Welcome to all new UvA students

Dear student, we’re excited for you to start your programme at the University of Amsterdam next September, and want to make your start as smooth as possible. Every few weeks, you will receive a Start Newsletter full of practical information as well as nice-to-know items to keep you updated in these challenging times.

We wish you the best of luck with your preparations and we look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam!

Arrange your health insurance

The health insurance system in The Netherlands might be different from what you are used to. By law, it’s required that you arrange appropriate health insurance for the duration of your stay. Please note that this will only be necessary from the moment your stay starts. To get up to speed with the latest information we invite you to sign up for a webinar on the subject.

- Thursday 1 July at 15.00 hours (CET) a webinar for non-EU students
- Tuesday 6 July at 15.00 hours (CET) a webinar for EU/EER students

Sign up for a webinar here →

Read more on uva.nl/insurance →

UvA student housing

The application procedure for UvA student housing has opened. Eligible students that have been (conditionally) admitted to a UvA study programme have been invited to apply for housing online. Applications are handled on a first come, first served basis. Housing will be available from the fixed start date of 20 August.

Apply for housing now →

Finding accommodation on your own

Students who started their studies online in the academic year 2020-2021 are allowed to apply for UvA housing with priority. This means fewer rooms will be available for first-year students. The International Student Housing Office will host a webinar on the subject to support you in finding accommodation on your own. You can choose to join the webinar on:

- Friday 18 June at 15.00 hours (CET).
- Friday 30 July at 15.00 hours (CET).

To register, and for tips and information, go to:

uva.nl/findingaccommodation →
Start Magazine

Find out what you need to prepare for your studies. Discover which extracurricular activities are available. Read all about Amsterdam's hotspots. The online UvA Start Magazine will provide you with an enjoyable and helpful overview of everything you need to know when you start your studies at the University of Amsterdam.

Go to the online Start Magazine ➔

Studying with a disability

The UvA aims to be optimally accessible to all students, regardless of a disability or special needs. We offer help and advice to make your studies successful and respond to your individual situation as best we can. For anything the UvA should take into account (for example; limited mobility, chronic illness or dyslexia) it's important to contact a student counsellor well before the start of your studies.

Support for students with a disability ➔

Learning Dutch

*Hallo, hoe gaat het?* The UvA's Institute for Dutch Language Education (INTT) offers Dutch language courses at different levels and intensities. You'll soon find out that most people in Amsterdam speak English to some degree, but learning a little Dutch can be very useful if you want to find a job to support your studies. A reduced fee for the courses applies to UvA students enrolled in international study programmes.

Go to the INTT website ➔

Extra information for Chinese students

[Message only sent to students with Chinese nationality.]

Are you a Chinese student coming to the Netherlands? Then you will need a Nuific certificate for the application of your entry visa (MVV) and residence permit (VVR). Please be sure to apply for the Nuific certificate well in advance as it can take some time to be issued. More information about the certificate and application procedure can be found on the website.

Nuific certificate ➔

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