 18 years old. The age of the participants will be checked before the activity and the participants younger than 18 years will be recognizable via a wristband.
2. Participants of 18 years or older do not purchase alcohol for participants who are younger than 18.
3. During the afternoon program, participants do not consume alcohol before the late afternoon. These rules apply for both activities that take place at the VU, as well as for those that take place at external locations.
4. Enough alcohol-free beverages will be available during activities.
5. The price of alcoholic beverages will not be lower than that of non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will not be distributed for free.
6. None of the organized activities will encourage the drinking of alcoholic beverages.
7. In case of violation of the alcohol policy, the participant can no longer join the activities during the introduction week (and will be denied a refund for the closing party, if applicable).

Drugs

8. The use, possession and/or being under the influence of hard and/or soft drugs is prohibited during the Semester in Amsterdam introduction.
9. In case of violation of the drugs policy, the participant can no longer join the activities during the introduction week (and will be denied a refund for the closing party, if applicable).

Undesirable behavior

10. Undesirable behavior and sexual harassment are not okay and will not be accepted
 - a. Undesirable behavior is behavior that is perceived as threatening, humiliating or intimidating. Examples of undesirable behavior are sexual harassment, discrimination, aggression, violence and bullying.
 - b. Sexual harassment is a form of unwelcome behavior in the area of sex, such as sexist remarks, annoying behavior or the unwelcome touching of someone, whereby the boundaries of manners are exceeded.
11. If unwanted (sexual) behavior does occur, then - depending on the gradation of the behavior - a warning will follow or that person will be removed from the event.
12. If the undesirable behavior continues after the warning, the participant can no longer join the activities during the introduction week (and will be denied a refund for the closing party, if applicable).
13. If you see that someone is being harassed, or if they look uncomfortable, ask them: *Are you okay?*

External locations

14. For some program components, we will be on external locations. Besides the VU Amsterdam regulations, we will adhere to potential extra regulations of the external location.