

Report Study Choice Check

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Introduction

What is this report?

Before you is your Study Choice Check report, a comprehensive analysis based on the questionnaires you completed. This report provides valuable insights into key aspects of your personality.

At VU Amsterdam, you will not only gain deep knowledge in your field of study but also embark on a journey of personal development. Your academic growth and personal development are intertwined, each greatly influencing the other. We believe it's essential to actively foster your personal growth, as VU Amsterdam is committed to helping you not only become something but also someone. This report marks the first step on your path to personal development.

How to use this report

The information is divided into three categories: interests, motivations, and personality. Each section provides a detailed description of that category. You will see your scores alongside the average scores of students in your chosen field of study and the overall average of VU students who have completed the questionnaire. This comparison will help you understand how your results align with both your field of study and the VU student body as a whole.

Your interests, motivations, and personality are unique to you. When reading this report, remember that it is not a definitive summary of 'who you are' but rather a starting point for self-discovery. To make the most of this report, consider asking yourself reflective questions and discussing your insights with others. This approach will help you use the report to articulate your unique characteristics in a meaningful way. Each section also offers suggested questions for deeper reflection.

Enjoy reading, and we wish you a fantastic experience at VU Amsterdam!

Background

Top-3 Study Choices

You have indicated these as your top three study choices at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam:

1.
Computer Science
2.
Mathematics
3.
Artificial Intelligence

Q Interests

Here are the results from the questions regarding your interests, categorized by scientific domain. Consider the following questions as you reflect on these results:

Areas of interest where you scored high:

1. Does this resonate with me? Do I genuinely find this interesting?
2. Is this interest evident in my life? For example, do the books I read, the YouTube channels I follow, or the conversations I have with friends align with these areas of interest?
3. Do I understand where this interest originates? Perhaps a subject in school, an inspiring teacher, a thought-provoking book, or a documentary? Or has it always been a part of who I am?
4. Am I also skilled in the activities associated with this area of interest?

Areas of interest where you scored low:

1. Does this make sense to me? Is this genuinely something that doesn't spark my interest?
2. Have I encountered this area of interest before, or is it completely unfamiliar to me?
3. Do I know someone who is passionate about this area? How do we differ, and in what ways are we alike?

Domain Behavioural and Educational Sciences

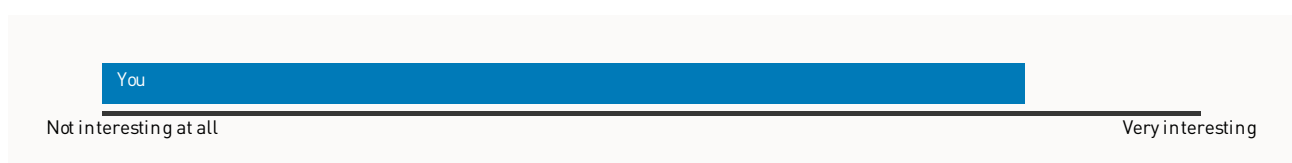
Studies in this domain focus on human behavior and development. You will engage in scientific research and its applications in areas such as learning processes, mental health treatment, trauma processing, the role of genetics in addiction, and the impact of poverty on child development. Through this work, you will contribute to fields like mental health care, educational policy, or talent development programs in businesses.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Human behavior and cognition, child development, communication skills, learning processes, and psychological disorders.

Relevant VU studies:

Psychology, Pedagogical Sciences, and University PABO.



Domain Economics and Business Administration

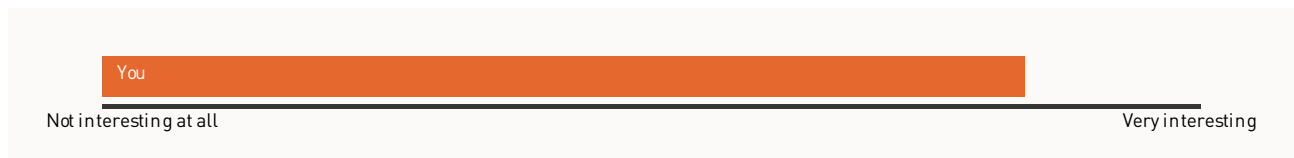
This domain centers on economic issues and business operations. You will conduct scientific research in areas like consumer behavior, the role of banks in the economy, data-driven business improvement, and cultural differences in international teams. Your contributions may lead to innovations in international entrepreneurship, sustainable economies, or smarter economic policies.

