



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](#).

Urbanism and Landscape Architecture

Course Code	L_AABAMKD214
Credits	6
Period	P1
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. F.H. Schmidt
Examiner	prof. dr. F.H. Schmidt
Teaching Staff	drs. C. Smid, I.M.L. Walvoort, prof. dr. F.H. Schmidt
Teaching method(s)	Written partial exam, Seminar

Course Objective

At the end of this course, students are expected to:

1. Know and recognize historical urban patterns, developments in landscape architecture and their meanings.
2. Identify the relation between urban patterns, landscape architecture and architectural monuments.
3. Read plans of cities, landscape architecture and architectural monuments.
4. Make a visual and spatial analysis.
5. Compare historical developments in urbanism and landscape architecture and relate them to social, political and religious ideas.
6. Have written an essay (1700-2000 words) of academic structure and level, following a specific stylesheet (VU Department of Art and Culture).

Course Content

In this course students learn the history and meaning (social, political, religious) of patterns and elements of urban development and planning, and of landscape architecture. The examples that will be discussed cover the entire world and go back until the first millennium BC.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars. The lectures and seminars of this course are offered in English. Students following the Dutch (i.e. bilingual) track can submit all written assignments in either English or Dutch. Exceptions are multiple-choice tests, assignments with peer reviewers across language tracks, and group assignments (across language tracks)

Method of Assessment

Tuition form, type and weight of assessment:

During the course the student completes three assignments.

Learning goals 1, 2 and 5: Assignment 2 (Multiple Choice Exam, 50%).

Learning goals 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Assignment (1 and) 3 (Essay, 50%).

Assignments cannot compensate one another: to pass the course both the exam and the essay need to have been graded min. 5.5.

Entry Requirements

See the Onderwijs- en Examenregeling (OER), c.q. Teaching and Exam Regulations (TER) for MKDA.

Literature

These books will provide the basis of the course reading list:

- Barlow Rogers, Elizabeth, Landscape Design. A cultural and architectural history, Harry N. Abrams: New

York 2001. (A selection of pages to be read will be announced in advance.)

- Rutte, Reinout, The Making of the Netherlands, Thoth: Bussum 2023. (A selection of pages to be read will be announced in advance.)
- Kostof, Spiro, The City Shaped. Urban Patterns and Meanings through History, Thames & Hudson: London 1991. (A selection of pages to be read will be announced in advance.)
- Additional readings will be provided in the form of a digital reader by your tutor in advance

Additional Information Target Audience

This course is compulsory for all BA MKDA students in their second year who chose Architecture as their specialisation. It is open to as an elective for 2nd or 3rd year MKDA students and students with backgrounds in history or planning. For exchange students approval of the coordinator is requested to be admitted to the course.

* HBO-studenten ontvangen voor dit vak meer begeleiding. Dit zal plaatsvinden via enkele aanvullende werkcolleges, die in overleg met de studenten ingepland zullen worden.*

Additional Information

For attendance rules, see Teaching and Examination Regulations. Students should be aware that regular attendance is necessary to pass the course.