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 and interesting details about studying and living in Amsterdam. We wish you a perfect preparation and a good start for a great and successful time at the UvA and in Amsterdam.
Pick-up service

On Wednesday, 29 January 2020, between 07:00 and 15:00, 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 (available end of November), and check the video for an impression of your arrival at the UvA.

Sign up →

Start appointment

To ensure a smooth start in Amsterdam, all international students are invited for a Start appointment to get help with
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 start of your studies. Please note that UvA support may differ from support during preliminary education.

Support for students with a disability

International Student Network Amsterdam

The ISN Amsterdam is the largest student network in Amsterdam, a student-run organization dedicated to helping international students studying at the UvA make the most of their stay in the Netherlands. ISN is part of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and offers introduction days, parties, borrels (drinks), weekend trips, cultural activities and much more. Make the most of your time studying abroad and join the ISN Amsterdam!

Go to the ISN Amsterdam website
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 (€209-€242 for 1 semester / €413-€440 for 2 semesters), in Euros, using a credit card or Paypal. For more information, visit the website.

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.

uva.nl/findingaccommodation

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 penalty of around 130% of the nominal premium for each month that you are uninsured, plus a fine of around €375 if you do not pay on time.

Insurance website
INTT: learning Dutch
The UvA’s Institute for Dutch Language Education (INTT) offers Dutch language courses. 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 →

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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