

Announcement

The University of Amsterdam offers a comprehensive program in Discourse and Argumentation Studies (DASA), featuring a unique combination of courses in Discourse Analysis and Argumentation Theory, taught by a staff of internationally distinguished scholars. The DASA courses, which are conducted in English, offer a variety of options for studying abroad.

The main aim of the program is to provide students with a solid theoretical and methodological basis in the fields of Discourse Analysis and Argumentation Theory. This will give them a better understanding of the use of language for informative, argumentative and other purposes in a variety of contexts, such as ordinary conversation, informal and formal discussion, news reports, and expository prose. The program aims at creating a background from which students will be in a better position to develop and put into practice tools and techniques to help people communicate more clearly and effectively.

The DASA program reflects the scholarly collaboration of a number of departments in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Amsterdam. During the past several decades, these departments have jointly developed into an internationally renowned center for the study of Discourse Analysis and Argumentation. The faculty includes scholars of international repute, such as Prof. dr. Teun van Dijk and Prof. dr. Frans van Eemeren. Faculty members take part in various important scholarly activities, such as hosting the quadrennial conferences of the International Society of the Study of Argumentation, attended by scholars from all over the world, and serving as members of the editing boards of international scholarly journals such as Argumentation, Text, and Discourse and Society.

The DASA program offers an opportunity for graduate students to do part of their Master's training abroad. A full Master's degree program is offered as well. Depending on a student's background and qualifications, the degree program takes from one to three years. Undergraduate students can enroll either for a one-year non-degree program or for an individualized course of studies during one or two academic quarters. Credits awarded within the DASA program are recognized by high-ranking US and Canadian universities (such as: Northwestern University, McMaster University, University of Windsor) and by all ECG countries.

For more detailed information about the program and about studying in Amsterdam, please request the brochure with detailed information on courses, faculty, tuition and other arrangements. It may be obtained from: DASA, University of Amsterdam, Spuistraat 134, 1012 VB Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: +31.20.5254716, Fax: +31.20.5254644, E-mail: poltb@alf.let.uva.nl.