

EXCHANGE - SEMESTER 2

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION TYPES

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



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Student Accommodation Guide

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General Information

This guide outlines the various types of student accommodation available. All rooms come fully furnished. We will assist you in selecting the perfect option by presenting characteristics to consider, including facilities and locations. Additionally, detailed information on each room type, such as rental prices, pictures, and dimensions, will be provided. Please note that all rooms are available for a maximum academic year stay; extensions are not possible.

Housing Corporations

VU Amsterdam works with several housing corporations. These housing corporations offer various room types at several locations in Amsterdam.

Housing Corporation	Location / Building name	Av. Price	One-time fee	Housing Allowance
DUWO	Uilenstede 102 – shared	€560	€160	Not possible
	Uilenstede 102 – Private	€730	€185	Possible ≥ 18
	Uilenstede 174 until 222	€700	€160	Possible ≥ 18
	De Boelelaan/Groningestraat	€640	€160	Not possible

Budget

The price of accommodation varies between €560 and €730 per month. Utilities (water/ electricity/ internet) are included in the price. Choosing one of the cheaper options normally means you will have a room with shared facilities (kitchen and/or bathroom).

Housing allowance

Housing allowance (huurtoeslag) is a subsidy provided by the Dutch government to tenants with a low income and a relatively high cost of rent. Some of the student rooms we provide qualify for housing allowance. Find out more about which housing types are eligible on the following pages. For more general information about housing allowance and whether you are eligible for this subsidy, please visit this [link](#).

Condition of the building

If you prefer a modern, clean and fresh building, we advise you to choose accommodation at Cornelis Lelylaan. For the buildings at Uilenstede it is important to note that most of them were built in the 1970s, although some of them have been renovated in recent years. In general, this location is suitable for students who are looking for budget accommodation.

Facilities

As a student in the Netherlands, it is very common to have your own bedroom while sharing your facilities (kitchen and/or bathroom). We have a wide range of options available in terms of shared/private facilities. Below you can find a quick overview:



Housing corp.	Room type	Bedroom	Bathroom	Kitchen
DUWO	Uilenstede 102	Private	Shared with 1 other student	Shared with 1 other student
	Uilenstede 102 - Private	Private	Private	Private
	Uilenstede 168 until 224	Private	Private	Shared with 13 other students
	De Boelelaan/Groningestraat	Private	Shared with 4 or 6 other students	Shared with 4 or 6 other students

Social vs. private

If your plan is to meet many students, have dinners and/or drinks together, we advise you to choose a room with shared facilities (kitchen and/or bathroom). If you prefer a more private environment, we suggest you book a private studio. If you prefer both, our advice would be to book a studio at Uilenstede, which is our largest housing campus where you can find a lively student community and many student facilities. Generally, there is less social interaction between students at other locations.

Locations

We offer student accommodation at various locations across Amsterdam. While the allure of living in the city center with its charming canals and historic buildings may be appealing, it's worth considering that it primarily caters to rich Dutch residents and tourists.

In contrast, Uilenstede is situated amidst lush greenery, nestled between two parks and close to the Amsterdam Forest (Amsterdamse Bos).

Unlike the vibrant student community at Uilenstede, De Boelelaan/Groningestraat offers accommodation in a residential neighborhood, making it less suitable for parties. On the other hand, it is conveniently located near the VU Amsterdam university campus.

In terms of logistics, please view the tables below:



Distance to VU	Walk	Bike	Public transport
Uilenstede	20 min	7 min	10 min
De Boelelaan	8 min	4 min	x



Distance to city center	Walk	Bike	Public transport
Uilenstede	90 min	30 min	35 min
De Boelelaan	62 min	25 min	20 min

On the map below, you will find an overview of where the buildings are located in Amsterdam. You can follow this [link](#) to get an overview of all the different locations.

Map of Amsterdam



Couple rooms

We have very limited rooms available for couples. For more information about couple rooms and how to apply please have a look at the couple rooms brochure or fill out the contact form, for more information.

How to apply

In your personal dashboard on vu.nl, you can register for housing and complete your application by selecting your preferred budget category and paying the housing fee. Please note that the budget you choose has no effect on your actual booking in any way. When booking your room, you can also choose outside of your indicated budget.

