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The University of Amsterdam (UvA) is an intellectual hub – with some 5,000 staff, 31,000 students and over a hundred nationalities. We are closely intertwined with the city of Amsterdam and one of the world’s leading academic institutions. Our mission is to provide academic education to tomorrow’s vanguard, conduct cutting-edge scientific research and translate it into relevant societal applications. An organisation characterised by openness and transparency, the UvA comprises driven, ambitious, innovative and independent-minded staff who manifest themselves outside the walls of the university and are passionate about improving society at large. The prevailing culture is one of rigorous research, unremitting analysis and curiosity. In teaching and learning, our chief objectives are to cultivate a critical mindset among our students, teach them to question dogmas, reduce the excess of information and to identify relevant solutions to complex problems. This is the best way to be prepared for a complex, international world with a globalised labour market. The UvA has a rich history, stretching back to its inception as the Athenaeum Illustre in 1632 and its subsequent status as municipal university to the present day. Looking ahead, we will channel our efforts into educational innovation and research-intensive education and focus on interdisciplinarity and groundbreaking priority areas in research.

Prof. Karen Maex
Rector Magnificus
With its global reputation for research, high-quality teaching and a wide range of programmes, the University of Amsterdam provides unique opportunities for learning and research.

WIDE RANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMMES
The UvA has one of the largest selections of international Master’s programmes in Europe. Nearly 200 are taught in English and several are entirely unique to the UvA, such as the interdisciplinary Master’s programmes in Brain & Cognitive Sciences and Forensic Science. The UvA also offers 15 English-taught Bachelor’s programmes including the Bachelor’s in Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPE), which combines several disciplines and is unique in the Netherlands.

LEADING RESEARCH
Our University is known as one of the best research universities in the world. It houses 21 research institutes and is the lead organisation for 12 national research schools. We have identified a number of key research themes in which we will support and sustain excellence. These ‘research priority areas’ represent the very best the UvA has to offer in terms of research and are also areas in which we are a worldwide leader.

Many of our degree programmes incorporate and reflect cutting-edge research in their subject area. Our Research Master’s programmes, available in almost every discipline, are specifically designed to prepare students for PhD-level research or a research-based career.

HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS
The UvA strives for excellence in teaching and research, and we continually perform well in all of the internationally recognised university rankings, both for individual universities and for specific disciplines (THE, QS and Shanghai).

We are also a member of several influential networks, such as the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and Universitas 21, a group of 27 global research universities. These associations of leading research institutions, including Oxford and Cambridge, share the values of high-quality teaching within an environment of internationally competitive research. Students benefit from these networks through international academic activities and exchange opportunities.

A selection of major grants and awards (2016)

3 ERC Starting Grants
3 ERC Consolidator Grants

3 ERC Advanced Grants
22 NWO Veni (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)
4 NWO Vici (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)

3,400 Researchers (incl. PhD), lecturers, professors (of whom 30% international)

Each person = 100 academic staff members
of international staff members
Theo Offerman, professor of Behavioural Game Theory

Since the 1960s, the field of experimental economics has grown in stature and scope. Originally viewed as a collection of theories, today it is a fully-fledged member of the experimental sciences, having adopted observational methods that can be applied and replicated within a laboratory setting. These methods have led to new research opportunities, especially within the field of behavioural economics, where research centres on questions related to decision-making under risk and the psychology of economic behaviour.

Cutting-edge research
To cement its position as a centre of expertise within this field, the UvA has in recent years invested greatly in stimulating research and teaching. In 2008 this resulted in the establishment of the Behavioural Economics research priority area, which provides researchers with additional infrastructure and resources to conduct cutting-edge research and offer high-quality Master’s education. Theo Offerman, professor of Behavioural Game Theory, is one of the principal investigators within this priority area. Offerman, whose research straddles an array of cross-disciplinary subjects such as public goods, strategic communication and even labour discrimination, ascribes the strong growth of this field at the UvA to the university’s decision to officially designate it as a priority area. ‘An essential part of the research we conduct is the large-scale use of the experimental method’, says Offerman. ‘This method is costly, partly because of the need for state-of-the-art equipment, but also because we have to remunerate the human subjects we work with. The research priority area enables us to maintain and upgrade our facilities and stimulate innovative research projects.’

Cross-disciplinary collaboration
The UvA’s degree programme in Behavioural Economics and Game Theory has also benefitted greatly from the university’s increased investment, says Offerman. ‘Our Master’s track attracts students from across the world who play an active part in the work that takes place here. Moreover, we also have a joint graduate school, the Tinbergen Institute, together with VU University Amsterdam and Erasmus University Rotterdam, which facilitates pioneering PhD research.’

Just how important this research is, was recently underscored by the decision to build a new ultramodern lab, a prospect Offerman is visibly excited about. ‘This new lab will be a welcome addition to our existing facilities and will be chiefly devoted to the study of communication in all its facets. Besides being able to connect it with our existing lab and allowing us to accommodate 69 subjects simultaneously, the new lab will also have enclosed cubicles and possibly eye trackers. It will act as a nexus for cross-disciplinary collaboration in other experimental fields like political science, psychology and biology. The outcomes might as yet be uncertain, the results are already assured.’

Si Himin (PhD researcher in Behavioural Economics)
‘I continue to be struck by the sheer freedom of this institution – freedom of thought, freedom of opinion, freedom to be critical. These qualities are clearly mirrored in the Master’s programme in Economics, in which students can specialise in six different tracks, each of which equips one with an advanced level of understanding and expertise in all the facets of economics. I can truly say that the decision to study at the UvA was the right one. I am part of something exciting: an academic community founded on mutual respect and a shared love of the unknown.’
WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM
Amsterdam is the Netherlands’ largest city and its financial, cultural and creative centre. One of the things that makes it so charming is the stark contrast between the seventeenth century ambience and the innovative and progressive spirit of its people.

