ON CAMPUS AMSTERDAM & THE SURROUNDING AREA

01 & 02. UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM AND ONCAMPUS AMSTERDAM

03. SPORT CENTRE OF UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM
The University Sport Centre offers over 70 different sport activities available to students. Students can participate with great discounts.

04. ROYAL PALACE
During the Dutch Golden Age, in the 17th century, the Royal Palace on Dam Square was built as a city hall. The building became the Royal Palace of King Louis Napoleon and later of the Dutch Royal House.

05. NIEUWMARKT (CHINATOWN)
Nieuwmarkt is a square in Amsterdam’s Chinatown, with many lively cafés, bars and restaurants. There is a daily market and an organic food market on Saturdays.

06. KALVERSTRAAT
The Kalverstraat is one of the biggest & busiest shopping streets in Amsterdam. Many famous brands have their shops in the Kalverstraat, which was named after the ‘Kalvermarkt’ (calves market) that was held here until the 17th Century.

07. RIJKSMUSEUM
The Rijksmuseum is a Dutch National museum dedicated to arts and history. The museum was founded in the early 19th Century, and opened its doors again in 2013 after 10 years of renovation. Rembrandt van Rijn’s famous painting The Night Watch can be found here.

08. AMSTERDAM FLOWER MARKET
The Flower Market in the city centre of Amsterdam is the only floating flower market in the world. There are many florists and garden shops, as well as a big variety of souvenirs.

09. VAN GOGH MUSEUM
Dedicated to the works of Vincent van Gogh and his contemporaries, this museum can be found at Museum Square, close to Rijksmuseum.

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AMSTERDAM CENTRAAL STATION

ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Bijlmer Arena

FLOWER MARKET

KALVERSTRAAT

RIJKSMUSEUM

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AROUND CAMPUS...
WHERE WILL I FIND...?

**Banks**
- **ING**
  Bijlmerplein 79, 1102 BH Amsterdam
- **ABN AMRO**
  Singel 548, 1017 AZ Amsterdam
- **Rabobank**
  Bijlmerplein 518, 1102 DP Amsterdam

**Taxi office**
- **TCA Taxi**
  Wisseloordplein 2, 1106 MH Amsterdam
  Tel: +31 (0) 900 - 6777 777

**Local council**
- **Amsterdam Municipal Registry Office**
  Dienst Persoons- en Geoinformatie
  Amstel 1, 1011 PN Amsterdam
- **Amsterdam Zuidoost Municipality**
  Anton de Komplein
  1501102 CW Amsterdam
- **Diemen Municipal Registry Office**
  D.J. den Hartoglaan 1
  1111 ZB Diemen

**City Library**
- **Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam**
  Oosterdokskade 143
  1011 DL Amsterdam

**Transport**
- **Station Amsterdam Centraal**
  Stationsplein 1, 1012 AB Amsterdam
- **Station Amsterdam Amstel**
  Julianaplein 1, 1097 DN Amsterdam

**Student Union**
- **ASVA Student Desk**
  CREA, first floor,
  Nieuwe Achtergracht 170
  1018VV Amsterdam
  Tel: 020 5252926
  E: studentenbalie@asva.nl

**Shopping centre**
- **Amsterdame Poort Bijlmerplein**
  Kalverstraat
  1012 XD Amsterdam
- **Magna Plaza**
  Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 182
  1012 SJ Amsterdam

**Supermarkets**
- **Albert Heijn**
  Bijlmerplein 526, 1102 DP, Amsterdam
- **Lidl**
  Bijlmerplein 94, 1102 DA, Amsterdam
- **HEMA**
  Bijlmerplein 869, 1102 MG, Amsterdam
- **Etos - Chemist**
  Bijlmerplein 719, 1102 MA Amsterdam

**Markets**
- **Albert Cuyp Markt**
  Albert Cuypstraat, 1072 CN Amsterdam
- **Waterlooplein markt**
  Waterlooplein 2, 1011 PG Amsterdam

**Post NL counter**
- **Primeria**
  Bijlmerplein 993, 1102 MK Amsterdam

**Police station**
- **Police station Bijlmerdreef**
  Flierbosdreef 15, 1102 BV Amsterdam
  Tel 0900-8844

**Housing corporations**
- **De Key**
  Hooge Kadijk 179, 1018 BK Amsterdam
- **DUWO**
  Uilenstede 108, 1183 AM Amstelveen

**TEACHING BUILDINGS**

**Faculty of Business and Economics**
- **Fraijlemaborg 133**
  1102 CV Amsterdam

This is where the **ONCAMPUS** office is located. Your lessons will be in this building or in another university building nearby.

