Arrived in Amsterdam

Hopefully, you had a safe journey and a smooth start in Amsterdam after your arrival last week. Perhaps you’re starting to feel at home already! In case you have questions, please feel free to contact your Study programme, or drop by at the Central Student Service Desk. We wish you a good start at the UvA!

Just in case

The emergency number for the Netherlands is 112. Non-emergency is 0900-8844, or if you’re outside the Netherlands +31 (0)34 357-8844.

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

**Registration at the municipality**

All residents of the Netherlands must register with their local municipality. During your Start Appointment, employees of Student Services can help you set up an appointment with the municipality of Amsterdam. The municipality of Amsterdam will be at the Central Student Service Desk (Roeterseiland Campus) on **Friday, 14 February** between 09:00-12:00. Please bring your passport and rental contract (including a copy) with you.

Otherwise, you will need to make your own appointment.

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**University Library**

All UvA students have free access to the UvA Library (UBA). Your
student card doubles as your library card. The main library is located in the heart of Amsterdam. The UBA has a digital library providing round-the-clock access. Go to the website for detailed instructions, crash courses in library skills, plus all locations.

An informative and fun magazine made by Exchange Ambassadors: students on exchange at the UvA and the other way around. The Exchange Express, a perfect taster of what living in Amsterdam is like!

The editors have participated in the award-winning exchange ambassadors programme.

Career guidance during and after uni

The career coaches at the UvA Student Careers Centre can help you with your career orientation and skills. During your studies and until one year after graduation. Think of career tests to help you gain insights in your skills and work values, online videos about career skills, individual coaching about your next step, workshops, yearly career events and a database full of relevant internships, graduate jobs and part-time jobs (UvA Job board).
During your studies
When taking up a job, you will also need Dutch basic healthcare insurance, which is more expensive than student insurance. In addition, students from non-EU/EEA countries first need a work permit before they can work legally. Even then, the permit may severely restrict the number of hours you are allowed to work.

After graduation:
Orientation year
If you are a non-EU/EEA student, you can apply for an orientation year. The Orientation Year permit allows non-EEA students to spend one year in the Netherlands to find a job as a highly skilled migrant. Please read the information carefully.

Read more on uva.nl/work →

Also, keep in mind that learning Dutch will enhance your opportunities in finding a job. Go to intt.uva.nl for information about Dutch lessons.

IND study monitoring
You will have a residence permit which is valid for the duration of your studies. By Dutch law, you are allowed to keep this residence permit when you obtain at least 50% of the required credits for each academic year. The UvA therefore needs to check your progress after the end of each semester.

This does not apply to Premaster’s students. A Premaster’s programme has to be completed within one or two semesters and a residence permit for a Premaster’s programme cannot be extended.
We will inform you on this progress and any steps you may need to take later in the year. You can find more info on the [IND website](https://www.uva.nl).

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**Travelling outside the Netherlands**

You perhaps would like to travel outside the Netherlands during your studies at the UvA. With a Dutch student residence permit, you are allowed to travel within the so-called [Schengen area](https://www.uva.nl).

In case you would like to visit a non-Schengen country, you may need to apply for a visa at the embassy of that country. The difference between a visa and residence permit: a visa allows you to travel into the Netherlands and a residence permit allows you to stay in the Netherlands. Your residence permit takes precedence over your visa, so you can use your valid residence permit to re-enter the Netherlands, even if your visa has expired.

[Information about Visa](https://www.uva.nl)

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**Health and wellbeing**

> Health and wellbeing (an overview of support and self help)

> General Practitioners Practice UvA   > Academic Centre for Dentistry
Social and news

> ISN (the largest student network in Amsterdam)

> Folia International (the independent news medium at the UvA)

> UvA’s Instagram (the UvA and student life)

Sports and culture

> University Sports Centre (80 sports at discount rates)

> CREA cultural student centre (the place to meet creative minds)

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