WHERE CULTURE MEETS COMMERCE
The UvA could have no better home than this centre of cultural, scientific and international commerce. We maintain excellent links with the numerous international businesses and organisations located in Amsterdam, and our students benefit from these links both during and after their studies.

ENGLISH IS WIDELY SPOKEN
English can almost be considered the city’s unofficial second language, as it is widely spoken and understood in Amsterdam. Visitors can therefore get along well without having to speak Dutch.

Amsterdam in numbers

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OPEN CITY CAMPUS
The University of Amsterdam and the city of Amsterdam are closely intertwined. Teaching and research take place on four city campuses, encouraging an exchange of knowledge and better collaboration between faculties, while also offering access to the many unique meeting places the city has to offer. Find out more at www.campus.uva.nl/en.

Classes are given in quaint old buildings overlooking the canals or in high-tech laboratories. Most of the arts and social science programmes are offered in or near the city centre, while the science programmes are taught in state-of-the-art facilities at Amsterdam Science Park.

AMSTERDAM CITY CENTRE
The intellectual heart of the city. This campus hosts the Humanities Faculty with its broad range of disciplines. The campus is also home to the University Library, the place to meet for anyone interested in culture and scholarship. (6,000 students, 525 academic staff)

AMSTERDAM ROETERSEILAND
Home to the faculties of Economics and Business, Social and Behavioural Sciences, and Law. A place where traditional boundaries disappear and discussions on social issues take place. Also home to CREA, the student cultural organisation. (16,000 students, 1,225 academic staff)

AMSTERDAM SCIENCE PARK
One of the largest science campuses in Europe. A hub for research innovation and entrepreneurship, with major research institutions and about 120 companies and spin-offs, as well as a large University Sports Centre and the Amsterdam University College. (6,500 students, 950 academic staff)

AMSTERDAM ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER
A meeting place for outstanding scientific talent. Where the medical disciplines constantly cross-pollinate, and students learn their profession alongside doctors, nurses and patients. (2,500 students, 440 academic staff)
Social media has become an ubiquitous part of everyday life. Whereas social, political and professional life used to involve traditional modes of interaction, the recent rise of platforms like Facebook and Twitter have transformed the way we communicate with one another.

A leader in communications research

At the University of Amsterdam’s School of Communication Research (ASCoR), the uses and effects of social media, and the latter’s wider implications on both a personal and a collective level, are just some of the innovative and multifaceted communications research taking place. Globally respected as one of the best institutions of its kind, ASCoR’s research programme focuses on four specific research groups: Corporate Communication, Political Communication and Journalism, Persuasive Communication and Youth and Media Entertainment. These groups, each with their own research ambit, are guided by a shared empirical focus on the content, uses and consequences of media and communication. Besides conducting research as part of the UvA’s Communications research priority area, ASCoR researchers are also closely involved in teaching and learning, especially within the university’s English-taught Master’s programme in Communication Science, which has four specific tracks.

Posting politics on social media

One such researcher is Sanne Kruikemeier, assistant professor of Political Communication and an authority on the way social media influence and shape voting behaviour. In 2014 Kruikemeier completed her PhD, which examines online political communication and its resulting effects on citizens’ political involvement. ‘A key finding of my research’, Kruikemeier explains, ‘was that the use of Internet and online social platforms by politicians can lead to more political engagement among the electorate.’ According to Kruikemeier, this positive effect is especially present when the appropriate communications strategies are employed. ‘The efficacy of electoral engagement largely depends on the political actor’s social presence. Merely having an online account and posting the occasional update isn’t enough. A great deal depends on whether the politician in question is perceived as being approachable – and this in turn requires the willingness to respond to emails, tweets and updates.

Kruikemeier also gives a number of classes within the Master’s track in Political Communication, something she thoroughly enjoys. ‘The UvA’s communications research group is one of the best in the world, if not the best. Our strength primarily resides in the broad range of research we conduct, spanning the whole spectrum of communications theory, and our considerable expertise in this regard. This expertise is directly translated into our study programmes, which equip students with a firm grounding in communications theory and allows them to either specialise in one specific aspect or in communications in a broader sense.’

Bodine van Wingerden

(Master’s student in Communication)

‘One of the great things about the Master’s in Communication is the way the programme marries the core theories of communication science with theories and methods from other disciplines. Throughout the programme, my fellow students and I were immersed in the different features of communication theory and the way these relate to such fields as political science, sociology and psychology. Some of the questions the programme deals with include the development and use of communication strategies, the evolution of media preferences and the growth of political communication. This emphasis on interdisciplinary teaching and research is a fundamental feature of the programme and allows one to look beyond the “traditional” boundaries of communication science.’
Susanne Schulz (Germany) 
Research Master’s student in Child Development and Education

‘The UvA is among the best universities worldwide and the unique Research Master’s programme was a perfect fit with my interests.’

Yordanka Ilieva (Bulgaria) 
Master’s alumna in Corporate Finance

‘Studying at UvA was a transformational experience, which launched my successful career in Europe and the United States, and connected me with more than 150,000 alumni worldwide.’

Artemy Kalinovsky (Russia) 
Assistant professor of East European Studies

‘The UvA has a long tradition of scholarship on Russia and Eastern Europe. Students can expect rigorous course work from an interdisciplinary group of scholars that includes historians, geographers and specialists on religion.’

