



UvA Start Newsletter

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One month to go!

Dear **student**,

In less than a month, we will welcome you to the UvA. We look forward to seeing you soon! There is an [online checklist](#) to help you make some necessary arrangements for your time in Amsterdam. **Check the website often to stay up to date about the latest developments.**

Go to uva.nl/uponarrival →

Arrival webinar

Join us for all your questions about arriving in the Netherlands, registering with the municipality, and collecting the keys to your room.

- **Tuesday 15 August**, 15:00 - 16:00 CEST (for all students with a non-EEA-nationality)
- **Wednesday 16 August**, 15:00 – 16:00 CEST (for all students with an EEA nationality)

[Find the webinars →](#)



Housing

Please do not travel to Amsterdam if you have no residence

As you might know, the Amsterdam housing market is extremely challenging. Without the guarantee of a residence, you will likely find yourself in an unstable and unsustainable position. That means, you would have to resort to (expensive) hotels or hostels, and that situation is likely to last for an extended period after your arrival. Therefore, **we strongly advise you not to travel to Amsterdam if you haven't found a place to live before the end of August** and to change the plans for your studies accordingly.

Change your plans accordingly

Like every student, it is vital that you can start the academic year and your adventures abroad without the stress of possibly being homeless. If you have not succeeded in finding a place to live, we urge you **to change your plans to study in Amsterdam accordingly**. If you decide not to commence your studies at the UvA, please cancel your application on [Studielink](#) (in case of Bachelor's and Master's student) or contact the international office of your preferred faculty (in case of Exchange student).

If you have any questions after reading this, please contact the [Student Housing Office](#).

A Dutch word you will probably hear a lot throughout your studies is *stuft*, the abbreviation for *studiefinanciering* (student finance). You might be eligible for student finance from the Dutch government. Whether you qualify depends on your nationality, residency status, age, and study programme. **Do check your eligibility to not miss out.**

[DUO website about student finance →](#)



Studying with a disability/support needs

The UvA aims to be optimally accessible to all students, regardless of disability, or support needs. **We offer help and advice to make your studies successful and respond to your situation as best we can.** Contact a student counsellor, preferably well before starting your studies, if there is anything the UvA should consider, like limited mobility, chronic illness, or another support request.

[Information for students with a disability/support question →](#)



University library and study centres

UvA students have **free access** to the UvA Library buildings to study and pick up books. Study centres are located throughout Amsterdam and have excellent opening times, even for night owls. Of course, the digital library will provide round-the-clock access. You'll also be happy to know the library and our study

centres provide a reliable, stable, and fast internet connection for your research whenever you need it.

[Study centres and opening hours →](#)



Reminder: join the ESN introduction for Exchange students!

There are still a few spots left for the ESN summer introduction. Get to know your fellow Exchange students, the city, and the university at this great four-day event, from **Tuesday 22 August 2023 until Friday 25 August 2023**. Sign up now via the personal link sent to you via email.

[Check out the ESN introduction →](#)

Other introductions coming up:

All new Bachelor's students are invited to the legendary general introduction, [Intreeweek!](#) Taking place from **Monday, 28 August until Friday, 1 September, 2023**, this is something you do not want to miss. Check your inbox for your personal registration email.

Meet your fellow Master's students, both Dutch and international, during [Get in Touch](#). This one lasts just one day, but what a day it will be! Join us on **Wednesday, 23 August, 2023** by registering via the link in an email sent to you.



Exchange Express

[This information only applies to exchange students.]

An informative and fun magazine made by Exchange Ambassadors: students on exchange at the UvA and those who went abroad. The Exchange Express is a **perfect taster of what living in Amsterdam is like!**

[Check out the Exchange Express](#) →



Software and hardware discount

A working, well-equipped laptop or computer is crucial for the success of your studies. As a UvA student, you will find that particular software, such as Office 356 ProPlus, is [freely available](#). You can also purchase software and hardware at substantial discount prices on Surfspot. **Make sure to use your UvAnetID to log in.**

[Go to Surfspot](#) →

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Editors: UvA Student Services. Contact us through the [UvA Central Student Service Desk](#).

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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