Welcome to all new UvA students

Dear student, we hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. We’re excited for you to start your degree 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 welcome you in Amsterdam.

What will your education be like?

Due to the corona virus pandemic, all education and research at Dutch universities has been conducted remotely since 16 March 2020. At present, Dutch universities are considering several scenarios for the start of the new academic year.
The UvA will make sure that education can continue. We are preparing to enable small-scale attendance from 31 August on. For some study programmes, a form of hybrid education will be provided.

By 1 July, it will be clear for all programmes what education will be like in the first semester. You will find the latest updates on our website www.uva.nl/coronavirus.

Read the full statement of all Dutch universities.

UvA student housing

After you've been admitted to a study programme at the UvA, you'll receive an invitation email to apply for UvA student housing through our online application system. Our advice is to respond to this invitation as quickly as possible. Student housing will be available from mid-August on.

We can imagine that your travel situation is unclear at the moment, which might result in questions about your housing application. We recommend to keep a close eye on the UvA Housing website for the latest developments.

uva.nl/housing →

Finding accommodation on your own

In case you don’t want to make use of UvA student housing, start your search early! Find tips and info on our website.

uva.nl/findingaccommodation →

Apply for your residence permit

(for non-EEA students)

As you might be aware, to study in the Netherlands, you will need a residence permit. Whether your education will take place online or partly on campus, you will still need to apply for a residence permit (VVR) and/or entry visa (MVV)
through the UvA Immigration Office. This is a legal requirement to be able to start your study programme. Visit our immigration website for more information.

For questions about collecting your entry visa in corona times, please visit the Q&A page on the website of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Extra information for Chinese students

If you are a Chinese student coming to the Netherlands, you need to apply for a Nuffic certificate for the application of your entry visa (MVV) and residence permit (VVR). The Nuffic certificate needs to be applied for well in advance as it can take some time to be issued. More information about the certificate and application procedure can be found on our website.

**Nuffic certificate →**

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Arrange your health insurance

The health insurance system in the Netherlands might be different from what you are used to. It is very important that you arrange appropriate health insurance for the duration of your stay, as this is required by law. Please note that this will only be necessary from the moment you have arrived in the Netherlands, not before.

**uva.nl/insurance →**
We’re in this together

We are happy that you have chosen to be part of the UvA community. Students and staff at UvA prove to be remarkably adaptable and resilient. Our alumni at Nozem Films have captured a little bit of these strange times on video to share with you as we keep looking ahead to the future. Take a peek to see what university life looked like during the coronavirus period.

In this together on Youtube →

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You are receiving this newsletter to help you prepare for your study programme at the University of Amsterdam, once every two or three weeks, from June to the end of September.

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