**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**SEMESTER 2**

**Amsterdam and the European City (30 ects)**

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European cities share many characteristics: their physical form reflects common historical and economic development, and their populations reflect similar immigration patterns and colonial pasts. And yet each of them is also unique, culturally or architecturally. The 5 modules of this minor enable you to develop your understanding of cities and urban culture with a special focus on Amsterdam. You will for example investigate how cities are portrayed, viewed and even created in literature, photography, film and other forms of cultural expression; how the history and the personality of a city are there around you if only you know where – and how – to look: there is an art to *reading* a city, and this is what our modules want to explore.

This minor will combine seminars, workshops and lectures with excursions through Amsterdam and visits to, among others, a museum; it will therefore combine theory with hands-on knowledge: you will read on and about cities, but also touch them, feel them, smell them. Your research project will then focus on one or more aspects of what you have learned, and will be presented in the form of e.g. a film, photographs, a narrative text or a paper.

By 2030, more than 80% of Europeans will live in a city (to say nothing of urban growth in Asia or Africa), so knowledge and understanding of our urban environment becomes more relevant every day.

**Modules**

The City and the Country 6 EC

Unpacking the City 6 EC

The City in Contemporary Literature 6 EC

The City as Object 6 EC

Research Project 6 EC

Total 30 EC

**Time Period (s)** February– July

**Target Group** This course is eligible for students of English, History and Geography, or anyone with an strong interest in cultural studies and a very good command of English

**Level of English** C1/C2

**Application deadline** 1 October

**Location** Kohnstammhuis, Wibautstraat 2-4, 1091 GM Amsterdam

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**2.Working in the English Speaking World (30 ects)**

This international course aims at offering skills to make it easier for students to work in English Speaking countries. For the research module students will have to plan a 4-5 day visit to an English-speaking country during the mid-term exam period during which they will research a company or institution linked to their major study.

Students will expand their English vocabulary to concepts and words used in their current field of study. Their English writing skills will be improved as well as their ability to write letters of application or produce CVs.

A broad base of Anglo history and culture will also be taught thus increasing students’ cultural awareness and ability to communicate in English.

During the course students may take part in an accredited English language exam which is conducted by the British Council (see here for more information: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/netherlands>). Successful completion of the exam provides students with an English language certificate that is internationally recognised.

**Modules**

English Proficiency in English 10 EC

English for subject x 5 EC

English Speaking World 5 EC

Business Communication & Internationalisation 5 EC

Research 5 EC

Total 30 EC

**Time Period (s)** February – July

**Target Group** This course is eligible for students of teacher

training with the exception of students of English and

native English speakers

**Level of English** B2/C1

**Application deadline** 1 October

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