Johan Rheeder (South Africa) 
Master’s alumnus in History of International Relations

‘Although I was a student, none of the lecturers ever treated me as such. I was always encouraged to voice my own views and to question every statement and prevailing dogma. I truly felt part of an academic community of equals.’

ATACAMA DESERT (CHILE): Very Large Telescope. The world’s most advanced optical instrument, consisting of, among other things, four Unit Telescopes, can work together to form the giant Very Large Telescope Interferometer.

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND): CERN/ATLAS. At CERN, physicists and engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. The UvA is participating in the ATLAS experiment.

TANZANIA, NIGERIA, KENYA: An impact evaluation of health plans supported by the Health Insurance Fund for low-income groups in Africa. A project of the UvA’s Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD).

SINGAPORE: Institute For Complex Systems, Nanyang Technological University. The Institute for Complex Systems conducts cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on scientific problems related to finding, understanding and applying the underlying principles of complexity.

BEIJING (CHINA): UvA-Tsinghua Joint Research Center in Logic. Intensive collaboration between the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC) and the School of Humanities (Tsinghua University).

ST. PETERSBURG (RUSSIA): Advanced Computing Lab (ACL) at the National Research University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics (University ITMO). The ACL develops computational models to study imminent disasters such as pandemics and extreme weather.

ALUMNI
The UvA has alumni chapters in locations such as New York, Shanghai, Beijing, London and St. Petersburg, and stays in touch with more than 170,000 alumni in over 110 countries.

www.alumni.uva.nl/en
Over the course of his distinguished career, Arnold Smeulders has made a lasting impact on the field of computer science by being pivotal to the development and large-scale application of image recognition software. The crowning achievement of his work came in 2014 when his spin-off company Euvision, which develops image analysis software, was acquired by global chipmaker Qualcomm industries.

Smeulders has been closely involved in the UvA’s Informatics Institute for over 25 years as a researcher, lecturer and former director.

What will be the biggest development in ICT in the coming years?

To predict the future, look to the past. Before 2000 the amount of available data was relatively small. This changed dramatically with the growth of sensors – from phones to eye scanners to cameras – which over the last five years has resulted in a flood of personal data. Such data, made up of digital numbers, can reveal key facts about an individual’s health, physical features or even socio-economic status and could be particularly useful in areas like healthcare. Once we begin to truly exploit these numbers and use deep learning to connect raw data and goals, many routine tasks, professional and personal, will be automated and enhanced. In future, the data will speak to us.

The potential offered by large-scale data sets has led some to proclaim that ‘data-ism’ will soon direct every aspect of our lives. Do you agree?

No, I don’t believe data will dominate us. Many fundamental features of human life have remained largely unchanged for most of written history. For example, a book like the Diary of Lady Murasaki, which portrays court life in imperial Japan in the 11th century, portrays a human existence almost identical to our own, one filled with all too recognisable emotions and relationships. The only real difference is technological. Which leads me to believe that although technology might change the way we do things, it won’t essentially change us.

You have had much success within the field of ICT and have spent almost your entire professional career at the University of Amsterdam. What makes the UvA different from other universities?

The absence of enforced central steering. In over 25 years at this university, I cannot remember a single instance when someone told me how to do my research or teaching. This shows how much value this university places on autonomy and on individual initiative. The UvA, of course, has strict requirements for those want to work or study here, but it also offers a lot of room to experiment and develop ideas. From personal experience, I know that such responsibility and faith only bring out the best in people.

Why should international students enroll in the UvA’s Master’s programme in Information Studies?

For several reasons: One, because of the academic climate, which encourages autonomy and values unorthodox ways of looking at the world and society.

Two, because the UvA is one of Europe’s leading research universities in the fields of information science and artificial intelligence. The quality of our research and staff is reflected in the curricula of the Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes.

And three, because students can take part in actual research at an early stage. Master’s students in particular have the opportunity to get involved in and contribute to ongoing research projects.
We welcome the world’s brightest students and have established several scholarship programmes specifically designed to offer talented and motivated non-EU/EEA students the opportunity to study at our institution.

**AMSTERDAM EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**
Exceptionally talented Master’s students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) can apply for the prestigious Amsterdam Excellence Scholarship (AES). An AES is a full scholarship for one academic year (£25,000), with the possibility of an extension for a second year (for two-year Master’s programmes). Students from any discipline belonging to the top 10% of their class can apply. Selection is on the basis of excellence, ambition and relevance to a student’s future career. Scholarship recipients will be expected to participate in extracurricular activities.

[www.uva.nl/aes](http://www.uva.nl/aes)

**AMSTERDAM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**
Amsterdam Merit Scholarships (AMS) are for outstanding students from outside the EEA. An AMS is usually a partial scholarship and is awarded by the faculty or graduate school. Students are selected on the basis of their previous academic results.

[www.uva.nl/ams](http://www.uva.nl/ams)

**AMSTERDAM SCIENCE TALENT SCHOLARSHIP**
The Amsterdam Science Talent Scholarship (ASTS) offered by the Faculty of Science is aimed at talented, non-Dutch students from the European Union/European Economic Area who choose to do a Science Master’s programme.

It is a full scholarship of €12,500 (covering tuition and living expenses) for one academic year with the possibility of extension for a second year for two-year Master’s programmes.

[www.uva.nl/asts](http://www.uva.nl/asts)

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS**
Looking for more information on scholarships and financial aid? Visit the websites below:

[www.uva.nl/scholarships](http://www.uva.nl/scholarships)
[www.auc.nl/scholarships](http://www.auc.nl/scholarships)
[www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)
[www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl)

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**
Every year we welcome hundreds of exchange students from around the globe to our high-quality English-taught programmes. The UvA is part of an extensive network of European and global partner universities that facilitates student exchanges. Your first step in becoming an exchange student is to contact your international office to confirm whether your university has an agreement with the UvA, and what the deadlines and application procedures are.

