To Dah Loo
About the UvA-VU collaboration and other scientific stuff

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Lecture rooms as a place to study
Dear students,
In last month’s issue we informed you that the library is now also open on Sundays. But that’s not the only place students looking for a quiet spot to study at Science Park can go. Over the last few years, the Student Council has been campaigning for a wider range of study locations. For most of the people who come here, Science Park is a place to learn and advance their knowledge and skills – and that goes beyond attending lectures. Lots of students also want to hit the books at Science Park. This can make the university a crowded place, where you have to fight to find a quiet spot.

That’s why it’s nice to know that you can also use the classrooms (in buildings A, B and C) whenever they’re not being used for lectures. You can find out which lecture rooms are free on datanose.nl/#studieplekken. This is a great way to make more efficient use of the space we already have. For example, if you want a spot to work quietly with a group, but don’t have so much to discuss that you need a conference room (B1.19).

And if you want to study in a lecture room that’s locked, just ask at the library information desk or the building’s front desk and they will open the room for you to study in until the next lecture. Just make sure to leave the room as tidy as you found it!

More information? Please visit room A1.26, send an email to fnwi@studentenraad.nl or go to studentenraad.nl/fnwi

Voice your opinion in the National Student Survey
How do you feel about studying at the University of Amsterdam? Are you satisfied about the lectures and your study programme? Do you enjoy working together with your fellow students at Science Park 904?

Every year students at Dutch universities have the opportunity to voice their opinion about their degree programme in the National Student Survey (NSE). Survey results provide input for orientation activities for new students and for the compilation of national rankings. The more students participate, the more reliable the results are.

Ready to participate? Look in your inbox for the invitation email, sent by ‘Stichting Studiekeuze 123’. The survey can be completed until 8 March.

Joint Bachelor’s in Chemistry: The Best of Both Worlds

The first degree certificates for the joint UvA and VU Bachelor’s in Chemistry were awarded last October. So what do students think of the partnership?
‘It offers many advantages, including lots of choices. For example, we can choose from projects at both the UvA and VU,’ says Dieuwertje Modder, a second-year Bachelor’s student of Chemistry. ‘Cycling between the two locations is no problem. We’re always at one university all day. We really feel like a cohesive group.’

The UvA focuses mainly on Sustainable Chemistry, but subjects such as Analytical and Theoretical Chemistry also have a strong presence at both VU and the UvA, says Sape Kinderman, programme director for Chemistry. The joint Bachelor’s is therefore a broad degree programme.

Though most of the courses are taught at Science Park, we hope that VU will continue to feel involved. “That ensures students the best of both worlds.”

Events

Wednesday 18 February
12:00 – 13:00 BetaBreak
Central hall Science Park 904

Thursday 19 February
18:00 – 21:00 UvA Science Master’s event
Science Park 904

Tuesday 3 March
17:00-17:45 Student Colloquium
Brainwave

A list of all workshops, conferences and events can be found in the Events list on student.uva.nl.

To-Dah-Loo Laptop?!?!
While you are taking the time to, ehm... read this, it would be a good moment to remind you that Science Park 904 is open to the general public. Unfortunately, thieves are sometimes active at this location.

Please keep this in mind and do not leave valuables unattended while you are taking a (toilet-)break.

Comments or suggestions about the Too-Dah-Loo? Please send an email: info-science@uva.nl