Examples of topics in this domain include

Economic models, business strategies, financial policies, international trade, data analysis, and programming.

Relevant VU studies:

Business Administration, Business Analytics, Econometrics and Operations Research, Econometrics and Data Science, Economics and Business Economics, and International Business Administration.



Domain Law and Administrative Sciences

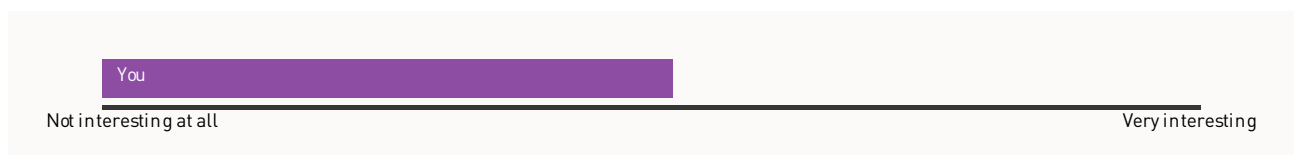
In this domain, you will explore legal and administrative issues. Your research might cover topics like corporate legal responsibility in the energy transition, the influence of populism on the European Union, international cooperation, employee support during mergers, or combating drug-related crime. Your contributions could enhance justice, governance, or approaches to cybercrime.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Legal structures, international treaties, security, globalization, power distribution, governance, and political movements.

Relevant VU studies:

Criminology, Law in Society, Law, Notarial Law, Political Science, Public Administration, and Organizational Sciences, and Global Politics.



Domain Humanities

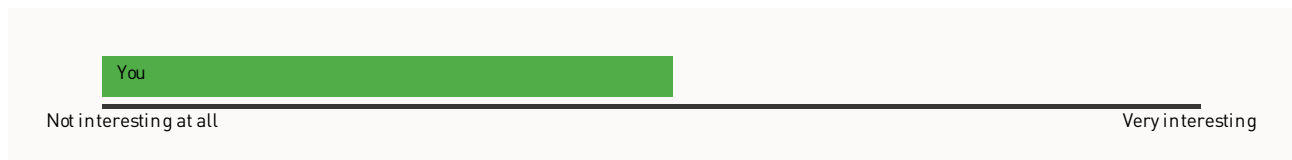
This domain explores "the products of the human mind," including languages, history, worldviews, and arts and culture. You will engage in research that delves into how people understand the world, express themselves, and give meaning to life. Your work may offer new insights into societal organization, historical processes, or cultural coexistence.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Perspective-taking, cultural development, the role of language in society, meaning and purpose in life, and the societal impact of historical events.

Relevant VU studies:

Archaeology, Ancient Studies, History, Greek and Latin Language and Culture, Literature and Society, Media, Art, Design, and Architecture, Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Creative Writing, English Language and Communication Studies, History and International Studies, Language and Media, and Language and Mind.



Domain: Life and Health Sciences and Medicine

This domain is dedicated to understanding life and improving human health. You will research topics such as life development, human body function, and medicine development. Your work may advance healthcare, disease prevention and treatment, or the understanding of living cells.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Life on Earth, human biology, public health, cell biology, and ecosystem roles.

Relevant VU studies: :

Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Health Sciences, Human Movement Sciences, Medicine, Health and Life, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical Natural Sciences, and Dentistry.



Domain: Social Sciences

This domain focuses on the development of social systems and communication. You will research social mobility, cultural influence, and effective communication, contributing to socio-political policy, public health awareness, or investigative journalism.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Communication effects, media, social influence, cultural differences, globalization, and social inequality.

Relevant VU studies:

Communication and Information Sciences, Communication Science, Cultural Anthropology and Developmental Sociology, and Sociology.



Domain: Interdisciplinary

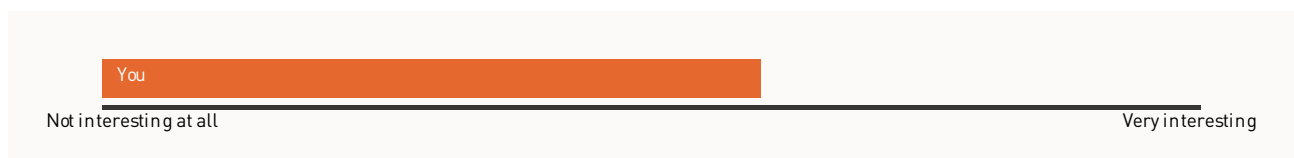
In this domain, you will combine multiple disciplines such as technology and creativity, or politics, economics, and philosophy. The possibilities are broad, allowing you to partially design your study path. You will learn to explore perspectives, connect trends, and engage in debates.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Democracy challenges, energy transition, technological innovation, sustainability, and climate policy.

