Sustainable Planning, Development & Design in the Netherlands

USP 171GS: International Sustainable Development
USP 183GS: International Urban Design Practicum
About us

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Program Highlights

- 5 weeks Summer Session in Amsterdam with excursions to Rotterdam, Utrecht, and Groningen
Courses

USP 171GS INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
USP 183GS INTERNATIONAL URBAN DESIGN PRACTICUM

8 units of UC San Diego credit
Fulfills Urban Studies & Planning and Real Estate & Development requirements.

Open to ALL majors
Why the Netherlands?

We selected the Netherlands because we have spent time in Amsterdam and want to share with you the most innovative sustainable design and development projects. Studying in the Netherlands we will explore how the Dutch improve the quality of urban life by re-orienting city design to put people first.
Context

AMSTERDAM IS ...
- 1.15 million people
- Over 300 miles of bike lanes & 60 miles of canals
- Aims to be the first European city to achieve zero CO2 emissions by 2050

UTRECHT IS ...
- 357,000 people ...
- Vibrant university town
- The first human rights city in the Netherlands

ROTTERDAM IS ...
- 651,000 people
- Has the world’s first floating dairy farm
- Known as a "sustainable design capital"

GRONINGEN IS ...
- 190,000 people + 300,000 bikes
- Largest city in Northern Netherlands
- One of the most bike-friendly cities in the world
"The Erasmus Bridge is the result of an unusual design process in which architects and engineers interacted as equals. In the end this resulted in a bridge that evidences a full commitment to both technical and aesthetic standards."

Reusink, Jaco; Kuijpers, Martin. "Designing the Erasmus Bridge, Rotterdam" (November 1998).
Amsterdam
Rotterdam
Utrecht
Groningen
SABLE BELTRAN

“Travelling with and learning from Professors Peerson and Bussell was easily one of the most transformative experiences for me in my time at UCSD. I explored a new place halfway across the world, applied planning concepts in real time, and found great friends and mentors!”

VIANNEY RUVALCABA

“The USP Global Seminar at Bauhaus provided me with exceptional academic, professional, and personal experiences. With the guidance of Professors Peerson and Bussell, I was able to explore new skills related to urban design, history, web design, and international planning. I made lasting friendships and explored amazing places.”

ERIK MUMM

My global seminar experience was a transformational moment in my time at UCSD. The program provided the unique experience of spending a summer with two exceptional professors, both so passionate about the topics they have chosen to teach, while spending time in a beautiful city (and exploring Europe on the weekends). I have come to know Professors Peerson and Bussell quite well now, and I can promise they will provide another amazing summer for all of you - don’t pass this opportunity up!”

Student Testimonials
KATHRYN LINK-OBERTMAR

"I couldn’t have asked for more kind, passionate instructors during my Global Seminar. Sue and Mirle’s courses allowed me to get the most out of my experience abroad, and I enjoyed learning and traveling with such a small group. I made unforgettable memories, lifelong friends, and even gained new insights about my career path."

NICHOLAS JOHNSON

"Studying abroad with the USP Department was an amazing opportunity to meet some wonderful people and learn new things. I look back on that summer as one of my most cherished parts of college."
KRYSTY EVANS

“This isn’t just about academics, it’s about learning through a new perspective with help from such amazing professors. The city you adopt as your home will teach you more about urban life and planning than you can imagine. This unforgettable experience made me a better person, planner, and world traveler!”

ELIZABETH OWEN

“The friendships gained and mentorship from Professors Bussell and Peerson made my first international trip a life changing experience. The seminar motivated me to refine my future career goals, discover my passions within planning, and challenge myself to go outside my comfort zone. This trip was essential to my undergraduate experience.”
Student Experience Abroad
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We hope you can join us!