[www.uva.nl/exchange](http://www.uva.nl/exchange)

**UVA SUMMER SCHOOL**
Spend your summer in the heart of Amsterdam. We offer a wide variety of intensive summer programmes, ranging from the humanities to the social sciences, law and science. Further your academic development and explore inspiring subjects while enjoying the city and taking part in various social and academic activities.

[www.summerschool.uva.nl](http://www.summerschool.uva.nl)

**HONOURS PROGRAMME FOR TALENTED STUDENTS**
The UvA has a wide selection of (interdisciplinary) honours programmes. Amsterdam University College (AUC) offers an English-taught Bachelor’s (honours) programme in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, with 50% international students. This is a joint degree programme with VU Amsterdam.

[www.auc.nl](http://www.auc.nl)

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES**
If you would like to improve your English, various courses are available at UvA Talen, the independent language centre of the UvA. Courses are offered at four different levels, and focus on speaking, (academic) writing and presentation skills.

[www.uvatalen.nl](http://www.uvatalen.nl)

**DUTCH LANGUAGE COURSES**
The UvA’s Institute for Dutch Language Education (INTT) offers Dutch language courses at six different levels, from absolute beginners to advanced. Before the start of the academic year, there are intensive three-week summer courses.

[www.intt.uva.nl](http://www.intt.uva.nl)
‘The Snowden leak brought an end to the culture of naiveté that revolved around the Internet.’

Richard Rogers, professor of New Media and web epistemologist

The University of Amsterdam has been at the leading edge of research and teaching within the field of New Media for some years now. In addition to offering a one of a kind Master’s programme in New Media and Digital Culture, the UvA actively stimulates research that spans the entire spectrum of critical media theory and digital methods. One researcher who is closely involved in the ongoing evolution of this field at the UvA is Richard Rogers, professor of New Media and respected web epistemologist.

Can you tell us more about your line of research?

I predominantly do social and cultural research with the use of web data. More specifically, I explore the various types of research opportunities that have become possible because of the abundance of such data, and I build web tools that capture, analyse and visualise it.

As one of your most well-known webtools, what exactly is the Issue Crawler?

The Issue Crawler is an info tool that allows one to locate and map the links between websites that focus on the same social issues. It provides a bird’s-eye view of the main actors engaged in the issue as well as the other ‘argument objects’ such as a campaign or database. Taken together, the maps serve as a means to understand the state of an issue, either in snapshots or over time.

One of my more recent web tools is the DMI TCAT Tool, a tweet capture and analysis tool that collects data from Twitter and ascertains not only the influencers and microcelebrities but also turns Twitter into a storytelling machine. For instance, we recently used it to perform so-called ‘remote event analysis’ to observe and analyse the #lovewins versus #godwins hashtag debate to the United States Supreme Court ruling legalising same-sex marriage across the US.

What is the biggest development currently taking place in the field of New Media?

A lot of work is being done on collecting and analysing the massive amount of data that became available as a result of the Snowden leak. In a certain sense, the event itself brought an end to the culture of naiveté that revolved around the Internet. Whereas the rise of Web 2.0 and social media partly fed the widely-held view of the Internet as a medium for socio-political empowerment, a more sinister side is emerging in the form of internet authoritarianism, censorship and surveillance.

The field of New Media has not remained unaffected by these developments. Big data has led to what is sometimes called the computational turn, which has brought about a shift in our understanding of the commercial value of online data. A serious challenge is to make sense of the research value of the vast amount of data available, and also to develop critical alternatives to Klout Scores and other popular manifestations of the ‘metrification’ of everyday life.
Come to one of our information events and discover what studying at the University of Amsterdam is like.

OPEN DAYS
Our open days for prospective Bachelor’s and Master’s students provide an ideal opportunity to learn more about our degree programmes and to get to know the city of Amsterdam.
www.uva.nl/bachelorsday
www.uva.nl/mastersday
www.uva.nl/mastersweek

MEET US ABROAD
The UvA annually participates in various education fairs around the world. To find out more about the UvA’s information resources and see a list of dates for upcoming open days, webinars and education fairs, please see:
www.uva.nl/opendays

MEET US ONLINE
We regularly organise online information sessions (webinars) for prospective international students. During these webinars, students can directly ask questions on a wide range of practical and programme-related matters.
www.uva.nl/bachelorswebinar
www.uva.nl/masterswebinar

CHAT WITH OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS
The UvA’s International Student Ambassadors Team comprises current international Master’s and Bachelor’s students. These ambassadors assist prospective students with information about the university and life in Amsterdam.
www.uva.nl/internationalambassadors

GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
The International Student Network Amsterdam (ISN-A) organises social activities and excursions for international students throughout the year. At the beginning of each semester, the ISN-A also organises an introduction programme to help new students get to know Amsterdam and learn a bit more about Dutch culture. The introduction programme is a good opportunity for you to meet other Dutch and international students.
www.isn-amsterdam.nl

INFORMATION IN YOUR COUNTRY
Visit your local Nuffic office for information about studying in the Netherlands. Nuffic is the Dutch organisation that promotes international cooperation in higher education in order to help students pursue studies abroad. Nuffic also arranges pre-departure information sessions for students. It has offices in several countries around the world: Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, Turkey, South Africa, South Korea, Vietnam.
www.studyinholland.nl
Algorithmic personalisation. For some time now, the potential implications of this phenomenon as well as the broader issue of information technologies that capture and analyse personal data have been stirring public debate. But what are the actual political and socio-economic consequences of such technologies? And how do these impact on individual and collective privacy rights? At the UvA’s Institute for Information Law (IViR), Professor Natali Helberger spends her working days identifying and understanding the unique opportunities and risks posed by information technology.