**University Library**

The Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences’ (AUAS) library is across 20 locations and open to all university staff and students, including **ONCAMPUS** students. To borrow materials from the library, you need your University Student Card.

The library locations and study centres offer over 1,923 study places, 204 of which are equipped with a computer. The study rooms at the Wibaut Building Library have the longest opening hours, including evenings and weekends.

The library in the Faculty of Economics and Business is also open during some weekends.

You can also bring your own laptop and connect to WiFi.

**Fraijlemaborg Library** [416 study spaces]
- **Fraijlemaborg 133**
  1102 CV Amsterdam
  020 523 6046
  Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8.30—18.00
  Fri 8.30—17.00

For the complete list of libraries, opening hours and addresses go to www.amsterdamuas.com/library
ENROLMENT AND INDUCTION

Enrolment at ONCAMPUS

During Induction week please bring your passport, visa, sponsorship letter (if applicable), personal details and documents as shown below. Once you have registered at the ONCAMPUS office you will be provided with information about registering with the City Hall (Gemeente).

It is important that you arrive in Amsterdam in time for Induction Week. The Induction sessions will give you the opportunity to meet key ONCAMPUS staff and other students on your course. You will learn about the university, the centre and your programme of study, and join ONCAMPUS formally. You will also receive information about the university’s library and services and will complete the enrolment process.

Enrolment is the administrative process whereby you are admitted to ONCAMPUS as a student. It is part of your induction. On the first day of induction, we will tell you when and where your enrolment will take place.

Please bring the following when you come to enrol:
- Your passport
- Your visa (if applicable)
- Your passport
- Details of someone to contact in case of emergency and details of your next of kin.

AUAS student account – Library and computing facilities

During Induction Week you will receive your AUAS Student ID Card if you have uploaded your photo on mijnhvapas.nl/site/. If you want to open a Dutch bank account you can take your Certificate of Enrolment with you. You will need your student card to borrow materials from the library. ONCAMPUS students have full access to all student support services.

Registering with the City Hall (Gemeente)

After you arrive in the Netherlands you will need to register with the City Hall (Gemeente)
- To register with the city hall you will need:
  - Your passport
  - Your residence permit (if you have already picked it up)
  - Your Letter of Enrolment from ONCAMPUS
  - Proof of your address (lease agreement)
  - Your Certified Birth Certificate

If you change your address at a later point in the year, you will need to inform the Gemeente within five days. This can be done either in person at the Gemeente or online after registering for a DigiD account. The office team will help you with registering and changing your address. After your registration you will receive your BSN number (citizen service number) within a few weeks.

DigiD account

After you have received your BSN number you can apply for a DigiD. Your DigiD consists of a username and a password of your choice. With your DigiD you get access to hundreds of Dutch government websites. You will also need a DigiD account to enrol for your studies at AUAS. You can apply on: www.digid.nl/en/

Opening a bank account

You will need to open a bank account when you arrive in the Netherlands. The Netherlands has many banks but the three largest are ING, ABN AMRO and Rabobank. All three offer special student accounts, though AUAS recommends students open an account with ING. While ING does not charge a monthly fee for their student account, some banks do. Make sure you check what fees you will be charged before opening an account.

The refund of the living expenses (as part of the visa application) will be refunded once you have a Dutch bank account.

To open a bank account in the Netherlands you will need:
- Proof of identity (passport)
- Proof of address (lease agreement)
- Registration at the city hall and your personal BSN number

- Your AUAS student card
- A mobile phone number (for internet banking)

If you wish to transfer money to another bank account, either in the Netherlands or another country, the easiest way to do this is with internet banking.

