



UvA Start Newsletter

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Are you ready? Safe travels!

Dear student,

You are about to start an amazing time abroad and must have a million things on your mind. **We've got you covered.** Read our [checklist](#) and find important updated info about registration with the municipality! Watch our [webinar](#) to do a last check, or find an overview of everything arrival-related on our dedicated page.

[Go to uva.nl/uponarrival](https://uva.nl/uponarrival) →

Join the ESN Mokum Club Party at Q-Factory!

For all students!

Saturday, 3rd February 2024, doors open at 22, tickets start at 10 Euros.

Get your tickets now! →



International Student Ambassadors: ask your questions

[This information only applies to regular students]

Would you like to know what it's like to study at the University of Amsterdam? In our **series of ASK videos**, topics like study load, the Dutch grading system and the academic year's structure are covered. Watch the videos on our [Youtube channel](#).

Our **international student ambassadors** are here to answer all your questions. You can contact them any time via chat, and they'll get back to you within 48 hours. Also, make sure to check out the blog section, which includes lots of helpful tips for applicants and new students.

Ask a question, chat with a current student and read student blogs →



Cultural Exchange Ambassadors

[This information only applies to exchange students.]

Interested in meeting local and international students and playing a key role at the University of Amsterdam? Want to expand your volunteer experiences and collaborate with a diverse student body? Keen on acquiring 21st-century skills to thrive as an intercultural leader? Join our group of global changemakers and support our multicultural student community.

Cultural Exchange Ambassadors Programme →



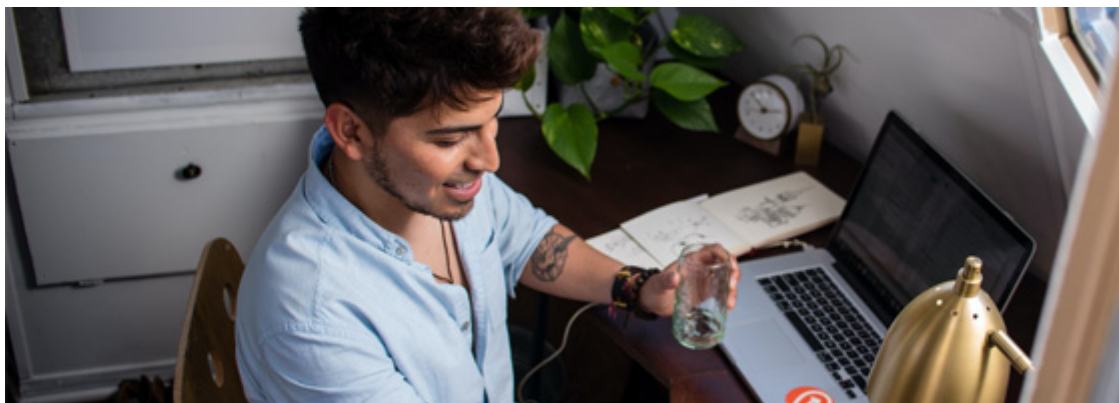
Student Mobility public transport discount card

In the Netherlands, **you need a chip card to travel** on train, bus, metro and tram. Student Mobility offers a customized public transport card (+ ISIC student ID) **with special discounts to international students!** Furthermore, you can buy your first train ticket upon arrival in the Netherlands at a reduced rate via Student Mobility. And finally, they also have a programme to rent or buy a bike.

To plan your trips, either within Amsterdam or throughout the Netherlands, we recommend using the online travel planner <https://9292.nl/en>. Make sure to download their useful app as well.

Student Mobility and ISIC are independent organisations and not related to the UvA. For questions, please see their website.

[Check out the offer here →](#)



Tips for your personal safety

Amsterdam is a small city with a pleasant atmosphere where you will soon feel at home. As in every capital, it is a good idea to take some safety precautions.

- Always watch your belongings, especially in crowded places, bus stops, when you're on public transport, shopping and so on – pickpockets may be active.
- Avoid walking or cycling alone in poorly lit and unpopulated areas after dark.
- Do not use ATMs at night in quiet areas.
- Bike theft is common in Amsterdam. If you have a bicycle, make sure to always lock both the wheel and frame properly, preferably by locking it in a bike rack.

The **emergency number for the Netherlands is 112**. Non-emergency is 0900-8844, or if you're outside the Netherlands +31 (0)34 578 844.

[Read more about safety in Amsterdam →](#)



Wireless internet

When you are in one of the university's buildings, you can always connect to the Open-Wi-Fi network. Simply activate the correct settings and use your

UvAnetID (student number) to gain access. **More secure and suitable for sending sensitive information is 'Eduroam'**. To use the Eduroam network, provided collaboratively by an international group of higher education institutions, you must install the software.

[How to connect →](#)

Not starting your studies in February?

[This information only applies to regular students]

If you do not wish to start your studies in February 2024, **please cancel your enrolment request in Studielink**. This helps the UvA determine how many students to expect. It will prevent you from receiving further email reminders about your enrolment. Go to Studielink and select the programme for which you wish to disenroll, and click 'cancel'. Next, check the box 'I confirm that I wish to cancel my enrolment (application)' and click 'confirm'.

[Go to Studielink →](#)



Exchange Express

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

[Check out the Exchange Express →](#)

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 November up to the beginning of February.

[Previous editions](#) are available online (pdf).

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