Who’s watching?

Algorithms and technologies that track user behaviour in order to produce customised content, such as news articles or television programs, have benefits for consumers but also raise some serious privacy concerns, says Helberger, who is professor of Information Law. ‘Media outlets are collecting more and more information on us through websites and devices like smart TVs, smart appliances and fitness trackers. They already know a great deal about our online behaviour, about our viewing tastes and preferences. All of this not only to provide tailored content but also for commercial purposes. This might seem benign, but it poses a real threat to intellectual privacy, to the right to have private thoughts.’

More than privacy

The use of personal data and algorithms is more than just a privacy issue and touches on essential aspects of an open democratic society, says Helberger. ‘Filter bubbles, for example, result in content that is geared towards your own personal preferences. This isn’t just a good thing. Instead, the danger exists that you unwittingly become trapped in a vicious feedback loop in which algorithms cater to only one part of you while entirely ignoring all your other interests — in other words, that it curtails your right to information and to make informed choices.’

At the forefront

Much of the research conducted at the IViR is aimed at improving the rights and fundamental freedoms of information users. To this end, Helberger and her colleagues work closely with policymakers and regulators at the national and European level. ‘We believe an individual should have the right to read anonymously and that more should be done to protect the privacy of news users’ reading behaviour.’

The problem with current legislation, says Helberger, is that it addresses the twin issues of privacy and the media separately. This is partly because of a lack of communication between data protection authorities and media authorities on a policy level, and between data protection scholars and media scholars at the research level. ‘What I really appreciate about the UvA is that it encourages its researchers, such as those in law and media, to reach out to each other and jointly address important societal issues. For example, I have established a research cooperation together with Professor Claes de Vreese from the UvA’s Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR) into the impact of big data and algorithms on society and individuals. I hereby collaborate with communication science scholars, data scientists and legal scholars, as well as political scientists and philosophers.’

Sarah Eskens, (PhD researcher at the IViR)

What I really value about the UvA is the dynamic link that exists between teaching and research. Before starting with my PhD, which focuses on news personalisation from a user’s perspective, I took a Research Master’s in Information Law at the UvA’s Faculty of Law. It was during this time that I acquired valuable research skills and had the opportunity to participate in actual research projects. This was the perfect preparation for a PhD track.

The emphasis the university places on research-based teaching as well as the quality of its research staff truly make the UvA one of the world’s most respected institutions in the Field of Information Law. Indeed, it is common knowledge that our graduates are highly respected and sought-after by employers for their expertise, skills and international mind-set.

‘We believe an individual should have the right to read anonymously and that more should be done to protect the privacy of news users’ reading behaviour.’

Natali Helberger, professor of Information Law
Living and studying in another country can be both exciting and challenging. To help international students transition to a study programme in Amsterdam, we offer support and guidance in arranging practical matters like visas, residence permits and housing.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
We want to help you make the most of your time here. As a UvA student, you can make use of our Student Service Desk, libraries, modern study centres, university doctors, dentists and counselors, and sports and cultural facilities. All of our buildings are equipped with computer facilities and WiFi. Students with a disability can also turn to the UvA for extra advice and assistance. Arrangements can be made for such things as Braille printers, speech recognition software or additional academic assistance. www.uva.nl/studentservices

WORKING WHILE STUDYING
Finding and keeping a job in addition to your studies can be difficult – you will need to ensure that you can cover your daily expenses without paid employment. Whether you require a work permit to work in the Netherlands depends on your nationality. The number of hours you will be allowed to work will also depend on your nationality. www.uva.nl/work

WORKING AFTER GRADUATION
After graduating from the UvA, international students may stay in the Netherlands to look for work. If you have an EU nationality, you do not need a permit to work in the Netherlands. If you are a student from a country outside the EU/EEA, then you are allowed to spend a period of one year (within three years after graduation) in the Netherlands. The UvA Student Careers Centre can help you improve your chances in the Dutch job market by providing information, workshops and vocational counselling. The Careers Centre also offers the UvA Job Board, where students can look for work placements and entry-level positions. www.uva.nl/career

HOUSING
As in many major European cities, the demand for reasonably priced housing in Amsterdam is high. University housing is limited and only available to first-year international students. It is furnished and rent varies according to the type, size and location of the space on offer. Start looking for accommodation as early as possible. You can also choose to find your own housing in Amsterdam. We offer tips and information on our website. If you would like University housing you can apply through the faculties’ international offices after you have started the admissions process. www.uva.nl/housing

VISAS AND PERMITS
Unless you are an EU/EEA or Swiss citizen, you will need to obtain a long-stay entry visa and/or residence permit before coming to the Netherlands. If you have been accepted into a programme that lasts longer than three months, the UvA will help you with your application by applying for a visa and residence permit on your behalf at the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND). www.uva.nl/visa

Living expenses
During your stay in Amsterdam, you can expect to spend between €900 and €1,400 per month on living expenses. This includes rent, but not tuition fees. Monthly costs are roughly as follows:

- accommodation: €375 - €600
- insurance: €35 - €100
- books: €50 - €100
- public transport: €40 - €100
- general living expenses: €400 - €500
- visa/residence permit (if not EU national): €325, one-time fee
- insurance:
- public transport:
- general living expenses:
- books:
- accommodation:
- visa/residence permit (if not EU national):

Contact the Student Service Desk for information on:
- paying your tuition fees
- finding a room in Amsterdam
- getting creative at CREA, the university’s cultural organisation
- arranging medical services or access to student counsellors
- joining sports activities at the University Sports Centre (USC)
- locating buildings with WiFi
How do we ensure a better life for all without damaging the ecosystem on which we depend? This is probably the most pressing question facing humankind as we venture into the 21st century against the backdrop of climate change and the spectre of environmental degradation. Little wonder then that sustainable development has become a priority for governments and societies across the world. Sustainability and sustainable development are also key focus areas for Joyeeta Gupta, professor of Environment and Development in the Global South. Gupta heads the UvA’s Centre for Sustainable Development Studies, which was launched in 2015.

