



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

Behaviour and Communication in Organizations

Course Code	S_BCO
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
Course Coordinator	N. McNab MSc
Examiner	N. McNab MSc
Teaching Staff	N. McNab MSc, F. Tazelaar, dr. ir. K.J.P.M. van Erp, mr. D.S. Huisman
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Study Group

Course Objective

On completion of the course students have:

- an overview of theories and models from organizational sciences, communication science, and other relevant fields of research to explain behavior and communication in the workplace at the level of the individual, the group, and the organization as a whole;
- knowledge about a wide variety of topics such as work attitudes and motivation, group dynamics and teamwork, decision making and managing conflict, power and leadership, and organizational change;
- experience with applying this knowledge to solve relevant cases.

Course Content

Theories and models from organizational sciences, communication science, and other relevant fields of research are introduced to explain behavior and communication in the workplace at the level of the individual, the group, and the organization as a whole. During the lectures, knowledge is presented about a wide variety of topics such as work attitudes and motivation, group dynamics and teamwork, decision making and managing conflict, power and leadership, and organizational change. In the accompanying workgroups knowledge is applied by solving several relevant cases in teams.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and workgroups. Attendance for the workgroups is mandatory.

Method of Assessment

Multiple choice exam and solving relevant cases in teams.

Literature

- Robbins, S. P., & Judge, T. A. (2023). *Organizational Behavior* (19th ed.). Pearson. The book is available at the VU-bookshop.
- Additionally, lectures and some articles will be part of the exams. The references of these articles will be published on canvas.

Additional Information Target Audience

First year students bachelor Communication Science.

Explanation Canvas

It would be wise to check the Canvas page before the start of the course for additional information.

