



UvA Start Newsletter

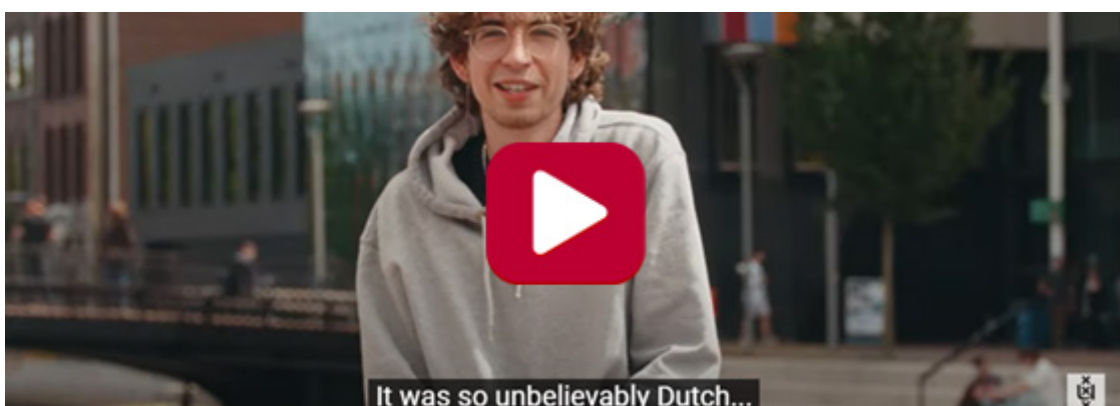
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Cheers to new beginnings!

Dear **student**,

With the start of the new semester your time abroad has officially begun. Was it a smooth start? Have you collected some funny anecdotes already? In case you have questions, please feel free to contact your [study programme](#), or ask the [Central Student Service Desk](#) for assistance. **We wish you an exciting time at the UvA!**

Navigating the First Week: UvA Student Experiences & Tips



Register with your municipality

Hopefully, you're all settled in the place you'll call home for the next semester(s). If you plan to stay in the Netherlands for longer than four months, one of your to-do's is to **register as a resident in the town where you're going to live**. After a successful registration you will be given a BSN (citizen service number). The UvA has made specific arrangements with the municipalities of Amsterdam and Diemen for easy registration of its students in February 2024. Please note, the location and steps will be different if your bed is in a different city.

[Check out what to bring and when to visit →](#)



Career guidance during and after university

The UvA's career coaches are here to assist you in gaining insights in your career skills, career direction and work values. There is **an array of tools to help you achieve this**, such as online videos, CV feedback, workshops, yearly career events and a database full of internships, graduate jobs and part-time jobs, as well as individual coaching. You can contact the Student Careers Centre during your studies and up till one year after graduation.

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



Working in the Netherlands

Working during your studies

In Amsterdam, there are plenty of opportunities to add a little to your income during your studies. Regulations for non-EU/EEA students can be strict, so make sure you know them before applying. Select possibilities for internships or study-related sidejobs can be found through [UvA Job board](#) (log in with your UvAnetID).

After graduation: orientation year permit

If you are a non-EU/EEA student, you can apply for an orientation year permit. The Orientation Year permit allows non-EEA students to spend one year in the Netherlands to find a job. The [information session](#) 'Finding a job in the Netherlands', hosted regularly, can help you prepare.

[Find all rules and regulations regarding work and permits on \[uva.nl/work\]\(https://uva.nl/work\) →](#)



Travelling outside the Netherlands

[This information only applies to Non-EU students.]

Are you interested in travelling outside the Netherlands during your studies? With a Dutch student residence permit, you are allowed to travel within the so-called [Schengen area](#). However, if you would like to visit a non-Schengen country, you may need to apply for a visa at that country's embassy. Note the important difference between a visa and a residence permit:

- a visa allows you to travel to the Netherlands
- a residence permit allows you to stay in the Netherlands

Your residence permit takes precedence over your visa, so you can use your valid residence permit to re-enter the Netherlands, even if your visa has expired.

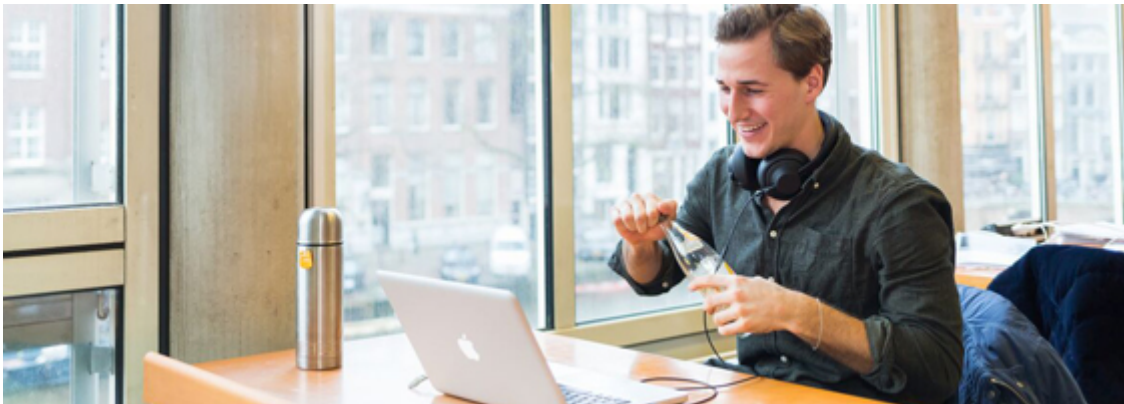
[Read more about Visa →](#)



Discounts for students

Are you looking to **save some money** during your time in Amsterdam? Check out these discount offers especially for (new) students!

- With a [CJP card](#), you can visit cultural events and hotspots at a bargain and save cash in selected shops. Order your card (students up to 30 years of age), currently for only €10,00 a year. This website is only in Dutch. Ask one of your Dutch peers to help you: a great way to make a first connection!
- UvA students can purchase software and hardware online from [Surfspot](#) at substantial discount prices. Make sure to use your UvAnetID to log in.



University library

UvA students have **free access** to the [UvA Library buildings](#) to **study and pick up books**. Whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you'll always find a time and space to work. Apart from the books on our shelves, you are well-served by our other facilities such as a reliable, stable, and fast internet connection for your research, scans on demand and the option to borrow from other libraries.

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