Most Dutch banks also offer very easy to use mobile banking apps.

Under 18? If you are under 18 it is unfortunately not possible to open a Dutch bank account. Please contact the office if you need further assistance.

ONCAMPUS Student Portal

The Student Portal is our student intranet and gives you access to your own personal page.

Go to http://my.oncampus.global/ and log-in to:
- Check your personal information
- View your timetable
- Monitor your attendance
- View your exam entries and results

You will be given your username and password in induction week.

You are also advised to access your email daily, as important ONCAMPUS information and notices will be sent to your private address.
Health and wellbeing

All students who come to study in the Netherlands are required to have health insurance. You will have the same rights to health care as a Dutch resident. This means that you can register with a GP (local doctor), receive hospital treatment, treatment for pre-existing conditions and full maternity services. Most policies do not pay for dental (teeth) or optical (eye) services. To find out if these items are covered please read your health insurance policy.

Drugstores and pharmacies

If you have a minor injury or you’re not feeling 100%, plasters and bandages, vitamin supplements and over the counter medicines like paracetamol and aspirin are available from drugstores like Etos and Kruidvat. For most medications you will need to get a prescription from a doctor. If after visiting a doctor you need prescription medicine, you will need to go to an apotheek (pharmacy). Most doctors have an apotheek close by or will help you find one.

Going to the doctor

If you are sick or you have an accident, the first place you should go to is a General Practitioner doctor’s office (huisarts). If you think it is life threatening you can go to an emergency room but in most cases you should visit a normal doctor’s office first. There is a University Health Service that is open to all students. Appointments can be made on workdays between 09:00 and 12:00 by telephone or at the front desk. It is also possible to ask a medical question on the phone. In order to arrange this, you need to call the office and a doctor will call you back at an appointed time. Both the doctors and the reception staff speak English and if you call, the phone service has an English option. You are also welcome to choose your own doctor.

If you need to see a doctor outside normal hours it is advisable to go to an after hours surgery (huisartsenpost). These surgeries are run by normal doctors who take turns working night shifts. Only visit a hospital if you believe it is an emergency as you may pay a financial penalty for visiting a hospital when it is not necessary.

Emergency Services

If you do ever find yourself in an emergency situation you should call 112. This is the emergency number for Ambulance, Fire & Rescue and the Police throughout Europe. It is free to call from any landline or mobile phone but is only to be used in emergency situations. You can find more information on how to find appropriate emergency assistance on the I Amsterdam website [http://www.iamsterdam.com/en/visiting/plan-your-trip/practical-info/health-safety].

Other services

The University of Amsterdam also provides a psychology service. Students can contact the psychologist directly and all sessions are strictly confidential. Please find more information on www.uva.nl/studentpsychologists. You can find information on how to find a dentist on the I Amsterdam website. Dentists are not always covered by health insurance so check your policy before you go to make sure you know what costs will be involved.

Useful contacts

Student Doctor
Oude Turfmarkt 151
1012 GC Amsterdam
T: 020 525 2878 / 4772
W: http://www.huisartsenamsterdam.nl/
Emergencies during office hours:
020 525 2889
Emergencies outside of office hours and on the weekend:
088 00 30 600

Dentist - ACTA Amsterdam
Gustav Mahler Laan 3004
1081 LA AMSTERDAM
T: 020-5980380

Student Psychologist
Binnengasthuisstraat 9
1012 ZA Amsterdam
T: 020-525 2599

De Advieswinkel
A student run initiative to support people struggling with mental and emotional wellbeing.
W: http://de-advieswinkel.nl/english
info@de-advieswinkel.nl

Emergency Telephone Number
T: 112 (Fire brigade, Police or Ambulance for critical or life-threatening situations)

Police Telephone Number
T: 0900-8844 or 0031-343 57 8844 (all other situations)

Hospital (only in case of emergencies)
Onze Lieve Vrouwe Gasthuis
Oosterpark 9, 1091 AC Amsterdam

AMC
Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam

AON Insurance
T: 010 448 8270
E: students@aon.nl

Emergency Telephone Number
ONCAMPUS Amsterdam
T: +31 (0)6 52027689
**ATTENDANCE AND VISA**

**Visa**

Depending on your nationality, you will have had to apply for an MVV-visa to enter the Netherlands. The MVV-visa is only a temporary visa (valid for three months) and will be replaced by a residence permit soon after your arrival in the Netherlands.

The Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences applies for your residence permit on your behalf, and will inform you as soon as you can make an appointment to pick it up at the office of the Immigration and Naturalisation Department (IND) in Amsterdam.

If you did not need a visa to enter the Netherlands, you will be informed once your residence permit is ready in the same way (unless you are an EU-national in which case you will not need a residence permit.)

**Residence permit extension**

Your residence permit is valid for the duration of your course at ONCAMPUS Amsterdam and your degree programme at AUAS. This means you will not need to renew your residence permit until you have completed your bachelor degree providing you attain at least 50% of the credits of your study programme each academic year (which means a minimum of 30 credit points each year). If you do not attain the 50% threshold, AUAS will verify whether there is an excusable reason for you to be exempted from the threshold. If you are not exempted, AUAS will have to inform the IND and your residence permit will be withdrawn.

Please note that you will need to sign two statements for the AUAS Immigration team every year.

Please see the AUAS website for more information on practical matters: www.amsterdamuas.com/education/practical-matters/practical-matters

**Working in the Netherlands**

Finding paid employment can be difficult if you don’t speak Dutch. Moreover, depending on your nationality, you may need a work permit if you wish to combine your studies with a job. This work permit is free of charge, but you can only work 16 hours per week year round or full-time during summertime.

Please also note that if you aim to get a part-time job, you will need a different [and more expensive] type of health insurance.

For more information about working in the Netherlands see https://bit.ly/2MyHj3nl

**Attendance**

**Required attendance:** Attendance at classes is compulsory. You are expected to attend Monday to Friday from the first day of term until the last day of term, including any examination and re-sit weeks. We expect 100% attendance from all students unless you have good reason not to be in classes.

Religious holidays: As a multicultural education centre, ONCAMPUS has respect for all faiths. We may allow time off for religious holidays but cannot guarantee any time off outside the published term dates. Please contact the Centre Head should you wish to take time off for a religious holiday.

Illness: If you are ill you MUST call the ONCAMPUS Office on 020 523 6092 or email amsterdam@oncampus.global as soon as possible to report your absence. You must then fill in an Absence Request Form upon your return. You can self-certify your own sickness for up to 2 consecutive days. After 2 days you MUST provide a note from your doctor stating why you were unable to attend class.

Planned absence from classes: Please try to book appointments around your classes. If this is not possible, please inform the office which class(es) you will miss by sending an email to amsterdam@oncampus.global

Personal tutors: If you have any queries or personal problems that may affect your attendance, please talk to your Personal Tutor. The name of your personal tutor is on your timetable and you will meet him/her a few times every term.

A student who does not attain an attendance level of 100% may not be guaranteed entry to the examination sessions and may be removed from their course (at the discretion of the Centre Head).
UNDERGRADUATE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
PASSING & PROGRESSION CRITERIA

Pass mark
1) The pass mark for the ONCAMPUS AUAS programme is 50%. To achieve this, you need to have at least 40% in each of your academic subjects.

Each of the academic subjects is weighted as follows:

Economics, Finance & Accounting
Economics exam 30%
Accounting exam 30%
Presentation 15%
Coursework 25%

Business Behaviours
Final exam 60%
Presentation 15%
Coursework 25%

Skills for Business
Learning diary 70%
CSR Essay 15%
Presentation 15%

2) You also need to have at least an overall IELTS score of 6.0 and no subscore below 5.5 to pass the ONCAMPUS AUAS programme.

Progression criteria
If you meet the mentioned criteria, you have a guaranteed progression to the BBA International Business (regular track).

If you would like to progress to BBA International Business Fast-Track programme, you will need to have an overall grade of 70% for your academic subjects (no subject below 40%). Also, you will need an overall IELTS score of 6.0 (no subscore below 6.0).

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Programme overview & exam rules and regulations
During Induction week we will show you how to access Moodle. There you will find, among other things, the ONCAMPUS Programme Handbook, which contains a programme overview and important exam rules and regulations.

