



UvA Start Newsletter

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Happy holidays!

Dear student,

How quickly a year goes by! Take a bit of time during these final weeks to do some fun planning: choose a study association, see if you need any last-minute gadgets from Surfspot and read through the Start Magazine. Whether you will be celebrating with friends or family, in real life or online, we wish you happy days and a wonderful new year. We look forward to welcoming you in 2024!

Webinars not to miss

To help you with your arrival in the Netherlands, Student Services will host the **Upon arrival webinar** for both EU and non-EU students on 17 January 2024, from 15:00-16:00 CET. We'll bring you up to speed with the latest on your municipality registration, student card, residence permit, and health insurance. You can also chat with staff and ask your questions.

[Find the Upon arrival webinar →](#)

Dutch law requires all international students to have appropriate health insurance for their entire stay in the Netherlands. Everything you should know about [health insurance for international students](#) can be found on our website. The **Aon Student Insurance webinar** on 9 January 2024 will highlight the critical aspects of health insurance during your time abroad and is a great preparation.

[Check out the details of the Aon Student Insurance webinar →](#)



Finalise enrolment and tuition fee

[This information only applies to regular students]

You'll receive emails from the UvA concerning the status of your enrolment. The [SIS checklist](#) shows what you need to do to finalise your enrolment. Once you have finished your enrolment (checks for every item of the checklist) and have completed your tuition fee payment, you will receive proof of enrolment via email.

You can either pay the full tuition fee at once or authorise the UvA to debit your tuition fee in monthly instalments. You'll need a bank account from within the SEPA territory for this option.

[Read more on \[uva.nl/payment\]\(https://uva.nl/payment\) →](#)

IND study monitoring

[This information only applies to regular, MVV & VVR students]

Your Dutch residence permit will be valid for the duration of your studies. According to Dutch law, you're only allowed to keep your residence permit when you obtain at least 50% of the required credits for each academic year. Premaster's students are exempted from this rule, but must complete their courses within a maximum of two semesters.

Later this year, we'll inform you about this process and any steps you may need to take.

If you experience serious personal circumstances throughout the academic year and expect not to be able to reach enough credits (ECTS), it is very important to get in touch with our student counsellors so they are aware. If you have questions regarding the Study Progress Monitoring process, don't hesitate to get in touch with the [Immigration Office](#).

[Read more about study monitoring](#) →



Student Associations

Studying is about much more than just your education. Each study programme has its own association which organises social events and offers book discounts for its members. You will receive more information about this during the introduction of your study programme.

Perhaps, you might be interested in joining an association that shares your interest, orientation, mindset or background. There are plenty to choose from and many like-minded people to meet!

In addition, there are student unions like [ASVA](#), which represent the interests of all students. Student associations such as [ESN](#) look after the interests of international students.

[Find your student association](#) →



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 365 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.

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