Welcome to all new UvA students

Dear student, we are excited you’re about to start your programme at the University of Amsterdam next February. We would like to make your start as smooth as possible.

You’ll receive our Start Newsletters in the upcoming months, full of practical information and nice-to-know items to keep you updated.

We wish you the best of luck with your preparations and are looking forward to welcoming you to Amsterdam.

Arrange your health insurance

[Message only sent to MVV & VVR students.]

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 entire duration of your stay. Failing to do so may result in a fine.

Make sure you have the type of coverage you feel comfortable with. Also, on our website, you can get up to speed with the latest information.

Read more →

UvA student housing

The application procedure for UvA student housing has opened. Eligible students that have been (conditionally) admitted to a UvA study programme or Exchange programme have been invited to apply for housing online. Applications are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Accommodation will be available from the fixed start date of 2 February.

uva.nl/housing →

Finding accommodation on your own

Unfortunately, there is not enough housing available for all new students. Therefore, it is strongly advised you also look for accommodation independently. You can find tips and a webinar regarding this subject via:

uva.nl/findingaccommodation →

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 consider (for example, limited mobility, chronic illness or dyslexia), it’s important to contact a student counsellor. Please note, that it will take some time to make proper arrangements, so seek advice well before starting 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.

**Dutch language courses at the INTT website →**

**Additional information for Chinese nationals**

*[Message only sent to students with Chinese nationality.]*

Are you a Chinese national who is coming to study in the Netherlands? You will need a Nuffic certificate to apply for your entry visa (MVV) and residence permit (VVR). **Please be sure to apply for the Nuffic 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.

**Nuffic Certificate →**
University locations

The University of Amsterdam has locations and buildings throughout the city. Large clusters are situated around Dam Square-Spui Square (City Centre), Roeterseiland (East) and Science Park (East). Another location is at the Amsterdam UMC/hospital location AMC (South-East).

All UvA locations ➔

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