



BROADER MIND COURSE

Become a Guide for the Broader Mind Course and develop your coaching skills through specialized training!

Are you a Master's or third-year Bachelor student looking for ways to push yourself beyond the boundaries of your study program? Would you like to enhance your public speaking, coaching or leadership skills? Then becoming a guide for the Broader Mind Course is an excellent and unique opportunity for you!

The Broader Mind Course is an extracurricular, interdisciplinary course for Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam students from all faculties. Its principle aim is to stimulate personal growth while developing a deeper awareness of societal issues. The course invites students to reflect on various themes while actively considering their own roles and possible contributions; focusing on themes such as success & failure, poverty or sustainability.

The role of a guide in this unique course is to facilitate the discussions surrounding these topics and help students to get the most out of the challenging meetups around each theme by providing enthusiastic input and helpful feed-back.

Have you been looking for ways to enhance your public speaking or leadership skills? Becoming a guide for the Broader Mind Course is the perfect opportunity. Before leading these group sessions, you will receive a specialized training course on topics such as coaching skills, public-speaking, enhancing your leadership abilities, building confidence with public speaking, dealing with confrontation, and more. Each part of the training course has been specifically designed to not only assist you in your role as a guide, but to also build your skills sets for the rest of your academic or professional careers.

In a mixed group of students from all VU faculties and programs, students partake in a blended learning course which balances online resources and assignments with dynamic, in-person activities with the goal of working together on different assignments and learning from each other's perspectives on eight societal themes:

Track A (Theme 1 - 4): Success & Failure, Poverty, Human Body, and Rebellion.

Track B (Theme 1 - 4): Health & Happiness, Digital World, Viewpoints & Worldview, and Sustainability.

The English-taught course will run in periods 4 and 5 (from February to June 2024). For additional background information on the Broader Mind Course, please see the following links:

-Broader Mind Course website (Dutch): [VU.NL/BROADERMINDCOURSE](https://vu.nl/broadermindcourse)

-Broader Mind Course website (English): [VU.NL/BROADERMINDCOURSE](https://vu.nl/broadermindcourse)

You as guide will:

- Coach 25-30 students
- Give feedback on the mid-term assignment after period 4
- Give feedback on and assess final assignment
- Check attendance for online and offline activities
- Provide guidance for online and offline activities
- Supervise online activities, such as online discussions and assignments
- Contribute to the further development of the Broader Mind Course

What you can bring to this experience:

- Master's student (or third-year Bachelor's student with an openness to learn)
- Good communication skills (or a desire to further develop your existing communication skills!)
- Coaching experience is an advantage
- A good command of the English language
- You must be available for:
 - Guide trainings and coachings on several Thursday evenings (17:00 -19:00) mid-November 2023 – mid-May 2024.

— On campus theme ‘meetups’ (during course): either Tuesday or Wednesday. Each ‘long’ meetup will take place from 17:30 -19:30 and each ‘short’ meetup from 17:30-18:30.

- Estimated time investment (for checking student assessments, preparation for meetups, participation in guide trainings, meetups) is 6 hours per week on average (for the period from February-June 2024, less during preparatory period in November 2023-January 2024). Not in exam periods.

What we offer you:

- The unique opportunity to take specialized training courses for enhancing your public speaking, leadership, coaching and interpersonal skills. A chance to boost your CV and prepare yourself for a wide range of further academic and professional pursuits.
- Remuneration of €190 per month for a period of 8 months (Nov 2023-June 2024; total of €1,520), and a certificate for successfully completing guiding the Broader Mind Course.
- Intervention style training sessions.
- Theme-specific coaching sessions during the Broader Mind Course during which you will have the hands-on opportunity to practice facilitating discussions and balancing perspectives surrounding relevant societal topics.
- Broader Mind Course Guide Certificate which you can add to your CV.

Interested?

Are you interested in this position? If so, please send an email **before 23:59 on Friday 03 November 2023** enclosing your CV and letter of motivation to:

Name: Selene Kolman

Position: Project Manager for the Broader Mind Course

Email: s.j.j.kolman@vu.nl

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding this vacancy, please contact:

Name: Maša Pavićević

Position: Course Coordinator for the Broader Mind Course

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Interviews

Interviews will be conducted in November 2023. Dates to be determined.