UvA Start Newsletter

Start your visa application

(for non-EEA students)

Did you already start your visa procedure? You need to apply for a residence permit through the UvA Immigration office in order to be allowed to start your study programme, even if your first semester turns out to be online only and you want study from home.

Please note that having a Dutch residence permit is a legal requirement for being allowed to start your studies at the UvA. The IND will need to have approved your residence permit application before the start of your study programme. You can find more information on this online.

Go to our Immigration website →

Have you registered for Intreeweek?
(for Bachelor's and Master's students)

In September your student life in Amsterdam will finally start. To prepare you for this new adventure, Committee Intree will organize an introduction week you don’t want to miss! This year, Intree will take place mostly online. The brand new digital platform will present you with a surprising programme containing useful workshops, presentations by student associations, online games and quizzes and a party livestream, to name a few.

You can find more information on the on- and (if possible) offline programme on the Intree website. And if you haven’t registered yet, do so quickly – you have received an email about registering for Intreeweek on the 1st of July.

**Please note:** AUC students do not participate in Intree, there’s a separate introduction at AUC.

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**Prepare your arrival**

Moving to a different country can be very exciting, but especially in times like these, it can also seem like a lot of work. To help guide you through all the steps you need to take after your arrival to The Netherlands, we have set up a useful website. Here, you will find all the information you need when settling in Amsterdam, like picking up the key to your room, how to register with the municipality and how to get your student card.

**Please note:** AUC students will be informed separately about the procedures that apply to them.
Student Finance DUO
A Dutch word you will probably hear a lot throughout your studies is *studiefinanciering* (student finance). You might be eligible for student finance from the Dutch government. Whether you qualify for these loans depends on your nationality or residency status, age and study programme. It’s worth your while to check your eligibility.

DUO website about student finance →

University life in times of corona
Our student ambassador Najiba made a vlog about university life in Amsterdam during this global pandemic. Watch her video to see how the Dutch government measures influence a student’s life right now. Got questions about living and studying in Amsterdam? Chat with Najiba and other international students on our website. Want to know more about corona measures at the UvA and in the Netherlands? Visit uva.nl/coronavirus for the latest UvA updates or visit the website of the Dutch government and the RIVM (the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment).

Watch Najiba’s vlog (YouTube) →

CREA cultural student centre
CREA, the UvA’s own cultural centre, is a great place to meet creative minds. They offer a wide range of courses in music, fine arts, dance, writing, media and much more. In the evenings, there’s a varied programme with movies, theatre and stand-up comedy. And if you’re looking for a place to grab a coffee or have drinks with (new) friends, the CREA café is perfectly located right in the middle of the Roeterseiland Campus.

Go to CREA →

Cycling in Amsterdam

Cycling is cheap and healthy, and the main means of transport in Amsterdam, the bicycle capital of the world. Never biked before? Some tips: buy a good bike and take your time to get used to it, as cycling in Amsterdam can be quite hectic, especially during rush hours. Be aware that cyclists, too, have to obey traffic rules. Bikes are for sale at bicycle repair shops.

Read more about cycling safely →

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