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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 at one of the [central introductions](#) events or simply on campus! Our [online checklist](#) will help help you to make the necessary arrangements for your stay in Amsterdam. **Check the website regularly to stay up to date** with the latest information.

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

Arrival webinar

Join our arrival webinar to **get answers to all your questions** about arriving in the Netherlands, registering with the municipality and collecting the keys to your room.

- **Wednesday, 19 August 2026, 15:00-16:00 CEST**
(for all students with a non-EEA-nationality)
- **Thursday, 20 August 2026, 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 **before the 1st of September in [Studielink](#)** (in case of Bachelor's and Master's students) or contact the international office of your preferred faculty (in case of Exchange students).

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

Student finance from DUO

A Dutch word you will probably hear often throughout your studies is *stufi*, short for *studiefinanciering*, which means student finance. You may be eligible for student finance from the Dutch government. Whether you qualify depends on factors such as your nationality, residence status, age and study programme. **Make sure to check whether you are eligible so you don't miss out.**

[DUO website about student finance](#) →



UvA Unibuddy Community

[This information applies to all students except Exchange students]

Start meeting your future classmates through the UvA Unibuddy Community. **Connect with other prospective students**, exchange experiences and start building your network before your studies begin. It is a great way to ask questions, share tips and get a first taste of student life at the UvA.

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



University library and study centres

UvA students have free access to the UvA Library locations, where they can study and borrow or collect books. Study centres are located throughout Amsterdam and have generous opening hours, even for night owls. The digital library is available around the clock.

The Library and our study centres also offer a reliable, stable and fast internet connection, giving you access to the resources you need for your research.

[Study centres and opening hours →](#)



Reminder: join the Summer Introduction for Master & Exchange students!

[This information only applies to Master & exchange students.]

There are still a few places available for the Summer Introduction. Get to know your fellow students, the city and the university during this exciting event, taking place from **Wednesday 19 August to Friday 21 August**. Sign up now using the personal link sent to you by email.

[Check out the Summer Introduction →](#)



Reminder: join Intreeweek!

[This information only applies to Bachelor students.]

All new Bachelor's students are invited to the legendary general introduction week: Intreeweek! Taking place from **Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August**, this is an event you do not want to miss. Check out the website for more information!

[Check out the Intreeweek →](#)

Try UvA AI Chat now

UvA AI Chat is **free for UvA students** and works much the same as commercial models. The key difference is that your data stays within the UvA environment: no one can view your prompts or data, not even third parties. Want to try it now so you're well prepared?

[Try UvA AI Chat here →](#)



Learning Through Differences

[This information only applies to Bachelor students.]

Starting university means meeting people with different backgrounds, perspectives and opinions.

The e-learning *Learning Through Differences* helps you navigate these differences and **engage in open and respectful conversations throughout your studies.**

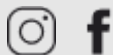
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You are receiving this newsletter to help you prepare for your study programme at the University of Amsterdam, once every two or three weeks, from June up to the first week of September. Previous editions are available [online](#).

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