



# Housing Information - UvA





Moving to a new city and beginning a new study is an exciting experience. Amsterdam, famous for its historical buildings and canals, is a multifaceted city bustling with knowledge, commerce, creativity and innovation. The tolerant atmosphere and open-mindedness of its inhabitants form an inviting setting for scientists, entrepreneurs and artists alike, who often work together, inspiring and stimulating one another. It is this dynamic and challenging environment that attracts students to the city.

However, this means that affordable housing is scarce. If you are a first-year or exchange student, your best bet is to apply for UvA student housing. Please read through this information booklet carefully as it contains invaluable information with regards to housing in Amsterdam, location and room types, costs and other practical matters.

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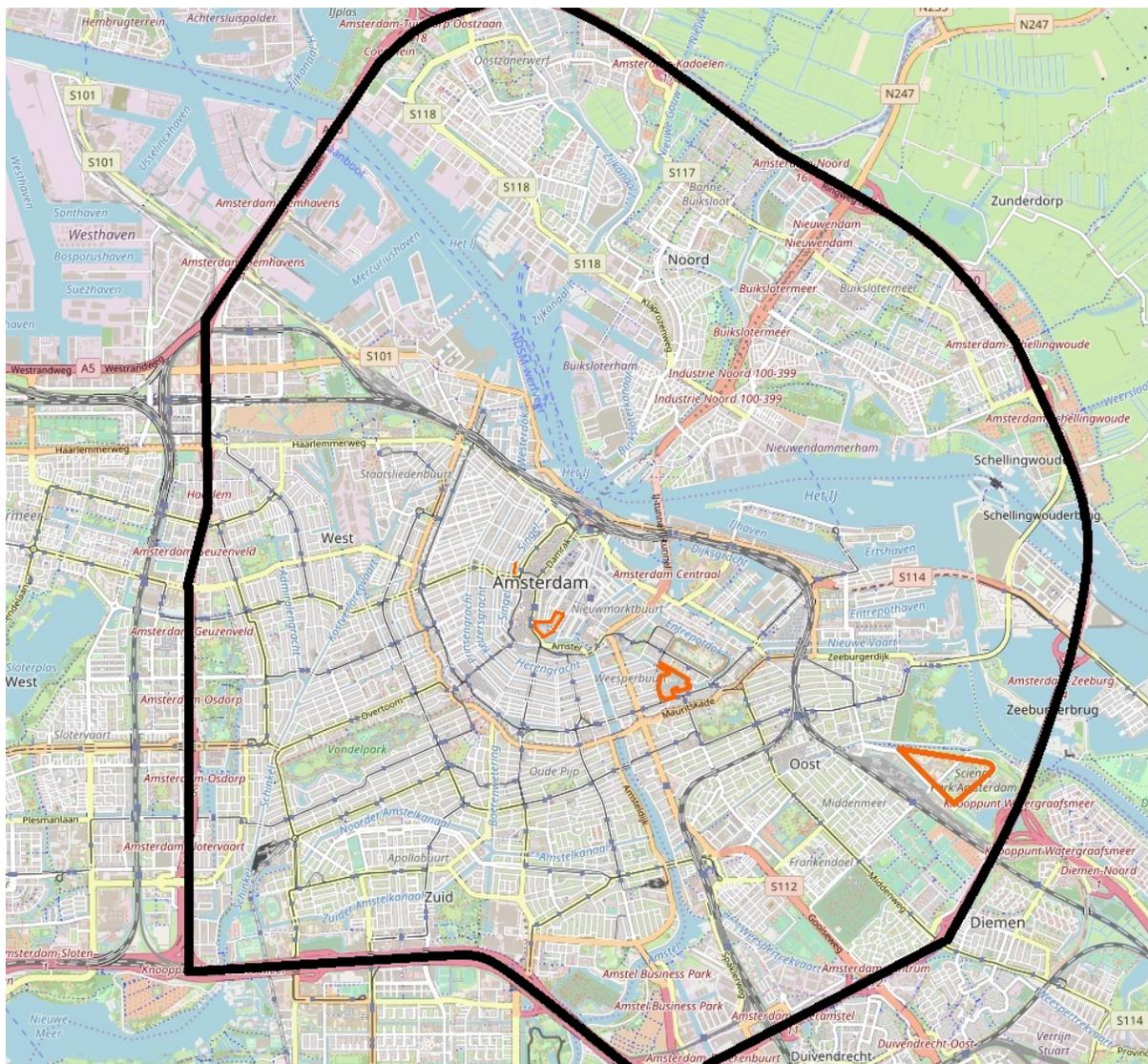
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## Location