Relevant VU studies:

Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), Earth, Economy and Sustainability, Science, Business and Innovation, and Liberal Arts and Sciences.



Domain: Science and Technology

Here, you will explore natural laws, mathematics, computer models, and artificial intelligence. Research topics may include black holes, quantum physics, intelligent computer models, and societal problem-solving through mathematical models.

Examples of topics in this domain include:

Technology, smart software, data analysis, logic, mathematics, physical systems, Earth sciences, and molecular reactions.

Relevant VU studies:

Communication and Information Sciences, Communication Science, Cultural Anthropology and Developmental Sociology, and Sociology.



Motivations

Here are the results of the questions related to your motivations, which reflect your drive, attitude, preferences, and values. Remember that your motivations may change over time, and a low score in one area doesn't mean it's unimportant to you—other factors might simply matter more.

When reflecting on motivations, consider which situations highlight these drives:

- Can you recall instances where a motivation you scored high on played a significant role? Think of a situation where you were highly motivated and driven. Also, consider a situation where you struggled with motivation—could a missing motivation be the reason?

Striving for Connection

This motivation reflects your desire for acceptance in personal relationships and positive interactions. You thrive in environments that emphasize constructive feedback, empathy, and shared successes.



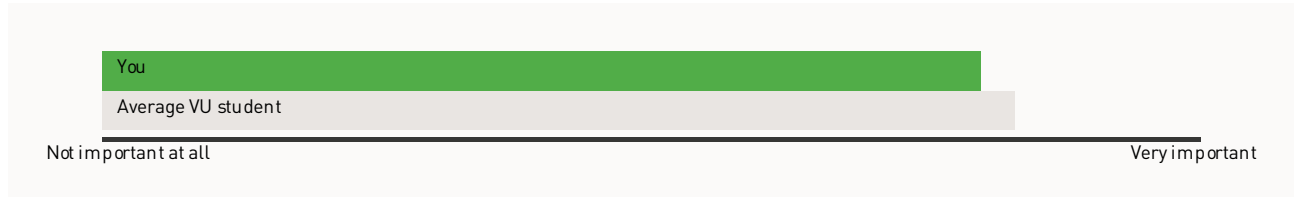
Striving for status

This motivation reflects your desire for social status. You enjoy gaining influence, being seen, and competing to reach the top. You value how others perceive you.



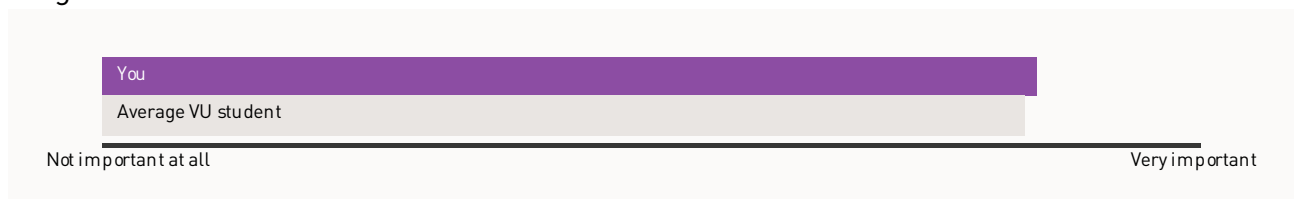
Striving for autonomy

This motivation reflects your desire for control over your actions. You enjoy charting your own course, developing new skills, and having the freedom to execute tasks as you see fit.



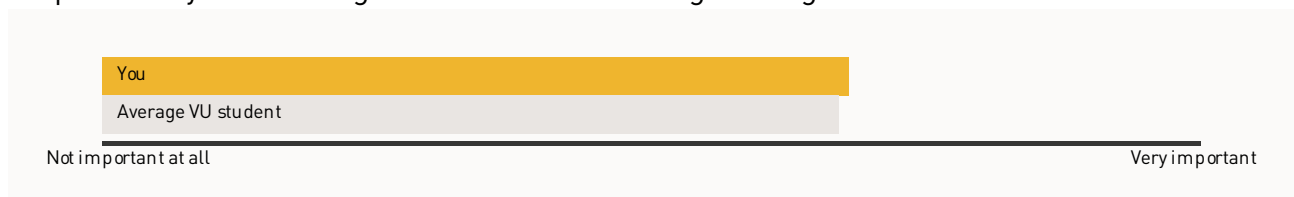
Striving for achievement

This motivation reflects your drive for results and efficiency. You enjoy completing tasks with precision, working with clear guidelines, and developing specialized skills to achieve tangible outcomes.



