

Learning Opportunities and the City

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✕ Gemeente
✕ Amsterdam
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UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

VU University Amsterdam



Excellence and Diversity in a Global City

AUC mission statement (2009)

Two major research universities have joined forces to create a **liberal arts and sciences undergraduate experience in Amsterdam** that demands excellence from its students, preparing them for high-level performance in a 21st century knowledge economy that is fuelled by innovation, and equipping them for today's globally engaged and culturally diverse society.

Profile in short

Selective honours college

Liberal arts & sciences bachelor

Taught in English

Small class size

Tutor system

Residential

Joint degree from two major research universities



International campus

Science focus

Research-based teaching

Internships

Community service

Study abroad

Global knowledge, international competence

AUC facts



Students	900 acceptance rate: 20% 50% international; 65+ nationalities; m/f: 36/64 major distribution: SCI 35/ SSC 45/ HUM 20
Staff	65 (hc); +235 faculty (VU, UvA)
Courses	250+
Budget	€ 10,5M
Scholarship (ASF)	9%
Retention	96%
Time to degree	85% (within 3 years); after re-enrolment year 1
Study abroad	35%
Alumni	90% of alumni would choose AUC again
Recognition	AUC, a top rated liberal arts and sciences programme for 2017

Liberal Arts and Science undergraduate experience

✗ Gemeente
✗ Amsterdam
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Mission



LAS curriculum



International



Sponsors



Alumni



Civic organisations



Partners schools

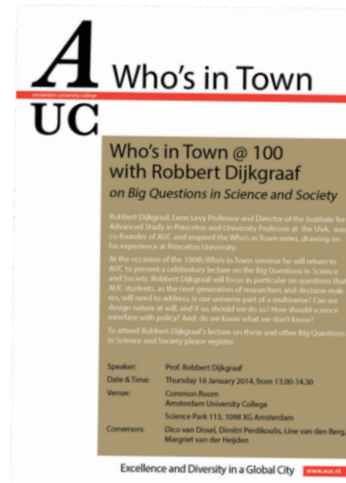


Local Partners

Learning opportunities

Institutional strategy

- Outreach coordinator
- Faculty commitment
- Who's in Town
- Awards



Partnerships

- City of Amsterdam
- >10 High schools
- Weekend College (model 'match education', USA)
- Amsterdam Science Park (Innovation Centre)
- 'Equal Opportunity Alliance' (Ministry of Education)



Learning Opportunities

Curriculum

- Community projects, Internships
- Global Identity (100 level)
- Global Leadership (200 level)
 - Case studies from AUC stakeholders (sponsors, local partners, schools, etc)
- Theme course; interdisciplinary integration case studies (300 level)
- **Experiential Learning – Fab City – Europe by People;** April-July 2016; 300-level Global Politics course

FabCity comprises of approximately 50 innovative pavilions, installations and prototypes. More than 400 young students, professionals, artists and creatives are developing the site into a sustainable urban area, where they work, create, explore and present their solutions for current urban issues.



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Learning Opportunities

Extracurricular activities (residential campus!)

- Jeugdlab
- Zeeburgia football club
- Right2Education (AUC refugee initiative)
- TEDx events, etc.



Urban challenges – across the globe



PEKING
UNIVERSITY



USC University of
Southern California

Joint degree in GeoDesign in collaboration with PKU (China) and USC (USA) that combines an approach to urban problem solving with:

- design thinking,
- technical prototyping,
- participatory leadership, and
- social engagement.

AUC's stakeholder network – Learning opportunities and the City





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