The University of Amsterdam works with various different housing providers which offer housing options in various off-campus buildings spread across the city. These buildings are owned and managed by housing corporations who have an agreement with the UvA. Different room types, price ranges and locations are available.

Because the University of Amsterdam is a city campus, student housing is available at different locations across Amsterdam - close to, but not right on, campus. The maximum travel time from student housing to the UvA's campuses is about 45 minutes. Unfortunately due to the high demand of student housing, it's not possible to choose your location. You can, however, indicate what price range you're comfortable with spending.

If you'd like to learn more about the different neighborhoods Amsterdam has to offer, please [visit our website](#) for more information. You can also find the official map of the city of Amsterdam [here](#). Below you can find the map of Amsterdam with the UvA campuses highlighted in orange. Accommodation options are spread across the entirety of Amsterdam (but within the black border).



## **Types of rooms available**

In the online application form for student housing, you will be asked what type of room you prefer. You'll be assigned a room in that category *if space is available*. For some housing corporations, you'll be invited to choose a room using a room reservation system.

### ***Private room***

You have your own room (for sleeping and studying) and your own kitchenette and bathroom.

### ***Private room with shared facilities***

You have your own room (for sleeping and studying) and you will share facilities with other students. In some cases there is also a shared living room. Most of these rooms cater to international students.

### ***Shared room***

You live in one room (sleep, study, eat) with another student of the same gender. In most cases, the kitchenette is inside the room.

- *Sharing with a friend:* If you'd like to share a room with a friend (same gender), you and your friend must both write this down on your application forms. Sharing with a friend is only possible in the low budget category.

### ***Couples room (sharing with your partner)***

We have a small number of couples rooms. These are studio apartments with two beds and private facilities (kitchenette/bathroom). Only one of you needs to be a UvA student, but you must double pay the UvA housing fee.

### ***Unfurnished rooms (for duration of more than 1 year)***

We have a small number of unfurnished rooms with a bathroom and kitchenette. Unlike all our other accommodations, which are available for a maximum of one academic year, these unfurnished rooms can be rented for the duration of your study (Bachelor's or Master's students only).

**Please bear in mind that unfurnished rooms are completely unfurnished – this means that oftentimes there's no furnish whatsoever, so no flooring, carpeting or other upholstery.**





## **Housing providers**

UvA student housing is a partnership between the UvA and seven housing corporations that offer mainly affordable housing across Amsterdam. When you are assigned a room in student housing, you will rent directly from one of these housing corporations:

- [De Key](#)
- [DUWO](#)
- [International Campus](#)
- [Student Experience](#)
- [Hotel Jansen](#)
- [Campus Diemen Zuid](#)



## Cost of UvA student housing

Rent is between €350 and €800 per month, depending on the type of room you have. In addition to rent, you must pay administrative fees, a refundable deposit and in some cases local taxes.

### Rent

The exact amount of rent depends on the [room type](#), including the size, whether it's a private or shared room and the type of facilities (private or shared). The monthly rent does not include administration fees, deposit and local taxes. You can pay in monthly instalments.

### Rental period

When you rent a room in student housing, you commit to paying for:

- a minimum of one semester (for exchange students only)
- a maximum of one academic year

Renting month by month is not possible, nor can you terminate your contract early. It's also not possible to extend your contract. For instance, if you are pursuing a 2-year Master's degree, you will only be able to sign a housing contract for one academic year. This means that you will have to find your own housing after the first academic year, and you will need to move out on the given date on your contract.