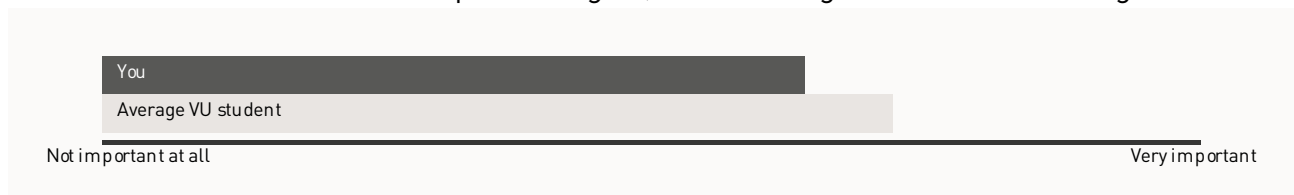
Civic Efficacy

This motivation reflects your drive to make a positive impact on society. You value individual responsibility and are eager to contribute to the greater good.



Service Motivation

This motivation reflects your willingness to help others. You find satisfaction in work that benefits others and transcends personal gain, contributing to overall well-being.



Personality

This section explores your personality based on the 'Big Five' personality theory, a widely recognized and reliable model. The test estimates your scores in five domains, which are discussed below.

Some pointers for interpreting your results:

- Context matters: Your traits may vary depending on the situation. You might 'be' different with family compared to friends or at work. Additionally, you have control over your behavior and attitudes, which evolve as you learn more about yourself and the world.
- No boxes: Your personality cannot be fully captured in five categories. Use these results as a starting point for self-reflection. What resonates with you? What doesn't? How would you describe yourself? Can you think of examples that fit these traits?
- No right or wrong: Each trait can be both a strength and a pitfall. For instance, 'competition' isn't better than 'harmony'—both are valuable in different contexts. Consider when each trait serves you well and when it might not.
- Stereotypes: The descriptions are stereotypes of extremes on the scale. Your version of each trait is unique and likely differs from these descriptions.

Extravert versus Introvert (character)

This scale reflects your social needs and how you recharge.

Introverts are often calm, enjoy one-on-one interactions, and need time alone to process thoughts and feelings. They prefer not to be in the spotlight and think carefully before acting.

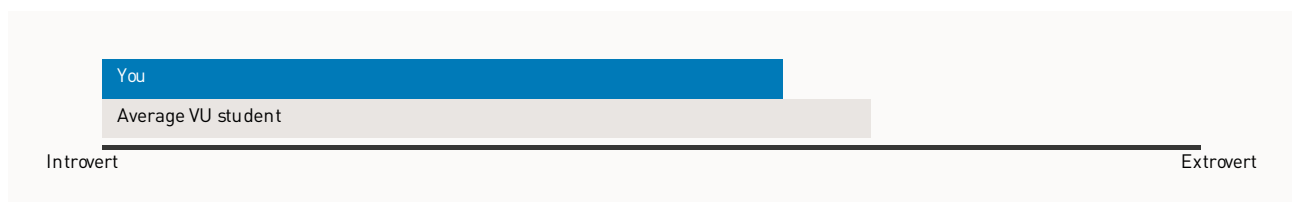
"Think before you speak!"

Extraverts are energetic, enjoy socializing with many people, and process thoughts by discussing them. They are outspoken and comfortable in the spotlight.

"Just say what you think!"

Reflect on these questions:

- *Do you agree with the outcome?*
- *Which traits do you recognize in yourself?*
- *Can you recall an example that fits this trait?*
- *When is this trait a strength, and when is it a pitfall?*



Competition versus Harmony (where do you focus your attention)

This scale reflects whether you focus on achieving individual goals or maintaining group harmony.

Competition-focused individuals strive for the best outcomes and are driven to win. They protect their interests and are not afraid of confrontation.

"If everyone takes care of themselves, everyone is taken care of."

Harmony-focused individuals value the interests of all involved, aiming for a good atmosphere and teamwork. Success is defined by how well everyone is included and heard.