What are the aims of the Centre for Sustainable Development Studies?
The centre is focused on strengthening collaboration and dialogue across the UvA on the subject of sustainable development. We take a bottom-up approach and welcome contributions by anyone who wishes to take part. In addition, my group ‘Governance and Inclusive Development’ contributes contemporary social and academic themes to the curricula of the Master’s programmes in International Development Studies and Environmental Geography. These include themes like maritime fishing conflicts between different countries, between large-scale and small-scale fisheries, and between fishers and environmentalists. Another topic is technological progress: does gene technology lead to more dependable food production for everyone, or to the patenting of seeds, which only benefits corporations?

Where does your passion for sustainable development come from?
A key event was the Bhopal gas leak at the Union Carbide, which caused thousands of fatalities. As a child, this tragedy made a huge impression on me and ignited a passion to contribute to a more responsible and sustainable manner of development. And once I set my sights on something, I give it my all.

How are economic development, well-being and sustainability related?
This relationship unfolds at various levels. A good example is at the level of global climate change. On the one hand, developing countries are most significantly affected by climate change and are, as a result, impeded in their developmental prospects. For example, think of heavy rainfall in China, which damages infrastructure and hinders economic development. On the other hand, traditional economic development often puts strain on the planet, because to develop one needs energy. Until recently the general view was that developing states could use fossil fuels, but this approach isn’t sustainable. Simply put: we’re crossing planetary boundaries. All of us need to make the transition to renewable energy sources right now.

Which development issues will you focus on in the coming years?
In the summer of 2016 the UvA organised a conference at which the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were critically assessed. The conference – which brought together about 600 researchers, policymakers and NGOs – also gave us the chance to compile a list of future research questions. One of these questions is: ‘Will the process of sustainable development be hijacked by powerful actors to suit their own needs and interests, or can social movements ensure that there is a redistribution of resources towards transformative politics?’ But I don’t only want to focus on individual questions. I primarily want to bring together a mix of expertise that can answer all of these questions. Sustainable development touches on many disciplines: geography, anthropology, gender studies, international relations, law, business, and so forth. I see it as my duty to forge links between these disciplines.
Economics and Business

2018-2019 PROGRAMMES

**Econometrics Big Data Business Analytics** 1 year

**Business Economics Competition Law and Economics** 1 year

**Business Administration Digital Business** 1 year

**Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance**
- Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance General 1 year
- Quantitative Risk Management 1 year

**Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics** 2 years

RESEARCH MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)

**Business in Society** 2 years

**Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics** 2 years

BACHELOR’S PROGRAMMES (BSc) TRACKS DURATION

**Actuarial Science** 3 years

**Business Administration** 3 years

**Economics and Operations Research** 3 years

**Economics & Business Economics** 3 years

**PPE (Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics)** 3 years

**MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

**Accountancy and Control**
- Accountancy 1 year
- Control 1 year

**Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance**
- Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance General 1 year
- Quantitative Risk Management 1 year

**Business Administration**
- Digital Business 1 year
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation 1 year
- Entrepreneurship and Management in the Creative Industries 1 year
- International Management 1 year
- Leadership and Management 1 year
- Marketing 1 year
- Strategy 1 year

**Business Economics**
- Competition Law and Economics 1 year
- Managerial Economics and Strategy 1 year

**Finance**
- Asset Management 1 year
- Banking and Regulation 1 year
- Corporate Finance 1 year
- Quantitative Finance 1 year
- Real Estate Finance 1 year

**Econometrics**
- Big Data Business Analytics 1 year
- Econometrics 1 year
- Financial Economics 1 year
- Free Track 1 year
- Mathematical Economics 1 year

**Economics**
- Behavioural Economics and Game Theory 1 year
- Development Economics 1 year
- International Economics and Globalisation 1 year
- Markets and Regulation 1 year
- Monetary Policy and Banking 1 year
- Public Policy 1 year

**Entrepreneurship** 1 year

**RESEARCH MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

**Business in Society** 2 years

**Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics** 2 years

Master in International Finance (MIF)** 1 year (ft) / 2 years (pt)

Executive Programme in Management Studies
- Digital Business 1.5 years (ft) / 2 years (pt)
- Leadership and Management 1.5 years (ft) / 2 years (pt)
- Strategy 1.5 years (ft) / 2 years (pt)

MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)

**Accountancy and Control**
- Accountancy 1 year
- Control 1 year

**Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance**
- Actuarial Science and Mathematical Finance General 1 year
- Quantitative Risk Management 1 year

**Business Administration**
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**Entrepreneurship** 1 year

**RESEARCH MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

**Business in Society** 2 years

**Tinbergen Institute Master of Philosophy in Economics** 2 years

MBA***
- The Amsterdam MBA 1 year (ft) / 2 years (pt)
- Big Data & Business Analytics 2 years (pt)
- Healthcare Management 2 years (pt)

