

The Gap Year program



Are you curious, passionate about learning and committed to taking responsibility for the society you live in? Do you have courage, do you cherish integrity, and are you always hungry for engagement and knowledge?

If so, Nova Academia may be for you. A new academic institution in the heart of Europe, Nova Academia offers advanced skill-building, championing freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and accelerated mental and intellectual development.

Alongside the academic curriculum, you will be involved in the “Healthy Campus Community” program that helps everyone on campus to be active, eat healthily, socialise meaningfully, and create and enjoy the surrounding beauty.

In the 1-year program you will:

Further develop your world view and your critical abilities.

Follow a cutting-edge curriculum and pedagogy set by prize-winning economics researchers and teachers.

Learn deeply and broadly about humans, your society, and what progress means.

Do research that benefits your community.



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The Gap Year program is for those fresh out of secondary school, or with only limited additional study.

Designed to expand your mind and orient you to the world and your place in it, the Gap Year program will stimulate you to become a responsible, self-driven, curious adult, able to cooperate effectively with peers.

You will work towards visible outputs that can be showcased to future employers or used as preparation for further academic study.

The distinguishing feature of this program is the wide exposure students receive to many academic disciplines via presentations and on-campus activities led by visiting academics, artists, teachers, and thinkers.

School of economics



NOVA Academia

The School of Economics is headed by Professor Paul Frijters from the London School of Economics, Professor Gigi Foster from the University of New South Wales, and Dr Cameron Murray from the University of Queensland.

1-Year program

Starts in September 2024

Semester 1

In the first semester the curriculum will cover three areas of interconnected knowledge:

1 Basic and intermediary statistics, a crucial area indispensable for research in any discipline,

2 An introduction to the humanities and the disciplines taught at Nova Academia; neuroscience, anthropology, economics, history, philosophy, health and psychology,

3 An independent thinkers program run by Dr Tjeerd Andringa, designed to help you develop your own world view, curiosity, and ability to learn, based on understanding what makes for successful self-development.

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Semester 2

In the second semester, students will apply learnings from the first semester to investigate all the major sectors of the economies of the Netherlands and Belgium, in the style of the books “Game of Mates” and “Rigged” (written about Australia):

How the sector works, and what the world-best version of that sector is,

What reforms are possible based on that world-best version,

What benefits are possible for the population from reforms in that direction,

What democratic innovations might help at the systemic level for society to embark on such reforms, and other improvements.

The output will be ultimately to produce a chapter on each economic sector, complete with material useful for explaining the findings to a wider audience.