"Teamwork makes the dream work."

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- *Do you agree with the outcome?*
- *Which traits do you recognize in yourself?*
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Structure versus Flexibility (how do you operate)

This scale reflects your natural approach to tasks—whether you prefer a systematic, methodical approach or a more improvisational one.

Structure-focused individuals are organized, punctual, and stick to plans. They make detailed schedules and expect others to do the same.

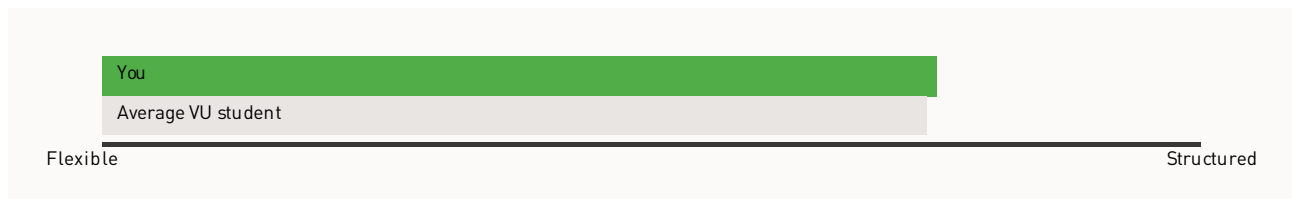
"I've made a list, this is the plan."

Flexibility-focused individuals adapt easily, can improvise, and respond quickly to changes. However, they might sometimes lose focus or drift off from their goals.

"Don't worry, I'll figure something out."

Reflect on these questions:

- *Do you agree with the outcome?*
- *Which traits do you recognize in yourself?*
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Personality

Sensitive versus Stable (handling stimuli and emotions)

Your score on this scale shows whether you are naturally calm and not easily disturbed. Or are you naturally more sensitive and more easily (over)worried?

Sensitive individuals are highly aware of external stimuli and emotions. Their mood can be influenced by themselves and others. They experience strong emotions and consider it important to address them.

"Wait a moment, something about this doesn't feel right."

Stable individuals remain calm and focused, filtering out distractions. They experience emotions but are not easily overwhelmed by them.

"Steady as she goes."

Reflect on these questions:

- *Do you agree with the outcome?*
- *Which traits do you recognize in yourself?*
- *Can you recall an example that fits this trait?*
- *When is this trait a strength, and when is it a pitfall?*



Innovation versus Tradition

This scale reflects your attitude toward change and new ideas.

Innovation-focused individuals seek out new ways of doing things. They value creativity, aesthetics, and experimentation.

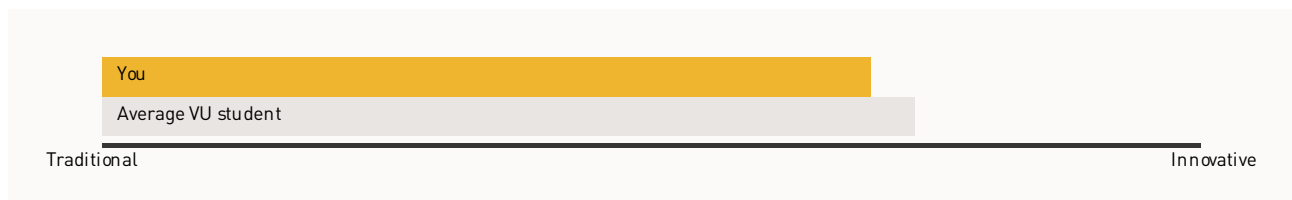
"I think we can do this differently."

Tradition-focused individuals prefer established knowledge and values. They are practical and tend to stick with what works.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Reflect on these questions:

- *Do you agree with the outcome?*
- *Which traits do you recognize in yourself?*
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- *When is this trait a strength, and when is it a pitfall?*



The meaning of this report

The Study Choice Check at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam explores your interests, motivations, and personality. While these results provide valuable insights, they are just a snapshot of who you are at this moment. As you begin a new phase in your life, it's important to continue discovering and developing your qualities.

This report invites you to explore whether your answers align with your chosen study. This is an ongoing process; you won't immediately know if there's a 'match' between you and your study, but you will discover it over time.

Keep this report close. The insights may prove useful during your studies, particularly in mentor conversations where we guide your development.

We wish you a wonderful and instructive time at VU Amsterdam.

Kind regards,

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