Science

The UvA’s Faculty of Science is a testament to academic science research and teaching. Our modern building contains state-of-the-art facilities, among which a solar and stellar observatory, a greenhouse complex, an experimental facility and several advanced computer labs. Our location at Amsterdam Science Park - an innovative hub of teaching, research and knowledge-intensive industry - stimulates open communication and interdisciplinary collaboration. www.uva.nl/science

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Science

**MASTERS PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

**Tracks**

- Logic
- Logic and Computation
- Logic and Language
- Logic and Mathematics
- Logic and Philosophy
- Mathematics*
- Advanced Matter and Energy Physics
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Gravitation, Astro- and Particle Physics (GRAPPA)
- Physics of Life and Health
- Science for Energy and Sustainability
- Theoretical Physics
- Software Engineering
- Stochastics and Financial Mathematics *
- Security and Network Engineering

**Duration**

- 2 years
- 2 years
- 2 years
- 2 years
- 2 years
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 1 year

**RESEARCH MASTER’S PROGRAMME (MSc)**

- Brain and Cognitive Sciences**
- Behavioural Neuroscience
- Cognitive Neuroscience

**Duration**

- 2 years

**Law**

The Amsterdam Law School (ALS) at the UvA’s Faculty of Law has a strong international orientation and a longstanding tradition of offering LLM programmes taught in English. It also participates in the interdisciplinary English-taught Bachelor’s programme in Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics. The ALS annually attracts hundreds of students from around the world. Faculty members are active in various research institutes and many of them are also legal practitioners, bringing current and practical insights and developments into their teaching. www.als.uva.nl

**BACHELOR’S PROGRAMMES (BSc)**

- PPE (Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics) 3 years
- International Tax Law 1 year
- Security and Network Engineering 1 year
- Software Engineering 1 year
- Stochastics and Financial Mathematics * 2 years
- Security and Network Engineering 1 year
- Beach and Cognitive Sciences** 2 years
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Logic and Computation

**Duration**

- 3 years
- 1 year
- 1 year
- 1 year
- 2 years
- 1 year
- 2 years

**MEDICINE**

The Academic Medical Center (AMC-UvA) is one of the foremost research institutions in the Netherlands and has one of the largest teaching hospitals. The AMC’s biomedical research ranges from fundamental science and ‘proof of concept’ studies to applied clinical studies, health services research and medical informatics. Note: Because most of the programmes are in Dutch, they are no longer listed in this brochure. www.uva.nl/msc-medicalinformatics

**MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

- Medical Informatics 2 years
- Medical Informatics 2 years
- Public Policy and Governance 1 year
- Advanced Master’s Programme (MSc) 1 year

**Social and Behavioural Sciences**

The Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences enjoys a prominent standing within the social sciences sector in Europe and is the largest in the Netherlands. In addition to a large number of English-taught (Research) Master’s programmes and tailor-made PhD education, the faculty also offers English Bachelor’s programmes in Communication and in Political Science. www.uva.nl/socialsciences

**BACHELOR’S PROGRAMMES (BSc)**

- PPE (Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics) 3 years
- Communication Science 3 years
- Political Science 3 years
- International Relations 3 years
- Cultural and Social Anthropology 1 year
- Political Communication 1 year

**Duration**

- 3 years
- 3 years
- 3 years
- 1 year
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- 1 year

**BACHELOR’S PROGRAMMES (BA/BSc)**

- Liberal Arts and Sciences 3 years
- Psychology 3 years
- Information Studies 3 years
- Law, Markets and Behaviour** 1 year

**Duration**

- 3 years
- 3 years
- 3 years
- 1 year

**AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Amsterdam University College (AUC) offers a selective Bachelor’s programme in the Liberal Arts and Sciences that combines breadth of experience with depth of knowledge and covers various interdisciplinary themes such as health and well-being, energy, climate and sustainability, and life, evolution and the universe. A key aspect is tackling the real-life problems and challenges facing today’s world. www.auc.nl

**BACHELOR’S PROGRAMMES (BSc)**

- PPE (Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics) 3 years
- Communication Science 3 years
- Political Science 3 years
- Cultural and Social Anthropology 1 year
- Political Communication 1 year

**Duration**

- 3 years
- 3 years
- 3 years
- 1 year
- 1 year

**MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

- Corporate Communication 1 year
- Conflict Resolution and Governance 1 year
- Contemporary Asian Studies 1 year
- International Development Studies 1 year
- International Development Studies 1 year
- Medical Anthropology and Sociology 1 year
- Pedagogical Sciences Youth at Risk 1 year
- Political Science 1 year
- Psychology 1 year

**Duration**

- 1 year
- 1 year
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- 1 year

**ADVANCED MASTER’S PROGRAMME (LLM)**

- International Tax Law 1 year

**Duration**

- 1 year

* This is a joint programme offered with Columbia Law School. ** This is a joint programme offered together with VU Amsterdam.
Social and Behavioural Sciences

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**RESEARCH MASTER’S PROGRAMMES (MSc)**

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* The Erasmus Mundus programme is offered jointly with other institutions from within and outside the EU. Part of the programme is followed at the UvA. Students who successfully complete the programme obtain a joint degree.

