In the Research Master specialisation Literature and Contested Spaces you examine the roles literary texts play in the representation and shaping of contested spaces. In our seminars, tutorials and individual research projects, we explore how novels, poems, and plays shape our perceptions and affect our lived experience of such spaces as the nation, wilderness, or the body. You will analyze how literary representations interact with real or imagined spaces, geographies and ecosystems.

WHY STUDY AT VU AMSTERDAM?
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers a thorough training program, with individual guidance by excellent and committed supervisors. The lecturers in the programme are specialists in the field of English or American Literature, from the early modern period to now.

The specialisation Literature and Contested Spaces is part of the Humanities Research Master, which includes environmental humanities as a cross-cutting theme. We offer a dynamic international context where students from the Netherlands and from abroad exchange views and experiences.

CAREER PROSPECTS
Investing in a research master has proved to be very profitable for our students over the years. We will train you in the skills required to pursue a PhD within academia, and guide you in the writing of a research proposal for a PhD project. You may also become a researcher in a cultural institution, government agency, or NGO.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have a Bachelor’s degree in Literary Studies, or English literature, French literature, Dutch literature, or a related field. The student should also have a proficient level of academic English, proof of excellent study results (7,5 average) and a clear motivation for academic research.

This way I am broadening my knowledge of literature by learning more about aspects of cultural analysis and philosophy, which I think will greatly help me in my research field.”  Amber Witsenburg, Student of the Literature programme.

This Research Master gives me the opportunity to dive further into my specific research interests. I have a lot of freedom to compose my own study programme.

“Looking Further”

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We are proud to offer support for highly motivated and excellent students:
* The VU Fellowship Programme (VUFP) for EU and non-EU students
* The Graduate School of Humanities offers three scholarships for excellent students from the Netherlands and other EU countries
Through intensive training and supervision you will learn to write a research proposal for (inter)national science foundations, and learn to design and position an innovative humanities research project.

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- Obligatory for all students of the Literature Research Master specialization
- Courses in the MA Literature
- Optional courses: summer / winter school at a National Research School, international research period, tutorial