

## Academic Foundation Year (AFY)

Are you sure that you want to get a higher education but unsure of exactly what you want to do?

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Do you feel like your study and language skills could use some improvement before you declare your major?

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**If so, then AFY is the perfect program for you!**



**University of Aruba**  
Academic Foundation Year



## Is the Academic Foundation Year right for me?

The Academic Foundation Year (AFY) is a novel approach to education. The structure of the AFY is based on an instructional model called the flipped classroom, which is a type of blended learning that reverses the traditional learning environment. Students will develop sound study habits and have access to career counseling as well as developing their language skills.

## What can I expect from the program?

The Academic Foundation Year is comprised of four learning tracks: the coaching and counseling program, an academic core program, language skills program, and an academic orientation program which helps students decide their future study plans. Students are encouraged to create a curriculum that reflects their interests during the academic orientation program.

## What are the entry requirements?

HAVO/VWO diploma, MBO (EPI) diploma niveau 4, International School of Aruba diploma or the Ibero American High School diploma.

Please note that candidates who have left their secondary education for more than one year will not be eligible for participation.



## What can I do with a certificate of AFY?

At the end of the AFY, students will have a strong academic foundation, and be prepared for whatever area of concentration they decide to pursue. You'll have a better sense of what you want and have the academic skills to excel in whatever area of study you choose.

Classes are in the morning and are taught in Dutch and English

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CURRICULUM



Independent student who can make a motivated study and career choice on the basis of experience, insight and self-reflection:

- Coaching and Counseling
- Academic Core
- Language Skills
- Academic Orientation

## Coaching & Counseling

- Higher Education Skills
- Group Coaching
- Individual Counseling

## Academic Core

- Context, culture & history
- Research
  - Foundations
  - Practice
  - Reporting

## Language Skills

- Academic proficiency in:
  - English
  - Dutch
  - Spanish
- Papiamentu Linguistics

## Academic Orientation

Electives:

- AFY
  - Communication
  - Earth & Environment
  - Technology & Engineering
  - Math & Calculus
- FACULTY
- FREE
  - MOOC's
  - Internships
  - Apprenticeships

## Entrance questions:

- What are my strengths & passions?
- How can I improve my competencies?
- How do I learn?
- Where can I study what?

## Student Testimonial

The Academic Foundation Year helped me by teaching me how to prepare for higher education.

For example, I've learned how to write a research paper and how to work on group projects - something I didn't learn in high school. I feel much more prepared to continue my education now.

I am very grateful for AFY. I feel completely prepared to continue my studies in the Netherlands. Many thanks to all the teachers that helped create AFY. I'm very proud to be a part of this program.

*Danique Dumfries, AFY alumna*



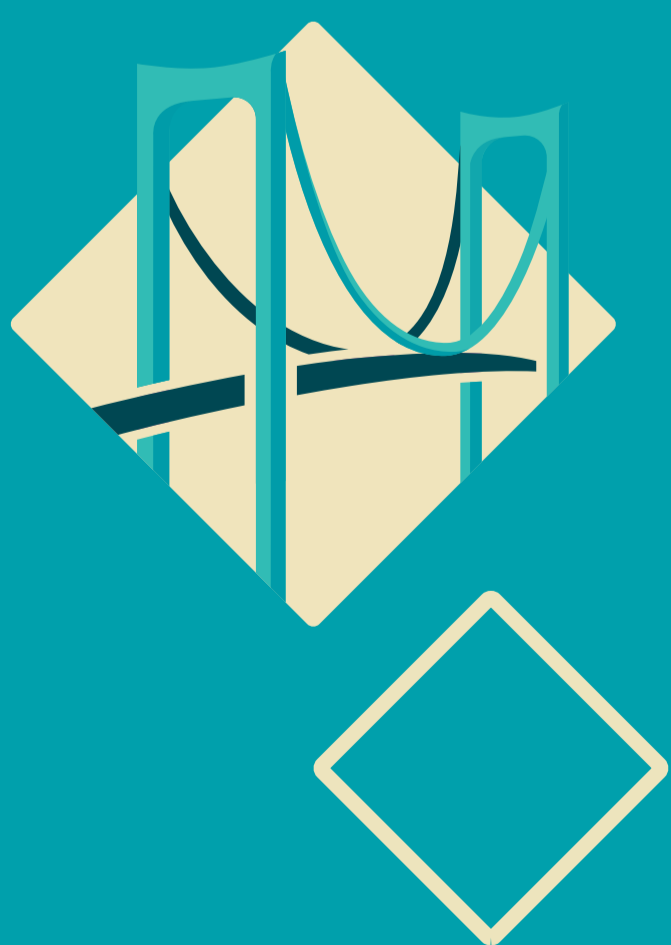


# General Campus Information

The University of Aruba (UA) has been catering to the higher educational needs of Aruba for over 30 years. Aruba is a beautiful island, made up of people from incredibly diverse backgrounds, living peacefully together. The same thing can be said for the university. Located in the heart of Aruba's historic capital, UA has grown right alongside the community it serves.

The University of Aruba offers seven (7) areas of study as well as the revolutionary Academic Foundation Year - for students with an undecided major. UA's gorgeous, tropical campus provides a background that's perfect for learning. They are also partnered with major universities all over the world and a recipient of the Erasmus grant for student exchange.

At the University of Aruba you're not just a student ID number, you're part of a vibrant academic community. You can achieve anything with @UAVibes!





# Why Should I Choose UA ?

The University of Aruba prides itself on keeping the focus on our students. Our classes are small and intimate, ensuring that every student can receive the individual attention they need to achieve their goals. We have an exceptional staff of full-time and guest lecturers who excel in their respective fields. UA isn't only concerned with teaching academia, we take a 'whole-being' approach to education by putting an emphasis on community service and living a balanced life. At the University of Aruba, you won't be just a number to us - you'll be part of our vibrant academic family.

## Continue on to SISSTEM!

Would you like to pioneer a new way of problem solving that solves problems from a multidisciplinary approach?

If so, then SISSTEM is for you!

For graduates, admission to SISSTEM is unconditional after completion of AFY with the STEM elective line.

SISSTEM is a new area of concentration at UA which, in collaboration with international partner institutes, is designed to focus on finding solutions for problems that are specific to island territories. Students receive an educational foundation firmly rooted in progressive sustainability with practical, island specific applications.

"Never give up on a dream because of the time it will take to achieve it. The time will pass anyway."

- Earl Nightingale

## Thinking of applying to our University? It only takes 2 min.

An online registration link opens on the UA website on May 15th until July 15th.

[www.ua.aw](http://www.ua.aw)


Student	Program	*Tuition
Local	Certificate Program	Awg. 1.000
**International	Certificate Program	Awg. 4.000

\* Tuition includes tuition-, administration-, and registration fee

\*\* International students: non-Dutch passport holders who have resided in Aruba for less than 5 years.

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