Some important exam rules:
• If you miss an exam without a valid reason, your resit will be capped at 40%
• For each piece of formally assessed work you are entitled to ONE resit
• The best marks of the two attempts made will be taken by the Centre

Responsibilities as an ONCAMPUS student
Once you have successfully joined our programme, it is very important that you understand your responsibilities.

• You must enrol at the centre on or before the date stated in your offer letter, and return at the start of each subsequent term.
• ONCAMPUS will report to the university and IND any students who have an MVV and/or Certificate of Enrolment who fail to enrol by the stated enrolment deadline.
• ONCAMPUS will report to the university and IND any students who have an MVV and/or Certificate of Enrolment who fail to enrol by the stated enrolment deadline.
• ONCAMPUS is obliged to tell the university and IND if a student withdraws from a course, defers or suspends their studies, or if a student fails to attend their course regularly. You are expected to attend 100% of your classes.
• You must keep us informed of any changes to your contact details or personal circumstances.

Penalties
Penalties for failing to comply with these rules may be severe and long lasting, and may mean your removal from the Netherlands and/or your exclusion from the Netherlands for a number of years. You must confirm that you have read and understood the information provided above.

After your ONCAMPUS programme
Once you have successfully finished your foundation programme you will be given a certificate of graduation and a transcript of results. You will be given this soon after the end of the last term. If you have already left the country, the office can store your certificates until you return to Amsterdam to start the bachelor programme. If you are not returning to Amsterdam, we can post the certificates to you but you may need to pay for postage.

You will be required to register for the BBA IB programme on the online portal Studielink before the application deadline of 1 May 2019. We also advise you to register for another Applied Sciences University programme as a back-up plan, so that you can progress to another study in case you don’t meet the AUAS progression criteria. Please note that the application deadline for most studies is 1 May 2019. If you have any questions, please ask in the centre office. Please do not ignore the e-mails from the AUAS team.
Student Support and Advice

Student enquiries
You can come and speak to members of the ONCAMPUS Amsterdam team in relation to a range of issues, for example:
• Visa advice and guidance
• Accommodation advice and guidance
• Request for official documents
• Informing us of a change of address or any other changes to your personal details
• Requesting authorised absence
• Any questions/concerns you may have with regard to your programme of study

If you have a question or concerns not covered in the list above, please come and see us during office hours and we will be happy to provide any assistance we can.

If you have a confidential matter to discuss please see anyone in the office and ask to speak in private.

Please check your ONCAMPUS email regularly. If we need to see you, we will contact by email.

Student advice at AUAS
The AUAS Student Information Office (SIO) assists undergraduate, graduate and PhD students at AUAS needing information, advice or support regarding their registration as a student and other matters which concern studying at the AUAS.

AUAS SIO can be contacted via www.amsterdamuas.com/education/contact

Personal tutors
Every ONCAMPUS student is allocated a Personal Tutor. Your tutor is a member of the academic staff and you will see them every week. It is your responsibility to make contact and keep in touch with your Personal Tutor during your studies at ONCAMPUS. They will act as a contact between you and the rest of the Centre should there be problems which need to be notified. They may also be someone you approach for a reference at a later stage of your academic career.

Changing personal tutor
If your tutor leaves, another member of staff will be appointed as your Personal Tutor, however, if you feel that the relationship is not developing and that, for whatever reason, you are unable to confide in your Personal Tutor, you should approach the Centre Head and request a change of Personal Tutor, explaining the reasons for the request.

ONCAMPUS will not hold this request against you. If, for any reason, you feel unable to approach the Centre Head on this matter you should seek the assistance of another member of staff.

Disability
For the purpose of this statement, disability is defined as: “A physical or mental impairment with substantial and long term adverse effect on normal day to day activities.”

The centre ethos is to provide a high-quality educational experience, designed to ensure that students excel both academically and personally. As such, we aim to ensure that all students are treated as individuals and that needs are met accordingly. Those students who are within the scope of the definition of disabled will be supported with regard to integration into both the pastoral and academic programmes following an appropriate assessment of their needs.
STUDENT SUPPORT AND ADVICE

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Staying safe
While at AUAS, we want you to feel safe and secure at all times. There are things you can do to help yourself and those around you. You can call ONCAMPUS Amsterdam (020-5236092) to deal with any problems. Don’t be afraid to call the police on 0900-8844 or in case of an emergency on 112.

