

Summer Schools From Partner Universities

VU International Office



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Join a Summer School programme!

The variety of what is offered by summer schools abroad is huge. Some summer programs focus, for example, on a certain subject in a full-time intensive course. Others are less intensive and also offer a cultural programme. The duration of a summer school varies from a couple of days up to 8 weeks. In many cases it is possible to receive credits for courses you follow during the summer programme if you request [approval from your examination board](#).

Attractive offers

VU Amsterdam works together with partner universities around the world and many of them offer a summer school programme. As a VU student you can often get **interesting discounts at our partner universities**, which makes following a summer school very attractive. In this document, we have presented our 3 exchange summer schools, as well as other summer schools from partner universities which offer either tuition fee waivers to our students or attractive offers. This is not a complete overview of all our partners and you are welcome to look into summer schools from other universities, for example via [this website](#).

5 Reasons why you should take part in a Summer School

1. You get international and intercultural experience during a short amount of time, which is usually cheaper than a whole exchange semester
2. You get the chance to study at some of the world's best universities, some of which don't offer a normal exchange semester with VU Amsterdam (yet)
3. You can gain extra credits, which you can get approved for your elective semester
4. You can follow a course of your particular interest that is not offered at VU Amsterdam or that prepares you for a specific Master's
5. You will make your CV stand out from the competition

Application procedure

To apply for one of the 3 exchange Summer Schools, please fill in [this form](#)

The application deadline for SMU and King's college London is on the 29th of February. For SKKU the deadline is the 31st of March, and for the University of Gothenburg it is 21st of February.

- Even when the tuition fee for a summer school is waived, you are still responsible for paying for all your personal costs, like accommodation, travel, visa, food and other personal expenses.
- Register your stay abroad via My Dashboard (Apps > *Study/internship abroad* > *Register internship/free mover abroad*) after you have been accepted by the summer school.

Interested in one of the other summer schools, listed in this document? To apply, please:

- Check the deadline of application at the summer school of your choice
- Check if you meet the requirements the programme asks for
- Check if nomination by VU International Office is required (if so, please get in touch with outgoing@vu.nl. Please mention your name, student number, the summer school and the courses you wish to take).

- If you can apply directly at the partner university, **please inform** outgoing@vu.nl about your application for the Summer School of your choice.
- After your acceptance by the summer school, register in VUweb through the button Study/Internship Abroad on your home page.

The Netherlands – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Study field: Various fields in all 9 faculties

Name programme: VU Amsterdam Summer School

The VU Amsterdam Summer School programme offers interactive small-scale courses at Bachelor and Master level. Join us on-campus for either one, two or three sessions in July. Our two-week courses cover multiple themes and are offered by all nine faculties of the university. Bachelor, Master and PhD students as well as professionals are all welcome to apply. From start to finish, we will be here to support you with your course and practical issues such as accommodation. In addition to the course, we offer exciting social activities! Will you join us?

There are many reasons why joining a summer school is beneficial for you. Whether you are looking to upskill and develop yourself personally or academically, our summer school is the place to go. Here are a few of the top benefits of enrolling in VU Amsterdam Summer School:

- Gain study credits
- Expand your knowledge and understanding of a certain topic
- Build your (international) network and meet peers from all over the world
- Keep your brain active during the summer months and avoid summer learning loss
- Engage with leading lecturers
- Upgrade your CV

You can find a full course overview [here](#).

Period: 6 July – 28 July 2024 (3 different sessions: 1, 2a, 2b)

Number of credits: 3 - 6 ECTS

Tuition fee: Two week course: €735; One week course: €525 (both fees already include a €500/€250 VU student discount)

Entry requirements: For Bachelor-level courses, students must be enrolled in at least the first year of a Bachelor programme. For Advanced Bachelor, students must be enrolled in at least the second year of their Bachelor programme. For Master-level courses, students must be enrolled in the final year of their Bachelor studies.

Individual courses may have additional entry requirements. [Please check the course descriptions.](#)

Application deadline: 1 May 2024

Application procedure: Please fill out the [application form](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Singapore – Singapore Management University (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Asian Studies, Business and Economics

Name programme: SMU Global Summer Programme 2023

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and produce broad-based, creative and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. Students can choose between 13 different courses of three main profiles: "Asian Insights", "Sustainable Futures" & "Digital Intelligence".

