One of the most pressing concerns in our present world is the environmental crisis. The threat of major climate change has made us aware that we live in a connected world: we need to rethink our ways of relating to the environment. This principle of interconnectedness is the focal point of the Environmental Humanities theme in the Humanities Research Master. Environmental Humanities brings disciplinary interests into conversation with each other to create new connections both within and outside the humanities.

WHY STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES AT VU?
Relations between humans and their environment have long been central to various disciplines and research projects within the Faculty of Humanities at the VU, especially in the departments of History, Art and Culture, and Literature. Also the Vrije Universiteit has just founded an Environmental Humanities Center. Research master students are encouraged to take active part in this vibrant research environment.

HOW TO BECOME AN ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANIST?
The program aims to train a generation of students aware of the value of the humanities in addressing pressing environmental concerns. Students who choose Environmental Humanities as a theme in their specialization are encouraged to think outside of the box and outside the lines of their discipline. Building on the knowledge of the field’s key concepts, debates and methodologies acquired in an introductory course, you specialize further through courses, tutorials, and internships. Students in Environmental Humanities will be schooled to develop innovative research to probe pressing environmental concerns.

Bringing together students, scholars, and the public interested in humanities perspectives on the environment, the new Environmental Humanities Center at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam aims to foster an exchange of ideas.

Grounded in the realization that today’s environmental crisis calls for an interdisciplinary approach, we wish to stimulate conversations among the humanities and the natural and social sciences.

The Graduate School of Humanities is proud to offer support for highly motivated and excellent students: CLUE+, the Research Institute of Culture, History and Heritage of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers an Environmental Humanities Scholarship for an excellent and highly motivated student.
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.

**Environmental Humanities** is a cross-cutting theme of the Humanities Research Master.

For more details on the programme, admission, application and scholarships: Department Language, Literature and Communication, Faculty of Humanities

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**Legend:**
- Red: Obligatory for all students of the VU Humanities Research Master
- Blue: Obligatory for all students of the Environmental Humanities theme
- MA courses / Environmental courses
- Optional courses: summer / winter school at a National Research School, international research period, tutorial