



## UvA Start Newsletter

### Welcome to all new UvA students

Dear student, we hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. We're excited for you to start your degree programme at the University of Amsterdam next February, and want to make your start as smooth as possible.

Every few weeks, you will receive a Start Newsletter full of practical information as well as nice-to-know items to keep you updated in these challenging times.

We wish you the best of luck with your preparations and we look forward to welcome you in Amsterdam.



### Apply for your residence permit

*[Message sent to non-EEA students only]*

As you might be aware, to study in The Netherlands, you will need a residence permit. Whether your education will take place completely online or partly on

campus, you will still need to apply for a residence permit (VVR) and/or entry visa (MVV) through the UvA Immigration Office. This is a legal requirement to be able to start your study programme.

[Visit our immigration website for more information →](#)

For questions about collecting your entry visa in corona times, please visit the [Q&A page on the website of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

## Extra information for Chinese students

*[Message sent to Chinese students only]*

If you are a Chinese student coming to the Netherlands, you need to apply for a Nuffic certificate for the application of your entry visa (MVV) and residence permit (VVR). The Nuffic certificate needs to be applied for well in advance as it can take some time to be issued. More information about the certificate and application procedure can be found on our website.

[More information on the Nuffic certificate →](#)



## UvA student housing

This week the application procedure for UvA student housing will open. After you've been (conditionally) admitted to a study programme at UvA, you'll receive an invitation email to apply for housing through our online application system.

Our advice is to register as quickly as possible. Complete your housing application by paying the UvA housing fee online (€395 for 2 semesters). Student housing will be available from the fixed starting date of 27 January.

Questions about UvA student housing? You can find most answers on our website.

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

### **Finding accommodation on your own**

In case you don't want to make use of UvA student housing, start your search early! Find tips and info on our website.

[uva.nl/findingaccommodation](https://uva.nl/findingaccommodation) →

## **International Student Network Amsterdam**

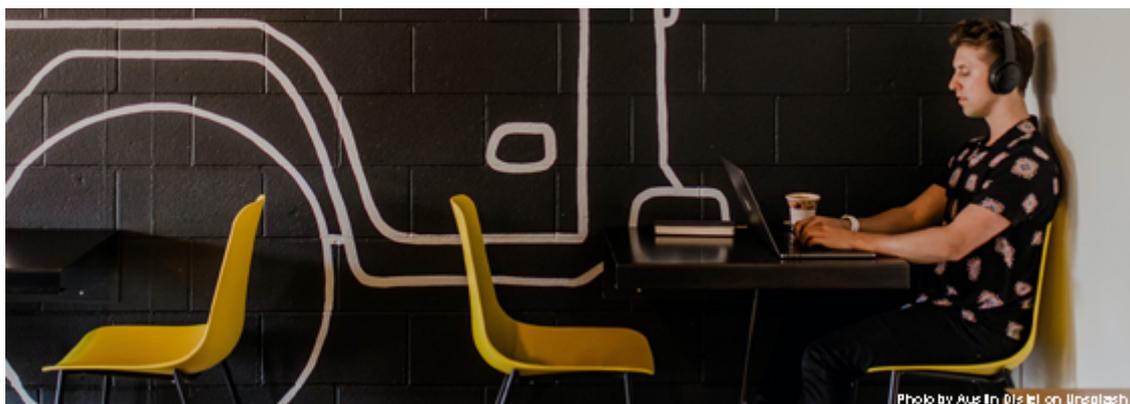
Are you looking to make life-long friends from all over the world?

The International Student Network (ISN) Amsterdam is a student-run non-profit organization dedicated to helping international students make the most out of their stay in the Netherlands. They offer a variety of fun social and cultural events throughout the year, like weekend trips, parties and much more.

The board members and volunteers are currently organising their creative and exciting weekly activities online to add some extra colour to your student life.

Make your time in Amsterdam unforgettable, and join ISN Amsterdam!

[Become a member](#) →



## **Arrange your health insurance**

The health insurance system in the Netherlands might be different from what you are used to. It is very important that you arrange appropriate health insurance for the duration of your stay, as this is required by law. Please note that this will only be necessary from the moment you have arrived in the Netherlands, not before.

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



## Start Magazine

Find out what you need to prepare for your studies. Discover which extra-curricular activities are available. Read all about Amsterdam's hotspots. The online UvA Start Magazine will provide you with an enjoyable and helpful overview of everything you need to know when you start your studies at the University of Amsterdam.

[Go to the online Start Magazine](#) →



## We're in this together

We are happy that you have chosen to be part of the UvA community. Students and staff at UvA prove to be remarkably adaptable and resilient. Our UvA alumni at Nozem Films have captured a little bit of these strange times to share with you as we keep looking ahead to the future. Take a peek at what university life has looked like during this coronavirus period:

[In this together on Youtube](#) →

## 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 to the beginning of February.

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