UvA Start Newsletter

What will your education look like?
Are you curious about the form of your education when you start your study? We're assuming that teaching activities on campus will be possible without restrictions for the new academic year. It goes without saying that this depends on the covid measure developments.

Please have a look at our website for the latest updates.

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ISN buddy programme
Just arrived, and want to meet new people? Sign up for the ISN Buddy Programme, and it'll match you with a local student and other international students that shares your interests. Your local buddy will love to show you around and answer all your questions about university, housing or the best places to grab a coffee.

For more information and to sign up →

Exchange Express
[Message only sent to exchange students.]
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!

Exchange Express: take a glance →

IND study monitoring
[Message only sent to REG, MVV and VVR students.]
Your Dutch residence permit will be valid for the duration of your studies. According to Dutch law you're only allowed to keep your residence permit when you obtain at least 50% of the required credits for each academic year. Premaster's students are exempted from this rule.

Later this year, we'll inform you about this process and any steps you may need to take. Also, you can find more info on the IND website.

Student ID card
As a new student at the UvA, request your Student ID card. You can apply for your
student ID card one month before you start at UvA. To apply for your student ID card, you need your UvAnetID. First, upload a picture for your student card. Read more about: how to apply for your student ID card

When your student card is ready for pick-up, you will receive an email where to collect it.

Finalise enrollment and tuition fee
[Message only sent to REG students.]

You will receive emails from the UvA concerning the status of your enrollment. In the checklist on www.sis.uva.nl you can check what you need to do to finalise your enrolment. Once you have finished your enrollment and have completed your tuition fee payment, you will receive proof of registration via email.

You can either pay the whole tuition fee amount at once or authorize the UvA to debit your tuition fee in monthly instalments. For this option, you will need a bank account from within the SEPA territory. Read more on www.uva.nl/payment

Living expenses

It's a good idea to check your budget before coming to Amsterdam. Expect to spend about €925–€1,500 a month on living expenses alone, tuition fees not included. For a rough breakdown, go to the link below. Keep in mind that finding additional funding once you've arrived can be challenging. Most scholarships, for instance, have to be applied for while you're still in your home country. Read more about living expenses

Loans for US students
[Message only sent to US students.]

The UvA is eligible to facilitate the US Federal Direct Loan Program (also known as FAFSA). These loans are available for US citizens to help them finance tuition and other expenses while studying. If you wish to apply, please consider that it takes about four weeks to complete a (regular) application. You can find more information about the loans and application process on our website. Go to US Direct Loan Program

Questions?

As a new student, you probably have plenty of questions. But did you know that you can find a lot of answers online? Go to the frequently asked questions

You can find coronavirus related information and frequently asked questions be found here.

If you have a more specific question about your situation, you can contact The Central Student Service Desk.

Housing webinar - How to find accommodation on your own?

To help you in your search for housing, the International Student Housing Office hosts a second webinar. You can sign up for the second webinar on 30 July 3:00pm – 4:00pm (CEST). The webinar consists of a short presentation and a Q&A with the housing office and student ambassadors who have experience finding accommodation on their own.

You can also watch the recording for the first webinar here.
Register for the webinar on 30 July →

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