



UvA Start Newsletter | no. 2 - 05 December 2024

Welcome to the UvA

Dear **student**,

Today is Sinterklaas' birthday, and as the chill of winter settles over Amsterdam, we're here to keep you informed. In this issue, you'll find **important topics** like the Students' Charter and financial tips. We've also added **a touch of fun** - have you checked out the courses at CREA or USC yet? Stay warm and enjoy planning your first semester!



UvA x Amsterdam Winter Introduction

Get your student life in Amsterdam off to a great start, and sign up for the Amsterdam Winter Introduction 2025, in collaboration with ESN, the Erasmus

Student Network. The University of Amsterdam (UvA) and ESN are joining forces to create **an unforgettable introduction experience**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow students, explore the city of Amsterdam, and get a head start on your university experience. The central introduction will take place on **Thursday, January 30, and Friday, January 31, 2025**, and is a great way to kick off your student life in Amsterdam. For study-specific introductions, please check with your [faculty](#).

To buy a ticket, please register here →



Check out the overview of (free) UvA wellbeing support!

Studying can be both **exciting and challenging**, and the UvA is here to support your health and wellbeing. From study advisers and student psychologists to general practitioners, CREA (the cultural center), and seven UvA sports locations across Amsterdam - there are **plenty of resources available** to help you thrive. Whatever services you might need during your studies, you're likely to find them on our website. Visit now for the full overview!

Everything on health and wellbeing →



Money Matters

While you can't put a price on knowledge, studying certainly doesn't come cheap. Expect to spend about €975 - €1,500 a month on living expenses alone, **tuition fees not included**. On our website you can find a [rough breakdown](#) to help you prepare financially.

Fees and funding

Several scholarships and loans are available to UvA students for them to **finance their tuition and living expenses** while studying in the Netherlands. If you wish to apply, please note that there are deadlines. Also, consider it may take multiple weeks to complete applications, and that some must be applied for while you're still in your home country.

[Go to Fees and Funding](#) →

Student ID card

To borrow your books from the library or to safely park your bicycle: **the student ID card is indispensable on campus**. Request yours and apply by uploading a photo using your [UvAnetID](#). You can get this sorted **one month before your start** at the UvA. When your card is ready for pick-up, you will receive an e-mail about where to collect it. This may take several weeks.

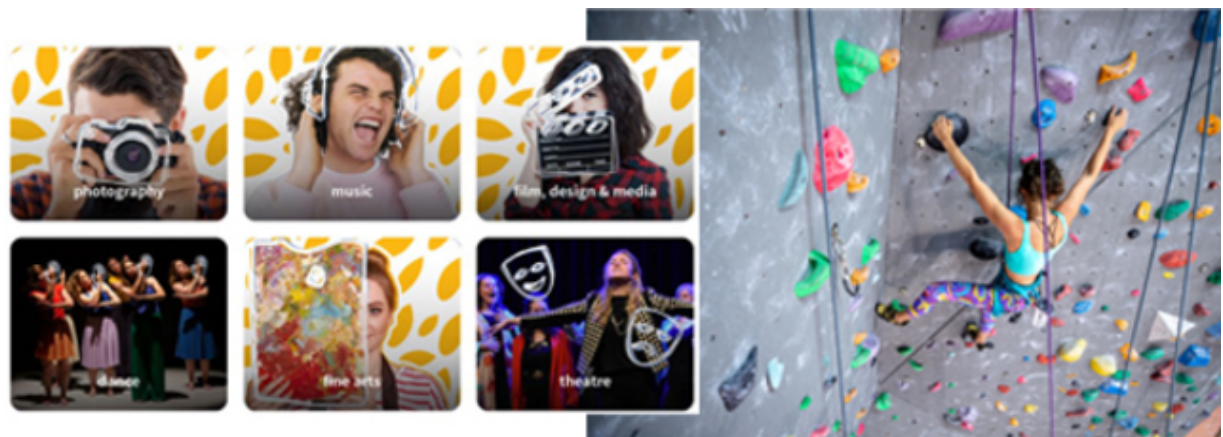
[Read more about how to apply for your student ID card](#) →



Students' charter and code of conduct

The Students' Charter covers **various topics of importance** to UvA students, such as rules and regulations, rights, and duties. Find more info about studying in the Netherlands in the [Code of Conduct International Student in Dutch Higher Education](#).

[UvA Students' Charter](#) →



Creativity and sports at the UvA

Cultural student center (CREA)

CREA is a great place to **meet creative minds**. On offer are courses in music, fine arts, dance, writing, media and much more. And if you're looking for a place to **grab a coffee** or have drinks, the CREA café is ideally located right in the middle of the Roeterseiland Campus.

[Go to CREA](#) →

University Sports Centre (USC)

Archery, bouldering, speed skating: the University Sports Centre offers students **a great variety of sports at discount rates**. The main building Universum,

has a large gym, a climbing wall, squash courts and other facilities.

[Go to the USC →](#)

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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 first week of February. Previous editions are available [UvA Start Newsletter](#) (online pdf).

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