• Be vigilant when you are out, particularly at night. Make sure you lock all windows and doors to your room/flat/house when you leave.
• Keep expensive items such as bags, jewellery, mobile phones and mp3 players out of sight when in public areas.
• Plan how you will get home before you go out.
• Keep an eye out for friends when you are out and about. Make sure you know where your drink has come from and that it is in your possession at all times.
• Try to walk with others, particularly at night.

We recommend you take out a comprehensive insurance plan to protect your belongings during your period of study at ONCAMPUS. It is your responsibility to make sure that your possessions are sufficiently insured.

Emergency numbers
ONCAMPUS Amsterdam
+31 (0)6 52027689

UvA/AUAS Student Doctors’ office
020 525 2889 / 088 00 30 600

Police/Fire/Ambulance EMERGENCY Number 112

Making international calls
Keeping in touch with your family and friends at home is important. You should make sure that you have a way of communicating with them regularly. Today’s technology makes this very easy. Your options include using the internet, international dialling cards and mobile phones.

Culture shock
Leaving home and travelling to study in a new country can be a stressful experience. Even though it may be something you have planned and prepared for, the extent of the change and the effects it has on you may take you by surprise. If you find that you are surprised by the effects of the change, it might be helpful to realise that your experience is quite normal. This applies whatever country you come from, and wherever you are going to study, even though some cultures are more similar than others because of geographic, historic, demographic or other connections.

Culture shock is entirely normal, usually unavoidable and not a sign that you have made a mistake or that you won’t manage. In fact there are very positive aspects of culture shock. It can be a significant learning experience, making you more aware of aspects of your own culture as well as the new culture you have entered. It will give you valuable skills that will serve you in many ways now and in the future and which will be part of the benefit of an international education. If you would like to talk to someone then contact your personal tutor, office staff or any student support services at AUAS.

Gifts for staff
Please do not embarrass your Tutor or any Centre staff member by offering expensive gifts as they cannot accept gifts of more than a modest nature.

Mobile phones
In the Netherlands, people use GSM mobile phones and SIM cards. There are many shops in Amsterdam where you can buy a mobile phone. Buy one locally at any Albert Heijn supermarket (usually at the service desk), or at one of the downtown phone stores. At Albert Heijn supermarket you can buy an inexpensive phone complete with a pre-paid calling plan. You can buy extra credit there too, as well as in tobacco stores or phone stores. If you want to bring a mobile phone from home, Albert Heijn supermarket also sells Dutch SIM cards. If you wish to have a contract for your mobile phone instead of a pre-paid phone, please go to one of the many downtown phone stores for more information and advice.
The Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences has many student associations catering to a variety of student needs including social clubs, career and study societies and cultural and sporting societies. Some of the most prominent of these include:

International Student Network (ISN)
ISN is an organisation run by Dutch students for international students studying in Amsterdam. Their goal is to optimize the social and cultural integration of international students into Dutch society. They organize weekly activities for students, provide information on housing and work, run a coaching and mentoring system and publish a magazine all about (student) life in Amsterdam. For more information see www.isn-amsterdam.nl

Student union
The ASVA is the student union for all UvA and AUAS students and supports a range of study and student guilds, both social and academic. For more information see www.asva.nl

CREA
CREA organises courses and workshops in music, theatre, dance, visual arts, photography, literature, new media and a lot more. CREA also organises a weekly Studium Generale programme on subjects related to art, science and society. For more information see www.crea.uva.nl

Sports centre and student sports
Students at the university are welcome to join the University Sports Centre (USC). The main facility, the Sportcentrum Universum, is located at the Amsterdam Science Park and is open seven days a week and offers more than 70 sporting activities at affordable rates. The USC also has a number of locations spread throughout the city of Amsterdam including:
- USC Tennis in Watergraafsmeer
- AMC Sport Centre located at the Academic Medical Centre
- Amstelcampus Sport & Fitness, the fitness centre near Wibautstraat
- PCH Fitness in the centre of Amsterdam in the P.C. Hoofthuis at Spuistraat
- ClubWest, in Amsterdam Nieuw-West

