UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Graduate school of Social Sciences

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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You will have to submit a variety of documents along with your application. Please note that the Admissions Office will only process complete applications. Use the table below as a quick reference to see which document requirements apply to you. For more comprehensive information on the documents themselves and how to submit them, please refer to the information in Documents explained.

Are you a Bachelor's student in "Sociale Geografie en Planologie / Human Geography and Planning" or "Sociologie / Sociology" or "Politicologie / Political Science" at the University of Amsterdam and do you graduate before 1 September? Then you do not need to submit an application via SIS when you are applying to the corresponding Master's programme. The same applies to UvA Bachelor's students in "Interdisciplinaire Sociale Wetenschap" who wish to apply to our MSc programme Sociology. Your enrollment will become definitive as soon as the UvA has registered your graduation. Your graduation date must be no later than 31 August in order to be able to start the Master's programme on 1 September.

REQUIRED BEFORE ADMISSION	
Document	**Required**
CV	For all applicants.
Motivation	For all applicants.
Transcripts of all higher education grades and credits obtained	For all applicants.
Translations of transcripts (and diploma(s)) by a sworn translator	If in any language other than English, Dutch, German, or French.
Explanation of the local grading and credit system	If non-Dutch higher education.
Higher education diploma(s)/final transcripts	For all applicants and if already obtained.
Course descriptions	For all applicants, except Bachelor's students of the College of Social Sciences.
Research questions	For all applicants, except when applying to Sociology and Research Master Urban Studies.
English language test score OR waiver request	If English is not your first language. Please see our website for more information on possible exemptions.
Description of any relevant English language experience since the English test was taken	If English language test score is more than 2 years old.
Sample of Academic Writing (please see 'Documents Explained' for more information on the details regarding academic writing sample)	For all applicants.
Link to Portfolio	For Visual Anthropology track.
Names and contact details of two referees	For all applicants. Only if the Admissions Board deems it necessary, we will contact the referees for reference letters. If you already have reference letters, you may upload them to your application.

REQUIRED AFTER ADMISSION	
Document	**Required**
Official higher education transcripts (final) and diploma(s): by e-mail sent by your university directly to apply-gsss@uva.nl, or through an online verification system. If it is not possible to send the certified documents digitally, please ask us by e-mail (to apply-gsss@uva.nl) how we wish to receive your documents.	For all applicants except when graduated from a Dutch university.
Translations of transcripts and diploma(s) by a sworn translator: please ask us by e-mail (to apply-gsss@uva.nl) how we wish to receive your translations.	If transcripts and diplomas in any other language than English, Dutch, German, or French.

Only complete applications will be processed

Please make sure that your application is complete before you submit it. Everything the Admissions Board will need to assess your application should be filled in and uploaded before you submit.
You will need to do a thorough check yourself to make sure that you have uploaded all required documents and provided all necessary information.

Questions and contact

GSSS Admissions Office
Email: apply-gsss@uva.nl

Disclaimer

We have tried to make the application form and instructions as accurate as possible. Nevertheless, the information may not be exhaustive. Please check our website regularly for updates. Please notify us if the information seems to be incorrect or incomplete.

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