



# 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](#).

# World History 1800-present

Course Code	L_GABAGES129
Credits	6
Period	P5
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	Dutch / English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Course Coordinator	dr. L.M. Poy López
Examiner	dr. L.M. Poy López
Teaching Staff	dr. L.M. Poy López, dr. W. Mwatwara
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

## Course Objective

Acquiring insight into global and world history and understanding the complexity of the historical process of globalization from approximately 1800 to the present. Acquiring knowledge from an English textbook. Getting acquainted with scholarly literature concerning world history.

## Course Content

In response to increasing awareness of the interconnectedness of the various regions of the world, and as a result of the circulation of people, goods, and ideas, global history has in the last two decades developed into a strong international, dynamic, and productive discipline in the field of research and education. It focuses on the deep underlying material and sociocultural, structural changes which shaped the human experience throughout history. It is a form of 'meta history': a historical narrative that puts events, phenomena, and processes in a broad context. Characteristic of this historical approach is that it does not focus specifically on civilizations and nation states, but on processes, whereby thematic research is focused on comparisons and differences within and between the regions of the world. Global history is non-Eurocentric, because all regions are covered with the same interest, and non-Western concepts and local knowledge are included. The first-year course World History I (from c. 500 to c. 1800) provides background knowledge for this World History II course, which covers the period after ca. 1800 to the present.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures, seminars, handbook exercises, analysis of scholarly literature, discussion, and written assignments.

## Method of Assessment

Participation + Weekly Assignments + written exam

## Literature

- *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart. A History of the World*. Sixth Edition, volume two. From 1000 CE to the Present. Robert Tignor et al. (eds.) (New York/London 2021), chapters 16-22.
- Selection of scholarly articles

## Additional Information Target Audience

BA1 students enrolled in Geschiedenis; BA 1 students enrolled in History and International Studies; Exchange students.

## Additional Information

Lectures and readings are in English. Seminars, assignments, and examinations are offered in English (for exchange students and for students of the BA History & International Studies) and in Dutch (for students of the BA Geschiedenis).