Dual Master’s in Media Studies (90 ECTS)
Archival and Information Studies

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We combine archival, information and digital humanities concepts with a strong focus on practice-based learning to provide you with unique skills for a career in the broad information sector.

This professional Master’s programme – based on archival, information and digital humanities concepts and methods – covers the full spectrum of the field and serves as an academic preparation for the profession. It deals with contemporary archival theory and practice, trains archivists in the science and craft of records management, and provides insight into the archives of the past and future.

The professional Master’s in Archival and Information Studies offers you the unique opportunity to develop your practical experience in the field through an extensive internship worth 30 ECTS. This will allow you to explore the practices and challenges of records management and archiving in the 21st century, and apply the specialist knowledge and theoretical reflection of your coursework to a professional context.
Career prospects

Archival and Information Studies will prepare you for a variety of careers in the booming information sector, including:

- governmental and cultural domains, NGOs and the private sector;
- advisory and managerial positions related to information strategies, curation and preservation in government and cultural sectors;
- (non-)governmental and cultural sectors and the business sector (as archivists, information and records managers);
- (academic) researcher.

Spotlight on a course

Recordkeeping Informatics (12 EC)

Recordkeeping informatics deals with an integrated approach of 1) business processes, 2) information culture, and 3) access to past, present and future records. It is based on continuum thinking and metadata in a net-worked context. You will be challenged to take a combined technological, social and analytical perspective to business processes, information cultures and dissemination of information. We examine how these components interact and try to identify and explain successful record management strategies.
Archivistics A certificate
You will also have the opportunity to obtain the Archivistics A certificate, which is required for specific positions in the archival sector.

Entry requirements
This dual Master’s programme is open to all students with a university Bachelor’s diploma in:
• Humanities
• Social Sciences
Students who have obtained a university bachelor’s degree in another field of study, and/or students who have completed an undergraduate degree with an applied emphasis (hbo-bacheloropleiding), or equivalent, in archival, information, documentation or library studies (e.g. Former IDM or IDM/BDI) supplemented with a pre-Master’s programme in Media and Information, can also apply. For more information, please check: uva.nl/ma-archival-studies > Application and admission