UvA Start Newsletter

Career guidance during and after uni

The career coaches at the UvA Student Careers Centre can help you with your career orientation and developing your skills – from the beginning of your studies, until one year after graduation. Think of career tests to help you gain insights in your skills and work values, online videos about career skills, individual coaching about your next steps, workshops and yearly career events.

Go to career.uva.nl →
UvA Job Board

Looking for a relevant internship, part-time job or graduate job? Make sure to check out UvA Job Board, the job platform exclusively for UvA students and recent graduates. Log in with your UvAnetID to view all vacancies, new ones are added on a daily basis.

Go to UvA Job Board →

UvA Walks

Wish you could meet other students in real life, and not just online? Tim Wagelaar, a Political Science student, has set up UvA Walks. This initiative matches students in the Amsterdam area for a social distance outdoor walk. Not living in Amsterdam? No worries, you can also connect through a (video) call. So whether you are currently in Amsterdam, Germany, China or the US, you can have a chat with one of your fellow students (and of course, your time zone will be taken into account when the match is made).

Sign up for UvA Walks →

UvA Housing available for arriving students

If you are planning to arrive in the Netherlands in February and have not
yet arranged accommodation, the International Student Housing Office can help you out. There are temporary, furnished rooms available that you can move into straight away.

You can find more information about the costs and types of housing offered via uva.nl/housing. Please contact the International Student Housing for more information.

Contact the International Student Housing Office →

Cycling in Amsterdam

Cycling is cheap and healthy, and the main means of transport in Amsterdam, the bicycle capital of the world. Looking for a place to buy a bike? Try one of the many bike repair shops that you'll encounter. Never biked before? Some tips: buy a good (second hand) 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. And make sure to also invest in a proper lock, as bike theft is common.

Read more about cycling safely →
A positive and safe study environment

The UvA is committed to providing you a positive study environment. To maintain a socially safe basis for studies and work, students and staff have various options to address possible concerns, dilemmas and complaints. It is good to know that there are different individuals and institutions you can turn to for support.

Social Safety Support Guide for students →

Student charter and code of conduct

The Students’ Charter covers a range of topics of importance to UvA students, such as rules and regulations and rights and duties. Find more info about studying in the Netherlands in the Code of Conduct International Student in Dutch Higher Education.

UvA Students’ Charter →

University of Amsterdam

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