

Course Selection Checklist

Only adhere to the following guidelines if you are **NOT** choosing a [minor](#).

Choose from the right courses

- [Undergraduate-level courses](#)
- [Graduate-level courses](#)

Please refer only to these links as these courses are open to international students and will be taught in English. Your courses will be finalized after the final course lists and timetables are posted. Until then, your choices are provisional and subject to change. For this reason we suggest having back-ups.

Choose courses from the right period

The academic year is divided into two semesters. The first (fall) semester consists of periods 1-3 and runs from August to January. The second (spring) semester consists of periods 4-6 and runs from February to June. Students generally take two courses in periods 1, 2, 4, and 5 and one course in periods 3 and 6, however periods 3 and 6 are stand-alone periods and can be replaced with an extra course in a prior period if desired.

If you would like to take courses from different faculties we recommend pairing courses from the same faculty in each period. Example: two courses from the Faculty of Social Sciences in one period and two courses from the Faculty of Humanities in another period. To avoid overlaps in the timetable we do not recommend taking courses from different faculties in the same period.

Choose courses for which you meet all entry requirements

Some courses require pre-knowledge or prior courses in a related field. These prerequisites will be indicated on the course description page under "Entry Requirements."

In general, you should choose courses which match your level. Undergraduate courses at VU Amsterdam range from level 100 to 300 with 100 being introductory, 200 being middle, and 300 being advanced. If you wish to take a 200-level course you should at least be in your second year of undergraduate study. If you wish to take a 300-level course then you should at least be in your third year of undergraduate study.*

**Note: 200-level courses at the VU usually translate to advanced-level courses in America. Dutch students take 200-level courses in their second year of a three year program which usually correlates to an American student taking advanced courses in their junior or senior year.*

Graduate courses range from 400 to 600. In addition to course-specific entry requirements, students interested in following graduate-level courses must also meet the admission requirements for the [graduate degree programme](#) to which the course belongs. This includes a copy of your undergraduate diploma and proof of an English proficiency test result.

Courses from the faculty of Economics and Business Administration are particularly strict with entry requirements. If you do not have experience or a degree in Economics and Business Administration but still wish to take courses in this faculty then you can only choose from 100-level courses and we will need to conduct an extra check to make sure you meet all entry requirements

Choose a Dutch elective (optional)

As an alternative to taking a course in periods 3 or 6 you can take an extra course in a prior period, such as a Semester in Amsterdam elective. Choosing an elective would allow students to return home in December or May as opposed to January or June. Our Dutch electives are offered in the evenings and run from September-December and February-May.

- [Discover Dutch](#) (spans periods 1 & 2 in the fall and 4 & 5 in the spring)
- [Imagining the Dutch; themes in Dutch Culture](#) (spans periods 1 & 2 in the fall and 4 & 5 in the spring)

**Note: please confirm with your home university or provider if you are required to take a Dutch elective. You are responsible for including the elective on your course selection form if it is required.*

Pay attention to credit requirements.

A regular workload for one semester is 30 ECTS. Most courses are 6 ECTS. VU Amsterdam requires students to take a minimum of 24 ECTS and a maximum of 30 ECTS. Students selecting Sciences courses should be aware that these courses often clash with other courses in the timetable. Therefore it is often not possible to combine them with courses from other faculties.

Course Selection Form

Please list courses, including back-ups, in order of preference. Our staff will assume that your first choice is your top priority. We will review the timetables of your other courses against the timetable of the first course, meaning that if your other courses clash with your top priority then we will advise you to select new courses.

Fall Semester 2016: Periods 1-3

Period 1:		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
2. _____	_____	____
Elective (optional):		
1. _____	_____	____
Period 1 Back Ups:		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
2. _____	_____	____
Period 2:		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
2. _____	_____	____
Elective (optional):		
1. _____	_____	____
Period 2 Back Ups:		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
2. _____	_____	____
Period 3 (optional):		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
Period 3 Back Ups:		
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:
1. _____	_____	____
2. _____	_____	____

Spring 2017: Periods 4-6

Period 4:			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	
Elective (optional):			
1. _____	_____	_____	
Period 4 Back Ups:			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	
Period 5:			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	
Elective (optional):			
1. _____	_____	_____	
Period 5 Back Ups:			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	
Period 6 (optional):			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
Period 6 Back Ups:			
Course Name:	Course Code:	ECTS:	
1. _____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	