Period: In Country Programme: 24 June – 19 July 2024

Number of credits: 6 – 7,5 ECTS

Tuition fee: By nomination, one course with a full tuition waiver.

Application Fee of SGD 150 (Approximately €93, to be paid when applying online)

Miscellaneous fee - SGD 230 (Approximately €149 payable in April/May)

Entry requirements: SMU requires your latest academic transcript or official acceptance letter from home university. You might need an English proficiency statement or an IELTS/TOEFL test score to proof your level of English.

Application deadline: VU Deadline: 29 February 2024, SMU Deadline: 15 April 2024

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



South Korea - Sungkyunkwan University (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Economics, Business and Management, Social Science & Humanities, Computer Science & AI, Korean Studies and Language

Name programme: SKKU 2022 International Summer Semester

Sungkyunkwan University's International Summer Semester (ISS) is a unique academic program dedicated to sharing and experiencing the fascinating story of Seoul, Korea's 600-year-old capital. The program aims to develop students' global engagement by providing opportunities to share different perspectives on global issues, make friends with various cultural backgrounds, and explore Korea's history, culture, and society. Take advantage of the excellent program we offer. It will help you to expand your mind and change your world.

SKKU offers courses in "Business & Economics", "Social Science & Humanities", "Computer & Data Science", "Engineering" and "Korean Studies & Korean Language". You can find the full course overview [here](#) and an overview of the cultural activities [here](#).

Period: 28 June – 26 July 2024

Number of credits: 3 ECTS per course. Students can take a maximum of three courses.

Tuition fee: 5 places with a tuition fee waiver.

Application Fee: 100,000 KRW (ca. €75)

Fee for insurance and social programme: 300,000 KRW (ca. €220)

Entry requirements: Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.

Application deadline: VU Deadline: 31 March 2024, SKKU deadline: 2 June 2024

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click Here](#)

Contact information: [Click Here](#)



United Kingdom – King’s College London (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Health, law, governance, business management, political sciences, culture

Join us this summer at King's College London, one of the world's leading universities. At our summer school you will immerse yourself in British culture and higher education, and connect with undergraduates from around the world.

King's Undergraduate Summer School delivers globally-renowned, research-led teaching including lectures, small group seminars, and workshops to make summer classes as engaging and informative as possible. You get live case studies, educational visits and talks from expert guest speakers. You can also apply for credit from your home institution towards your undergraduate degree, enhance your career prospects and build an international network.

You can find the full course overview [here](#), under 'courses'.

Name programme: KCL Undergraduate Summer School

Period: Session 1: 1 July 2023 – 12 July 2024
Session 2: 15 July 2024 – 26 July 2024

Number of credits: Approximately 7.5 ECTS

Tuition fee: We can nominate 4 students for a tuition fee waiver.

Entry requirements: *We require applicants to be working at or above, or have obtained, a 2:1 level (or equivalent) in their degree programme. Equivalencies for some countries are listed [here](#) under 'entry requirements'. If your qualification is not listed please contact us for advice, indicating the country in which you are studying and the name and level of your current qualification.*

We may consider qualifications which are different to those below on a case-by-case basis.

Application deadline: VU deadline: 29 February 2024, KCL deadline: 31 March 2024

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click Here](#)

Contact information: [Click Here](#)



Sweden – the University of Gothenburg (nomination by VU required)

Study field: Sustainability within education, politics, biology or humanities

Name programme: University of Gothenburg Summer School for Sustainability

This summer school is a great option for all students who are interested in Sustainability and want to deepen their understanding of global challenges and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Join an international cohort of like-minded people for five inspirational weeks in the beautiful city of Gothenburg.

The courses for 2024 are:

- *Managing Migration*
- *Digitalisation in a Changing World*
- *Teaching Sustainable Development from a Global Perspective*
- *Imagining justice for a sustainable world: perspectives from fiction, philosophy and religion*
- *Biodiversity in Western Sweden*

The summer school also features an extensive social programme, interdisciplinary seminars and practical workshops, study visits, get-togethers, tours of the city and excursions in the archipelago to let students get to know Gothenburg and Sweden.

Period: 27 June - 2 August 2024

Number of credits: 7,5 ECTS

Tuition fee: No tuition fee, but you need to be nominated by VU International Office and you can only do 1 course. We can nominate 2 students for a tuition fee waiver.

