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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 this September and want to make your start as smooth as possible.

Over the coming months, you will receive a series of Start Newsletters containing practical information, as well as useful updates and other helpful information to keep you informed.

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



UvA student housing

The application procedure for UvA student housing has now closed. It is no longer possible to apply for UvA housing. Students who did participate have received an update about their lottery result via email, so **we urge all applicants to check their UvA student email inbox and spam folder again**. All rental contracts will start between late July and mid-August.

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

Finding accommodation on your own

Unfortunately, the university cannot accommodate all incoming international students. Therefore, **we strongly recommend searching for accommodation independently**, especially if your lottery result was negative or you have been placed on the waiting list.

Our [UvA student housing team](#) will host a webinar with tips on how to find accommodation on your own. **Join our webinar on Wednesday 24 June at 15:00 CEST!** Spots are limited, so please sign up if you would like to join.

[Register here for the webinar](#) →



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 study advisor**. 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 →](#)

[Study adviser →](#)



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 discover that most people in Amsterdam speak English to some extent, but **learning some Dutch can be very useful**, especially if you would like to find a job

alongside your studies. UvA students enrolled in international study programmes are eligible for a reduced course fee.

[Dutch language courses at the INTT website →](#)



UvA Unibuddy Community

[This information applies to all students except Exchange students]

Start meeting your future classmates! While you're waiting for updates on your application, we have something exciting for you: the opportunity to connect with other (prospective) students. Sign up and start building your network today!

[For more information and to sign up →](#)

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 →](#)

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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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