The USC is associated with 25 different sporting societies in Amsterdam and also runs a variety of sporting and dance courses. In total there are over 60 different activities to choose from. For more information see www.usc.uva.nl

We like to get our students involved in local events and run many on-campus and off-campus activities and trips. You can help choose and organise these as part of the student social committee. Talk to us about your interests when you arrive. Examples from this year include: Laser tag, ice skating, and a boat tour through the canals of Amsterdam.

Things to see and do
Amsterdam is a world class city and it combines all of the benefits of a long history full of culture with state-of-the-art research and development.

Amsterdam has many beautiful parks and there are a number of nature reserves close by. The Gaasperpark and the Amsterdamse Bos are on the edges of Amsterdam itself and the Zuid-Kennemerland National Park is only 30 minutes from Amsterdam by public transport.

Within the Netherlands, the cities of Haarlem, The Hague, Leiden, Utrecht and Rotterdam are all less than an hour away. Amsterdam Centraal is a major railway station and you can get direct trains to Antwerp, Brussels, Paris, Cologne, Berlin, Copenhagen, and many other cities.

A lot of information about activities, museums and attractions in Amsterdam can be found at www.awesomeamsterdam.com and www.iamsterdam.com.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport in Amsterdam
Travelling within Amsterdam is straightforward and convenient. There is an extensive transport network connecting city districts. Trams are common in Amsterdam, with routes heading out from the centre in all directions. Trams are ideal for short journeys around the city centre, as well as for travelling to other districts. Amsterdam’s metro runs underneath the centre, from Central Station to the outer districts. This can be a fast and efficient way to travel.

Amsterdam also operates a full bus network, which will take you anywhere you have to go. Behind Central Station, ferries hustle their way across the River IJ, transporting passengers to various locations in the north of Amsterdam such as the NDSM wharf. The ferries are free of charge. More information about the OV-chipkaart and also route maps for tram, bus, metro and ferry can be found at http://en.gvb.nl/pages/home.aspx. A useful journey-planner is ‘9292’ which can be found at www.9292.nl/en and downloaded as app from your app store.

Public transport in the Netherlands
The Netherlands has excellent public transport, with train services run by the Dutch national rail company, NS, linking almost all towns and cities, and local public transport networks of buses, trams and trains. All public transport throughout the country can be paid for by using a public transport smart card called an OV card. Using this system you can put a balance on your card, touch in either at the train, tram, metro station or on the bus, and then touch out when you leave the bus or station. The cost of the trip will be automatically deducted from the balance on your card.

Information about train travel in the Netherlands can be found at the NS website: www.ns.nl. More information about international trains can be found at www.nshispeed.nl.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Students from each course are elected by their peers to represent the views of students at the Staff—Student representatives meetings. These meetings happen at least once a term and are designed to improve the management and enhancement of their programmes of study.

Staff and students consult each other on all aspects of their learning experience and future developments. Students will communicate with their peers on their courses and attend meetings to discuss this feedback in Centre and then with the other student representatives once a term.

It is a chance to really make a difference and to improve your student experience. It’s a great thing to put on your CV and will impress prospective employers.

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

| Students on all courses at ONCAMPUS Amsterdam will follow the same term dates, as follows: |
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| Term 1 | 24 September 2018 – 14 December 2018 |
| Term 2 | 07 January 2019 – 15 March 2019 |
| Term 3 | 25 March 2019 – 09 June 2019 |
| Term 4 (January starters only) | 10 June 2019 – 16 August 2019 |

Your Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences BBA International Business course will begin on 2nd September 2019.

We strongly advise you to return to Amsterdam before 26 August 2019 so that you can take part in the University’s introduction programme.
CONTACT DETAILS

The ONCAMPUS office is where your course is managed. This is where you will get information/documentation and can go to for other general enquiries. Our office is open on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 13:00 to 16:00. You can always reach us by email from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00.

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