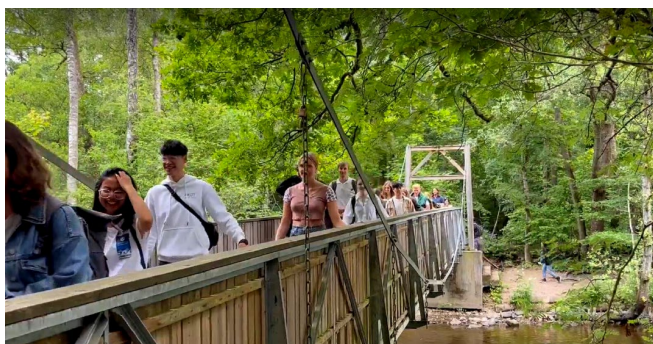
Entry requirements: you need to be enrolled in and have successfully completed at least one semester at your home university. English proficiency level B2 is expected, though no formal test is required.

Application deadline: 21 February 2024

Application procedure: If you would like to apply to this summer schools mentioned, please fill in [this form](#). After the application deadline for this university we will get back to you on whether you have been selected.

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Austria – Vienna University of Economics and Business

Study field: Economics and Business

Name programme: ISU WU 2024

The International Summer University WU (ISUWU) program is an intensive short program, which provides international students with an excellent opportunity for international and multinational education. The ISUWU is organized as three-week sessions (one three-week session in July and one three-week session in August) in Vienna.

A large variety of business-related courses are taught by a team of experienced lecturers of WU and colleagues from partner universities hailing from the entire globe. The main objective of the program is to deepen specific knowledge in business. Visiting local companies and solving practical case studies in intercultural groups complement the strong theoretical basis. An exciting social and cultural program effectively complements the summer university.

In the July session, students can choose from different sets of courses. In the August session, only one set of courses is available. You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Period: July session: 1 July – 19 July 2024
August session: 22 July – 9 August 2024

Number of credits: 8 ECTS (undergraduate)

Tuition fee: €1380 ([check here](#))

Entry requirements: Application requirements for all on-campus and online undergraduate programs are current enrolment in an undergraduate study program in business administration or related fields. By the time of participation in the ISUWU program, students must have completed a minimum of one year of undergraduate education with a specific focus on business administration and related areas.

Applicants interested in participating in the International Summer University WU need an excellent command of the English language. The English language requirements can be found [here](#).

Application deadline: 31 March 2024

Application procedure: You can find the online application form as well as a step-by-step application guide [here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Slovenia – University of Ljubljana School of Economics and Business

Study field: Economics and Business

Name programme: Ljubljana Summer School – Take the best from East and West

Ljubljana Summer School is a 3-week internationally recognized programme organized and run by the School of Economics and Business of the University of Ljubljana. Students can choose from 27 courses at undergraduate and graduate level, taught by 29 highly qualified academics from 18 different countries and 26 institutions. You can take courses in person or online.

You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Period: 8 - 24 July 2024

Number of credits: One or two courses, up to 14 ECTS

Tuition fees in 2022: One Course: €650, Two Courses: €1100.

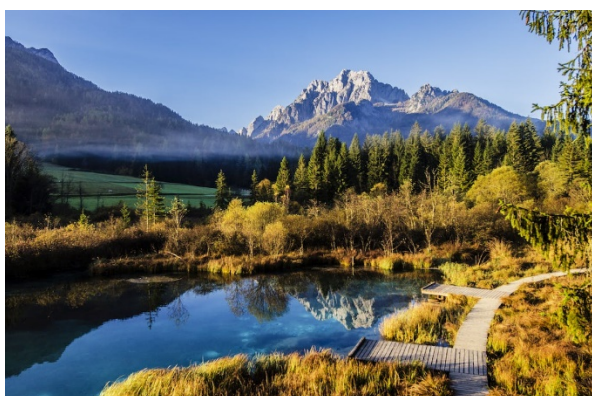
Entry requirements: *Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.*

Application deadline: 3 June 2024. Payment must also be completed before this deadline. Please check their [website](#).

Application procedure: [You can find the online application form here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Denmark – Aarhus University

Study field: Various fields

Name programme: AU Summer University 2024

Aarhus University is a dynamic, modern and highly international university. Since its founding in 1928, it has grown to become a leading public university with international impact and reach across the entire research spectrum.

This is your chance for a Summer experience at a top 100 university, with more than 2000 international and local students online and in Aarhus, Denmark.

