

Amsterdam university college

Liberal Arts and Sciences



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Why Amsterdam University College?

The world's biggest challenges don't fit in a box. And neither should your degree. Whether it's climate change, inequality, the future of AI or other societal questions, at AUC you will learn to connect ideas across all academic disciplines to better understand the world, and become part of changing it.

"As a Liberal Arts and Sciences graduate myself, I cannot think of a better programme for pursuing your passion, personal and social growth, and discovering a career path that fits your interests. Our students gain confidence, independence, and build diverse, lifelong relationships."

- Prof. Bruce Mutsvairo, Dean, Amsterdam University College



Create your own degree

Explore 200+ AUC courses and a wide selection at UvA and VU



Honours-level

Ambitious students and a world-class faculty



Small-scale

Personalised attention in classes under 25 students, with your own academic tutor

Six reasons to choose AUC



International Community

Students coming from over 60 countries



Guaranteed housing

Affordable room in Amsterdam for all three years



Science focused

Largest Science course offering of all Dutch University Colleges

"Focusing on computer science and mathematics, I really wanted to find applications in other interests of mine, such as economics or sustainable urban development. AUC has allowed me to do exactly that by providing opportunities to build foundational skills in my major and combine this with concrete applications across different disciplines"

- Jonas Dornieden, Third Year, Sciences



Study Liberal Arts and Sciences

Don't just choose a degree. Create one.

Our three year Liberal Arts and Sciences programme lets you combine disciplines, from biology to media studies, economics to philosophy, so you can tackle big questions from multiple angles. With your tutor's support, you build a personalised curriculum from hundreds of courses at AUC and our parent universities, UvA and VU.

Combine courses from the following fields of study

SCIENCES	SOCIAL SCIENCES	HUMANITIES
Biology	Cognition	Film
Information	Law	Philosophy
Physics	Sustainability	Literature
Chemistry	Political Science and International Relations	History
Earth and Environment	Economics	Culture
Mathematics	Sociology	Media
Biomedical	Anthropology	Art History
Health	Health	

Combine your interest and explore big questions like these:

How do viruses go viral?

Combine courses in mathematics, medicine and health with international relations and law to explore how pandemics start, and how we can stop them.

How does TikTok's algorithm shape our human beauty ideals?

Mix culture, mathematics and biology to unveil how patterns and representation shape how we see ourselves and each other.

How can we curb polarisation in an age of information bubbles?

Connect sociology, media studies and political science with information and mathematics to understand how opinions form and how dialogue can be rebuilt.

Where science shapes ideas

At AUC, Sciences are at our core. With more Science courses than any other University College in the Netherlands, we train the "new scientist": someone who masters their field, crosses boundaries and applies knowledge to real-world challenges. Regardless of which major you choose, you'll gain the skills and perspectives to open new paths in scientific study and careers.

Challenge yourself

As an honours level programme, your studies are immersive and hands on. You'll conduct research, present projects and test your ideas in real time, all with support from tutors and peers. Each project helps you build skills, gain confidence and get ready to make an impact.

Small-scale yet global

With a maximum of 25 students per class you'll receive personal attention and have space to take part in the conversation. Each year,

300 ambitious students from 60+ countries make our close-knit community a vibrant place to learn, grow and make friends for life.

Study across universities

AUC is a joint honours programme from the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), both top-ranked universities. AUC will be your home base, but you also enjoy access to both other universities' courses, libraries and student life. Optionally, spend a semester abroad at one of our international partner universities.

Life after AUC

After three years, you'll graduate with a BA or BSc in Liberal Arts and Sciences, your pathway to top Master's programmes and exciting careers in fields like climate science, policy, entrepreneurship, art and medicine. Our alumni share strong critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration skills, preparing you for whatever comes next.



Every AUC student is assigned a personal tutor.

"Your tutor helps you plan your studies, explore course options, identify fields of interest, and create pathways to Master's programmes and future careers."

- Dr. Dawn Skorczewski, Tutor and Lecturer, Academic Core

Live on campus






Your university experience starts on campus.

Live alongside students from all over the world, make friends from day one and build your own community in a lively, safe and student-friendly area just a short bike ride from Amsterdam's city centre.

Guaranteed & affordable

All AUC students have guaranteed housing on campus at Amsterdam Science Park for all three years. With almost 900 options to choose from, single or shared, there is always a room that will suit you. Rent is affordable, especially compared to average prices in Amsterdam.

Room types and prices (2025-2026)

	UNFURNISHED				FURNISHED
	STUDIO *	TWO-ROOM APARTMENT	ONE-ROOM APARTMENT	FOUR-PERSON APARTMENT	ONE-ROOM APARTMENT
	Your own apartment with a private bathroom & kitchen 	Two-room apartment with a shared bathroom & kitchen 	Large open plan space with a shared bathroom & kitchen 	Two shared bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen & living room 	Large open plan space with a shared bathroom & kitchen 
TYPE	Single	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared
SIZE	28m ²	40-50m ²	40-60m ²	80-100m ²	40-49m ²
PRICE PER MONTH	€ 600	€ 470	€ 470	€ 280	€ 470

* Studios may be eligible to receive housing benefit (huurtoeslag).

Support is all around you.

Peer mentors such as the Resident Assistants are there to help every AUC student feel at home. Peer Supporters are engaged senior students who are there to offer help and advice. For your well-being and health, there are Student Life Officers and a team of well-being professionals to support you with anything from study stress to adjusting to campus life and more.

Application deadlines

Application deadlines to start at AUC in September

1 December ('early-bird')

1 February (regular)

1 May (late)



Enjoy student life

Build a lifelong community

Life at AUC is as much about people as it is about ideas. You'll live and learn alongside students from around the world, forming friendships through shared meals, late-night conversations and projects that challenge the way you think.

Live and learn in Amsterdam

Beyond campus, Amsterdam becomes part of your education. The city invites you to explore its cafés, galleries and festivals, to bike along its canals, and to experience a mix of cultures that embrace curiosity and creativity. With Science Park's innovation hub at your doorstep and the

rest of the city just minutes away, each day will be full of new ideas and opportunities.

AUC Student Association: over 25 committees

The AUC Student Association (AUCSA) brings campus to life with over 25 student-run committees. Students can organise and attend events like galas, musicals, dance performances and sports tournaments, as well as film nights, debates and volunteering projects. Each committee is run by passionate students who shape events and projects that make campus life vibrant, inclusive and unforgettable.



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Committees 2025



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