

# Jack-of-all-trades

For you, studying is about broadening your horizons. Your study time is a time to look around. To find out who you are and what you want to be. How do you want to contribute to the world? To do that, you have to try different things and be open to what comes your way. You might combine an internship in a research group with volunteer work or a committee of your study association with a permanent side job. In this way, you will discover where your interests and strengths lie. What do you want to do after your studies. And which social issues make your heart beat faster.



## Strength

Your open mind and broad interests will help you find the place where your talents and interests are at their best. This is how you discover how you can contribute to the world.

## Pitfall

You have a tendency to do a little bit of everything, and that can also limit your development. Make sure to maintain a good balance. You may wonder if you have chosen the right study because you have so many other interests. Keep thinking carefully about what is important to you so that broad interests do not turn into aimlessness. Recall that you can still make an impact in many ways after graduating.

## Professional perspective

Maybe after all the experimentation you know exactly where you belong. Think of an organization with many development opportunities. Or a self-employed career with great freedom to create added value. There are many options. As long as you have a varied job, you will be happy.

## Tips from VU Amsterdam

- [A Broader Mind](#) is a VU course focused on your role and that of the university within society.
- The [student councils](#) represent students within the university. Joining gives you the chance to do something for your fellow students and develop yourself.