## Administration fees

### UvA housing fee

When you submit your application for housing, you'll have to pay the UvA Housing fee. You can pay online, in Euros, using a credit card or PayPal.

UvA housing fee per person*/**	Early bird	Normal
1 semester	€190	€220
2 semesters	€375	€400

\* When applying as a couple, you must pay the double amount of UvA Housing fee

\*\* Might be subject to change.

The UvA housing fee will be refunded if we are unable to send you a room offer. If we offer you a room but you don't make use of this offer, the fee will not be refunded.

### Housing providers administration fee and deposit

You will be offered a room from one of the seven housing providers who work with us to provide student housing. The administration fee and deposit you are required to pay depends on which housing provider you're assigned to. More information is available in [this PDF file](#). Unfortunately due to the sheer volume of applicants and the room shortage, you're unable to choose your preferred housing corporation.



## **How to find a room in Amsterdam?**

UvA student housing is available for first-year international students and exchange students. Unfortunately, because of high demand, not everyone who applies for student housing gets a room. Some first-year students and most second-year students will have to look for accommodation on the private rental market.

Options include renting a room in a private home, flat-sharing with other students or staying in a student hotel.

### **Private homes, flat-sharing and student hotels**

Affordable housing in Amsterdam is scarce, so begin your search early. Consult our list of websites and organisations that offer rooms for students.

[How to find a room in Amsterdam: tips and websites \(3 p.\)](#)

### **Register with housing websites**

If you know you're going to be staying in Amsterdam for longer than a year, we strongly advise you to register on [Studentenwoningweb.nl](#) and [ROOM.nl](#) as early as possible. These sites work with a wait-list. Usually, students are offered a room after being registered for 1.5-2 years.

## **Local Taxes**

Anyone living in Amsterdam who has their own private facilities (bathroom, kitchen) is expected to pay local taxes for services such as rubbish collection, water and sewage. These taxes are not included in the rent. The tax bill will be sent to you directly by the City of Amsterdam.

### **Appealing local taxes**

You need not pay these taxes if you have a low income. Consult the City of Amsterdam website for information (in Dutch) on how to [submit an appeal](#).

## **Financial support**

If you live on your own with private facilities, you may be eligible for a rent benefit (in Dutch: *huurtoeslag*) from the Dutch government. Check the Step-by-step plan below.

The government tax office provides detailed information on [rent benefit eligibility conditions and how to apply](#).

[Step-by-step plan for applying for housing allowance \(PDF, 8 p.\)](#)



## FAQ

### Applying for Accommodation

Can the UvA provide international students with accommodation?

Can I apply for the UvA housing service if I am not a student at the UvA?

What costs are involved when renting accommodation via the UvA?

### How to apply for accommodation?

When will I receive an invitation to apply for accommodation?

Why do I have to pay the UvA/AUAS housing fee?

If I pay the UvA fee and then decide not to live in the housing offered by the university, will I get a refund of the UvA fee?

If I apply for housing via the UvA, is it guaranteed that I will get a room?

I've missed the early bird deadline, can I still get a room via the UvA?

### Room offer

Can I change my mind after I've reserved a room?

What is the duration of a tenancy contract arranged via the UvA?

Is it possible to extend my tenancy or will I have to find a room myself after my tenancy contract expires?

My partner is joining me during my studies in the Netherlands but will not be a student at the UvA. Can we get a couples' room?

Is it possible to switch accommodation after having accepted the first offer?

My account with the housing corporation has expired. Is it still possible to get a room?

### Arrived in Amsterdam. What now?

After my arrival in Amsterdam, how will I get my room key?

The state of my room is not satisfactory, who should I contact?

Is it possible to apply for a room after I've arrived in Amsterdam?

### End date of rental contract

Is it possible to end my tenancy early?

Is it possible to extend my rental contract?