Keep in mind that housing is in high demand and that the number of rooms available is limited. The International Office will do its utmost best to find suitable accommodation for everyone, but **housing is not guaranteed for every student**. We can also not guarantee housing at any specific location or within a specific budget category. We work with a **first paid, first-served** system, so the sooner you pay the housing fee, the more chances you will have in securing your preferred accommodation.

On the next pages, you can find an overview of the different types of accommodation with pictures, rental prices and sometimes a link to a video. Based on the criteria above, your priorities and the information on the following pages, you should be able to decide which room will meet your needs. In case you would like assistance with this, please fill out the contact form or schedule a phone call in our [online tool](#).

Housing Corporations and room types

DUWO short stay



For many years, the DUWO Foundation has been the provider of student rooms in Amsterdam and various other cities in the Netherlands. With nearly 32,000 student rooms, DUWO is the largest student accommodation specialist in the Netherlands.

Rental period

These room types have a fixed rental period of one full semester (February till Aug). Contracts cannot be shortened or extended.

Administrative fee & first installment

Please note that for every room type you have to make a one-time administrative fee payment (which is non-refundable), this payment varies per housing provider and the exact costs can be viewed on page 1. This payment includes contract costs, cleaning service, bed linen and kitchen packages. Moreover, the first instalment for all accommodation types at DUWO consists of 3 months of rent (the first and last two months of your contract).

Standard inventory

At least the below-mentioned items should be present in your room. The model of an item may differ from room to room.

Room	Bed	Toilet/bathroom	Kitchen
Waste basket	Standard single bed + mattress (90x200cm)	Toilet brush	Hot plate
Wardrobe	Pillow		Garbage bin
Bookcase	Pillowcase		Refrigerator
Simple chair	Duvet		
Desk lamp	Duvet cover with tuck-in strip		
Small table	Fitted sheet		
Desk and office chair	Molton		
Window coverings			
Wi-Fi connection			

102

Uilenstede 102 - Private

€ 730 per month*

€ 185 one-time fee

Campus Uilenstede, on the outskirts of Amsterdam in Amstelveen, houses 3400 student accommodations, offering shared rooms and independent apartments. Amenities include a café, supermarket, sports center, theater, and more. Nearby is the Amsterdamse Bos, perfect for nature lovers and hosting various events. The Vrije Universiteit is a short bike ride or metro/tram journey away, and downtown Amsterdam is accessible within twenty minutes by metro, tram,



Room Features

- Housing allowance ≥ 18 years
- Private bedroom/kitchen/bathroom (23m² – 25m²)
- Washing and drying on site (coin based)
- Free parking on site



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102

Uilenstede 102 - Shared

€ 560 per month

€ 160 one-time fee

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Room Features

- No housing allowance
- Private bedroom (18m²)
- Shared bathroom (1 person – same gender)
- Shared kitchen (1 person – same gender)
- Washing and drying on site (coin based)
- Free parking on site



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Uilenstede 174 - 222

€ 592 per month

€ 230 one-time fee

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Room Features

- Housing allowance ≥ 18 years
- Private bed- and bathroom (22m²)
- Shared kitchen (13 people – mixed gender)
- Free common washing and drying
- Parking for additional costs



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De Boelelaan/ Groningenstraat

€ 640 per month

€ 160 one-time fee

On De Boelelaan and Groningenstraat, DUWO offers 120 shared accommodations, of which half are reserved for international students from VU. Laundry facilities are shared, and there's a bike storage. It's a prime location for VU students, just minutes away from the university and Gelderlandplein shopping center. You can reach Amsterdam city center in 20 minutes and Vondelpark in 15 minutes, known for its summer theater performances and concerts. Nearby attractions include Vondel CS film museum and the Blauwe Theehuis. Even closer is the Amsterdamse Bos, three times larger than Central Park, renowned for its rowing competitions and various events.



Room Features

- No housing allowance
- Shared bathroom/kitchen (5-7 – mixed gender)
- Private bedroom (14-18m²)
- Free common washing and drying
- Parking for additional costs



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