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Global Health & Health Care
Neuroscience
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CHALLENGE YOURSELF AT VU AMSTERDAM

VU Amsterdam, where you will live and study, is best known for its strong life and earth science programs, especially global health, biology, biomedicine, neuroscience, and environmental science. You’ll take classes with Dutch and other international students and choose electives from more than 300 courses taught in English across the sciences, humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary areas. You’ll also study Dutch language and culture, and you can explore a topic of personal interest through an independent study project.

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**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**DATES**
Fall semester (late August – early December)

**HOST INSTITUTION**
ACM students take classes at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (or VU Amsterdam), an internationally-respected research university with a modern campus located in the city’s business district. Committed to internationalizing its campus and curriculum, VU Amsterdam attracts students from around the world.

**COURSES/CREDITS**
Recommended credit is 15 semester credits, or 18 semester credits for students who complete an independent study project. VU Amsterdam offers intensive courses in two seven-week periods.

- **Elective Courses:** Choose two elective courses in each period, for a total of four elective courses during the semester. More than 300 courses taught in English are offered in a wide array of disciplines.

- **Discover the Dutch:** This required course in Dutch language and culture meets throughout the semester.

- **Independent Study Project (ISP):** Explore a topic of individual interest, under the guidance of the ACM visiting faculty director, with an optional academic ISP. The course includes class sessions on research methods.

**HOUSING**
Participants live in VU Amsterdam student housing located near the main campus with Dutch and international students.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**
No prerequisites. Except for the required Dutch language study, all classes are conducted in English.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15**
Apply at ACM.edu/apply and check with your Off-Campus Study Office about your college’s application procedures and deadlines.

**AMSTERDAM SCHEDULE**

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