



# 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](#).

# European History 1500-1800

Course Code	L_GABAGES122
Credits	3
Period	P2
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	Dutch / English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. H.M.E.P. Kuijpers
Examiner	dr. E. Hagen
Teaching Staff	dr. H.M.E.P. Kuijpers, prof. dr. I.B. Leemans, prof. dr. F.A. van Lieburg, dr. P.H. Moser
Teaching method(s)	Seminar, Lecture

## Course Objective

To provide students with knowledge about and insight in the most important political, cultural, religious and economic developments and events of early modern European History. Acquaint students with different types of source material.

## Course Content

When does the early modern period start? This intriguing question is still debated. Fact is that around the year 1500 a number of developments set in that further shaped, but also changed Europe fundamentally. What to think of the Reformation, which tore apart the 'unity' in the Church and divided Europe deeply. This was also the era of Europe's serious overseas expansion, with dramatic consequences for the economies of Europe and people all over the globe. European's curiosity was not confined to discovering the globe, as scientists fundamentally challenged ideas and notions about the nature of the cosmos and its functioning. New ideas were also applied to the notions of man and governance during the period of Enlightenment, and they posed a threat to the Ancien Regime with its absolutist tendencies, ultimately leading to democratic revolutions in a number of states. These themes are cover during this course.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

A weekly lecture and a weekly seminar.

## Method of Assessment

Assignments (25%) and a written exam (75%).

## Additional Information Target Audience

Obligatory course for BA1 students Geschiedenis and BA1 students History & International Studies students. The course is also part of the minor 'History', recommended for students with a serious interest in early modern European History and open to exchange students.