AUC sample curriculum overview

Academic Core (36 credits), Major (90 credits), Electives (30 credits), Courses in other majors (24 credits)

**Year 1**
- Academic Writing Skills
- Major course
- Elective course

**Year 2**
- Methods course
- Big Questions course
- Major course
- Elective course

**Year 3**
- Advanced Research Writing
- Course in other major
- Major course
- Elective course

**Semester 1**
- September-December (16 weeks)
- January
  - Community Project/Internship

**Semester 2**
- February-May (16 weeks)
- June
  - Capstone (Bachelor’s thesis)

- Major course
- Elective course
- Course in other major

**Global Identity Experience**
- Logic, Information, Argumentation

Major requirement
Academic Core requirement
Elective
Course in other major requirement
* Study abroad semester (optional)
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Major requirements (90 credits)
Each student at AUC is either a Sciences, Social Sciences or Humanities major. All courses in the AUC programme are classified as part of the Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities or Academic Core, with some being cross-listed between two or more majors. Each course is also assigned a level of 100, 200 or 300, which corresponds to how advanced the course is. The courses students must take to fulfill the major requirements are as follows:

Sciences major requirements
1. 66 EC (11 courses) of courses listed as Sciences
   ◦ At least 24 EC of which are at the 300-level
   ◦ At least one lab course in the Sciences
2. 12 EC of methods courses (2 courses):
   ◦ First year: Calculus
   ◦ By the end of the second year:
     ◦ Linear Algebra or
     ◦ Statistics for Sciences
3. 12 EC Capstone (Bachelor’s thesis) in the Sciences

Social Sciences major requirements
1. 66 EC (11 courses) of courses listed as Social Sciences
   ◦ At least 24 EC of which are at the 300-level
2. 12 EC (2 courses) of methods courses:
   ◦ First year: Methods for Social Sciences Research
   ◦ By the end of the second year (choose one):
     ◦ Statistical Methods for Social Sciences Research or
     ◦ Qualitative Research Methods or
     ◦ Mathematical Methods for Economics or
     ◦ Statistics for Sciences
3. 12 EC Capstone (Bachelor’s thesis) in the Social Sciences

Humanities major requirements
1. 66 EC (11 courses) of courses listed as Humanities
   ◦ At least 24 EC of which are at the 300-level
2. 12 EC (2 courses) of methods courses:
   ◦ First year: Methods in the Humanities I
   ◦ Second year: Introduction to Visual Methodologies
3. 12 EC Capstone (Bachelor’s thesis) in the Humanities

Academic Core requirements (36 credits)
All AUC students must fulfill the following Academic Core requirements regardless of major. All courses listed are 6 EC:

1. Academic Writing Skills
2. Logic, Information, Argumentation
3. The Global Identity Experience
4. One ‘Big Questions’ course
5. Advanced Research Writing
6. Community Project or Internship (CPI)

Electives (30 credits)
Electives are freely chosen courses. Students may take elective courses within their major, outside of their major, off-campus or while studying abroad. Electives allow for flexibility in the programme and provide room to create individualised, interdisciplinary curricula that suit the interests and goals of the student.

Courses in the other majors (24 credits)
Students at AUC must take at least two courses in each major that is not their own (24 EC, equivalent to 4 courses). For example, if a student majors in Humanities, they will need to follow at least two courses in the Sciences and two courses in the Social Sciences to fulfill their degree requirements. Students are free to select any courses in the other majors that they are interested in as long as they meet any prerequisite(s).

Options and variations
The curriculum of all students will vary from this sample. For example, some students may take more electives or major courses in a given semester. Other students may choose to complete their community project or internship during the 16-week period. Still others will take courses off-campus at the University of Amsterdam or VU Amsterdam, or study abroad for a semester. Students who apply and are accepted typically study abroad during the second semester of their second year, or during the first semester of their third year. With many variations and areas of study possible, this sample curriculum (in conjunction with the course overviews) serve as a guide to explore how students can construct their own versions of the AUC curriculum. For questions about the AUC curriculum, please visit our website at www.auc.nl or contact us via www.auc.nl/contact.