Welcome to all new UvA students

For a smooth start at the University of Amsterdam, we will send you this Start Newsletter every few weeks. In this newsletter, you will find practical information as well as all sorts of nice to know details about studying and living in Amsterdam. We wish you a nice start and a wonderful and successful time at the UvA.
Pick-up service

On Friday, 16 and Monday, 19 August 2019, between 07:00 and 16:00, the UvA offers new international students a free pick-up service from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, also for students arriving by train.

- The shuttle bus will take you to the university to have an all-inclusive Start appointment.
- If you are renting with De Key or DUWO, you will also collect your key.
- Please sign up beforehand for this Pick-up service, and check the video for an impression of your arrival at the UvA.

Start appointment

To ensure a smooth start in Amsterdam, every arriving international student is invited for a Start appointment to get help with University and government formalities.

Insurance

You are required by law to have appropriate health insurance for the duration of your stay in the Netherlands. If you do not have insurance, you risk paying a
UvA student housing
You can apply for accommodation arranged through the UvA. After you’ve been admitted to a study programme at the UvA, you’ll receive an invitation to apply for housing through our online application system. There are not enough rooms to meet the demand, so our advice is to respond to this invitation as quickly as possible.
Pay the UvA housing fee online (€190-220 for 1 semester/ €375-€400 for 2 semesters), in Euros, using a credit card or Paypal. For more information, visit the website or ask the International Office at your faculty.

Finding accommodation on your own
In case you haven’t arranged accommodation in Amsterdam yet, start your search early! Find tips and info in the pdf How to find a room in Amsterdam, available on our website. Please be aware of scams while searching the various platforms.

Studying with a disability
The UvA aims to be optimally accessible to all students, regardless of a disability or special needs. Apart from help and advice to make your studies successful, we respond to your individual situation as best we can. For anything the UvA should take into account (for example, limited mobility, a chronic illness or dyslexia) - it’s important to contact a Student counsellor prior to the
**INTT: learning Dutch**

The UvA’s Institute for Dutch Language Education (INTT) offers Dutch language courses for students. Learning Dutch can be especially helpful if you wish to find employment in the Netherlands. A reduced fee applies to students in bilateral exchange programmes, and to UvA students enrolled in international study programmes.

**INTT website →**

For prospective UvA students who are native German speakers, the INTT offers an intensive summer Dutch course, starting 24 June 2019, at a reduced fee. You need to *[register](#)*.

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**Start Magazine**

Find out what you need to prepare for your studies and which extracurricular activities are available, and discover Amsterdam’s hotspots in the the UvA Start Magazine, the online magazine with an enjoyable and helpful overview of everything you need to know for your time at the University of Amsterdam.

**Go to the online Start Magazine →**

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You are receiving this newsletter to help you prepare for your study programme at the University of Amsterdam.