**Dual Master’s programmes are designed to combine in-depth theoretical knowledge with practice-based learning (in the form of a work placement).**

**This is a joint programme offered together with VU University Amsterdam, through the Amsterdam Centre for Ancient Studies and Archaeology (ACASA).**

**This is a joint programme with the University of Utrecht (UU).**

**This overview is subject to change as the curriculum is constantly being developed. For up-to-date and detailed information, please see www.uva.nl/international.**
Academic degree system

BACHELOR’S (Undergraduate programme)
3 years • BA/BSc
These are three-year programmes leading to a Bachelor’s degree (BA, BSc). At the UvA, most Bachelor’s programmes are taught in Dutch. The UvA currently offers fifteen English-taught Bachelor’s programmes.

www.uva.nl/bachelorsprogrammes

MASTER’S (Postgraduate programme)
1 - 2 years • MA/MSc/LLM
The UvA offers more than 250 Master’s programmes. More than two-thirds are taught entirely in English. Master’s programmes take one or two years to complete. Students receive a Master’s degree (MA, MSc, LLM) upon successful completion of the programme. www.uva.nl/masterprogrammes

RESEARCH MASTER’S (Postgraduate programme)
2 years • MA/MSc/LLM
Research Master’s programmes place a greater emphasis on research and give students the opportunity to contribute to current UvA research. The programmes prepare students for a career in research or the pursuit of a PhD. A Research Master’s programme takes two years. www.uva.nl/researchmasters

EXECUTIVE MASTER’S (Postgraduate programme)
1-1.5 years • MBA/MSc
Executive Master’s programmes are intended for professionals holding a Master’s degree who are seeking to extend their knowledge of a specific discipline. These programmes usually last one year. In some cases, students with a Bachelor’s degree and several years of relevant work experience may also apply. www.uva.nl/executive

DOCTORATE (Postgraduate programme) 4 years • PhD
Full-time doctoral programmes last a minimum of three to four years and consist mainly of independent research activities. Doctoral candidates may also be assigned teaching tasks. In the Netherlands, PhD candidates are considered full-time paid academic researchers with gainful employment. There are three ways to obtain a PhD:
  • as an employee of the UvA
  • on a scholarship
  • as an external PhD candidate
www.uva.nl/phd

Academic calender

SEMMETER 1: SEPT 2018 - FEB 2019

SEMMETER 2: FEB 2019 - SEPT 2019

Multidisciplinary curricula

The UvA offers a diverse range of programmes and courses. This not only allows you to compile a programme to suit your interests and talents, but also to study your subject of choice in depth and with a more multidisciplinary approach.

Credit system

Six or twelve ECTS (European credits) are allocated to most courses, in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. A single ECTS credit represents 25 to 30 hours of study (including class attendance).

Educational Style

You may notice a considerable difference between the educational style prevalent in the Netherlands and your own country. In the Netherlands students are expected to take on a high level of individual responsibility and initiative. We also encourage students to develop an independent and critical way of thinking.

Tuition fees

The UvA is a state university which offers both (government) subsidised and non-subsidised programmes. The tuition fee you are required to pay depends on your nationality. If you are from a non-EU/EEA country, the tuition fees are considerably higher because your studies are not subsidised by the Dutch government. www.uva.nl/tuition

STUDENTS FROM THE NETHERLANDS, EEA, SWITZERLAND AND SURINAME
Students from the Netherlands, other countries within the European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland or Suriname who have not yet obtained a degree certificate from a Dutch university or a Dutch university of applied sciences will pay the statutory tuition fee if they satisfy the legal requirements. The 2018-2019 statutory tuition fee is €2060*.

STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE EEA, SWITZERLAND AND SURINAME
Students from outside the EEA, Switzerland and Suriname pay the institutional tuition fee.
  • Bachelor’s: between €8,360 and €11,330*
  • Master’s: between €14,740 and €21,010*

*With the exception of selective programmes (PPEL, AUC), MBA, Executive programmes, Medicine, Dentistry, joint degree programmes and a second degree at a Dutch university.

Application and admission

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
  • BACHELOR’S – at least a secondary education equivalent to Dutch university preparatory education (VWO), including relevant subjects
  • MASTER’S – at least a Bachelor’s degree in a field relevant to the chosen Master’s degree

Additional requirements for both Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes vary per programme and include English proficiency test results, a letter of motivation, recommendations, written academic work, additional test scores (GMAT, GRE) and a curriculum vitae.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
Scores from the following tests are accepted:
  • TOEFL
  • IELTS (academic module)
  • Cambridge International Examination

Not every department or programme accepts all of these test scores. For more information about the English language requirements of individual programmes, check the programme information at: www.uva.nl/international

www.uva.nl/mastersapplication

For Master’s programmes:
www.uva.nl/bachelorsapplication

www.uva.nl/tuition

Calculating your fee

You can use the UvA tuition fee calculator for an estimate of the tuition fee based on a range of parameters such as your country of origin and the study programme for which you wish to enrol. www.uva.nl/tuitionfeecalculator

Disclaimer: the tuition fees mentioned are the provisional fees for the 2018-2019 academic year. The fees may be subject to change. If you have already been awarded a degree in the Netherlands you will pay the institutional rate (unless it will be your first degree in the field of healthcare or you want to study for a teaching qualification). www.uva.nl/tuition
Amsterdam is well connected for travel within Europe and has excellent links to the rest of the world. The city has long been a cultural and commercial crossroads, providing access to the many arts, entertainment and social activities of a capital city. The UvA’s faculties are located in or near the city centre or at the state-of-the-art Amsterdam Science Park.

Interesting career prospects
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Supportive Environment
International students are actively supported by UvA staff and fellow students during their time in Amsterdam. To make sure that students start off on the right foot, the UvA helps with practical matters such as opening a bank account, applying for visas and finding accommodation.

WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES
The UvA has one of the largest selections of international degree programmes of any university in Europe, with nearly 200 programmes taught in English. Several are unique to the UvA.

RESEARCH NETWORKS
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