The summer school offers courses in multiple academic areas, such as Culture & Media, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Technical Sciences, Health & Medicine, Economics & Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing, Computer Science and Law. You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Each year we plan a fun and diverse social programme, with a wide range of activities, offered to anyone, who is taking courses at AU Summer University.

Period: Term 1: 2 July – 19 July 2024 (depends on specific course, some start later/end earlier)
Term 2: 22 July – 9 August 2024 (depends on specific course, some start later/end earlier)

Number of credits: Most students take 10 ECTS, but there are also 5 ECTS courses

Tuition fee: The course fee varies, as it depends on whether you are an EU citizen or not, the level and the amount of ECTS credits. You can find fee information on each [course page](#).

Fee example: 705 EUR for a 10 ECTS Business or Management course (1488 EUR if you are non-EU). A 5 ECTS business course might only cost 352 EUR for EU citizens and 744 for non-EU.

Entry requirements: *Students must meet the prerequisites of the courses they wish to take.*

Application deadline: 15 March at 12:00 noon CET

Application procedure: You can find detailed application instructions and the [online application form here](#). Please send an email to outgoing@vu.nl if you apply to this summer school, as we might be able to provide a discount for this summer school.

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Denmark – Copenhagen Business School (Aurora course available with nomination)

Special Aurora course available (nomination required):

VU Amsterdam is part of the [Aurora Alliance](#). Together with our network of European partner universities, we are working on joint activities that strengthen societal engagement and impact within our universities.

Would you like to spend your summer in Copenhagen? Then apply for one of the summer courses at Copenhagen Business School! The CBS Summer University also includes a social programme, consisting of a welcoming meet-up, guided tours of Copenhagen, Danish folk dancing, a cultural day trip, comedy nights and much more.

Bachelor's level courses:

- [Business Responses to Climate Change \(2 weeks, 2.5 ECTS\)](#)
- [Permaculture: A regenerative solution for Business, Community and Lifestyle \(2 weeks, 2.5 ECTS\)](#)
- [An Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship \(3 weeks, 7.5 ECTS\)](#)

Master's level courses:

- [Social Entrepreneurship and Business Model Innovation \(3 weeks, 7.5 ECTS\)](#)

Course dates: 24 June – 5 July (might vary per course, please check the course website)

[Application](#) deadline: **22nd of February (VU), 14th of March (CBS)**

Regular summer school courses at Copenhagen Business School

Study field: Marketing, Management, Finance, Accounting, Corporate & Business Strategy, Communication, Statistics, Innovation & Entrepreneurship etc.

Name programme: International Summer University Programme (ISUP) at Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

Join ISUP, International Summer University Programme, one of Europe's largest and oldest summer programmes, and experience exciting courses taught by brilliant faculty as well as the amazing spirit of wonderful Copenhagen. Be inspired by the international environment with participants from over 50 countries

You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Course and exam period: 24 June – 2 August 2024 (24 June – 11 July 2024 for short courses)

Number of credits: Students can take up to two courses totalling 15 ECTS

Tuition fee: 6,000 DKK per course (7,5 ECTS)

Entry requirements: Please consult their [website](#) and the information about the specific courses

Application deadline: Regular Application deadline: 14th of March 2024

Application procedure: You can find the [online application form here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)

Germany – Mannheim Business School

Study field: Economics and Business, graduate and advanced undergraduate students

Name programme: MBS Online Summer School

Study at a top-ranked business school in Germany. Meet people online from all over the world and increase your professional network through discussions with experienced practitioners. Discover what studying at Germany's leading business school is all about. The Business School of the University of Mannheim is one of the most renowned business schools in Europe. We consistently hold top positions in national rankings and are one of only few German institutions to hold all three major international accreditations (AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA).

There are three modules: "Entrepreneurship and Innovation – Crowdfunding" (module 1), "Artificial Intelligence in Business (module 2), and "Designing Data-Driven Business Models" (module 3). You can apply for either one, two, or all three modules to be part of the unique summer school experience at Mannheim Business School. You can find more information about the modules [here](#).

Period: Module 1: 24 – 28 June 2024

Module 2: 01 – 05 July 2024

Module 3: 08 – 12 July 2024

Number of credits: 3 ECTS per course for up to 3 courses

Tuition fee: One Course: €990
Two Courses: €1900
Three Courses: €2700

Prices are per person and include value-added tax, please find more information [here](#) under 'program fee'.

Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed.*

Application deadline: 30 April 2024

Application procedure: You can find the online application form [here](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)

Belgium – Antwerp Summer University

Study field: Applied Engineering, Arts, Business and Economics, Law, Medicine and Health Science, Sciences

Name programme: Antwerp Summer University

The University of Antwerp offers many different summer school programmes (22 in total), so please keep an eye on their [website](#), as they will be adding more courses.

*All programmes offer **high quality education** (lectures, visits, workshops).*

- *Participants can acquire **ECTS credits** upon successful completion.*
- ***Target groups** are different for each programme (students, researchers and/or professionals).*
- ***Scholarships and reduced fees** are available for various summer schools.*
- *Fun & interesting **social activities** are organised on evenings and in weekends.*
- ***98%** of last year's participants would **recommend** Antwerp Summer University to others.*

Course Period: 19 June – 6 September 2024 - Various courses have different start and end dates. [Please see the website for a complete list of courses with dates.](#)

Number of credits: 3 – 6 ECTS per course

Tuition fee: most courses are between €500 - €750 per course, but check the [website](#) of the respective course for more details as it varies.

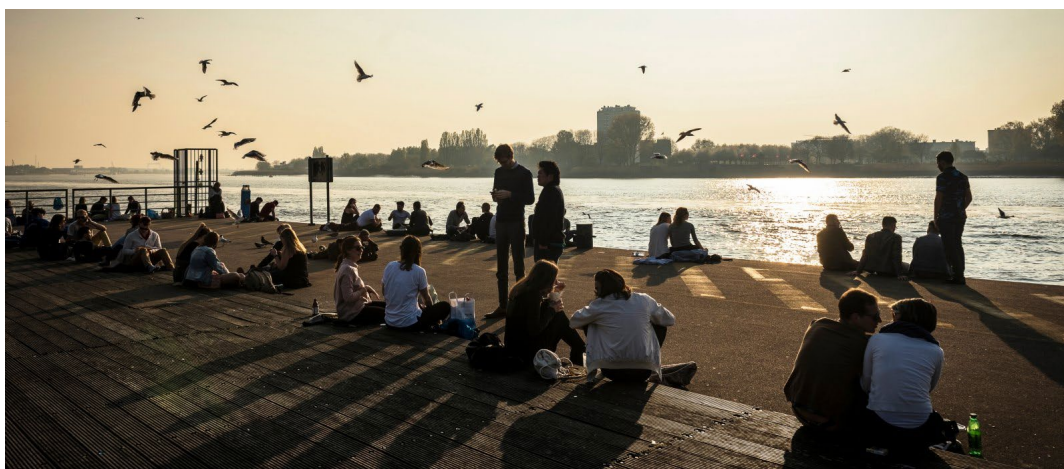
Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed and possess adequate knowledge in the chosen field.*

Application deadline: 15 April 2024 *Some courses have later application deadlines or an early bird discount if you apply early. Please check the website for a complete list of deadlines.

Application procedure: You can find more information on the application procedure on [their website](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)



Spain – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Study field: Sciences, Biosciences, Health Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, Engineering

Name programme: UAB Barcelona Summer School

UAB Barcelona Summer School comprises a training offer of undergraduate subjects in a range of fields, and takes place from late June to the beginning of August once the ordinary academic year is over. The courses are mostly taught in English where students could earn from 6 to 12 ECTS in two 3-week periods.

Why the UAB?

1. *A top University; in the most influential world rankings.*
2. *Close to Barcelona; 35' from Barcelona's city centre.*
3. *Credit transfer; 6 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) per course.*
4. *Most of the courses taught in English; with a wide academic offer in different fields of knowledge.*
5. *Courses at the UAB Campus; a natural environment with the best services: sports, leisure, culture and accommodation.*
6. *Buddy programme; meet local students who can show you around Barcelona.*

You can find the full course overview [here](#).

Course Period: First period: 25 June – 12 July 2024
Second period: 15 July – 2 August 2024

Number of credits: 6 ECTS per course

Tuition fee: €910

Entry requirements: *Students are expected to meet the prerequisites of the courses listed.*

Application deadline: 2 June 2024

Application procedure: You can find more information on the application procedure on [their website](#).

More information: [Click here](#)

Contact information: [Click here](#)

