



UvA Start Newsletter

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Welcome to all new UvA students

Dear **student**, we're excited for you to start your programme at the University of Amsterdam next September and want to make your start as smooth as possible.

In the upcoming months, you will receive a series of Start Newsletters full of practical information as well as nice-to-know items to keep you updated.

We wish you the best of luck with your preparations and look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam!



Arrange your health insurance

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. Take special care if you have any pre-existing conditions. On our website, you can get up to speed with the latest information.

[Read more about health insurance →](#)



UvA student housing

The application procedure for UvA student housing is now open. Eligible students that have been (conditionally) admitted to a UvA study programme have been invited to apply for housing online. All applications are handled via lottery. Housing will be available from the fixed start date of 18 August.

[Read more on uva.nl/housing →](https://uva.nl/housing)

Finding accommodation on your own

Unfortunately, the university won't be able to provide enough housing to accommodate all new students. Therefore, we strongly recommend to look for accommodation independently before the outcome of your housing application. Check our website for more information and also [apply to attend our upcoming webinar \(26 June 15:00 CEST\)](#) on how to search for a room in Amsterdam.

[uva.nl/findingaccommodation →](https://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 take into consideration (for example, limited mobility, chronic illness or dyslexia), it's important to contact a student counsellor. Please note that it takes time to make proper arrangements, so seek advice as soon as you're admitted to your programme.

[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 →](#)



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 →](#)

University of Amsterdam

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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 up to the first week of September.

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