

## General

**I will be a student at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. How can I apply for accommodation?** Once you have been (conditionally) admitted, we will send you a 'confirmation of participation' in VUnet. Through this form in VUnet you can apply for accommodation.

**Can I choose the room by myself?** Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam works with several housing corporations. Our Bachelor and 2 year master students can choose for a Campus Contract room. All these rooms are the same and are assigned to the student. For our Exchange students and 1 year master students we have Accommodate rooms available from DUWO. There are different types of rooms, at different locations. Students will be able to book a room in the student room database themselves based on their preferences.

**Can I get a room next to my friend's room?** If you are assigned to DUWO, you can book a room yourself. Based on the availability, you can choose a room close to the one your friend has booked.

**The housing corporation is asking me to pay an administrative fee of €100. However I have already paid the housing fee to Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Are these fees the same?** No, these are 2 separate payments to 2 different companies.

**My boyfriend/ girlfriend who is not a student at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will join me during my stay. Can we live together?** Most of the rooms that we offer are single ones. In these rooms it is not allowed to live together with your partner. However, there is a limited number of double rooms available (a bigger room with a double bed). If you are interested in a double room, please contact [studentaccommodation@vu.nl](mailto:studentaccommodation@vu.nl) for further information on which room to book.

**My boyfriend/ girlfriend is also an international student at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Can we live together?** The easiest way is to book two single rooms next to each other. However, there is a limited number of double rooms available (a bigger room with a double bed). If you are interested in a double room, please contact [studentaccommodation@vu.nl](mailto:studentaccommodation@vu.nl) for further information on which room to book.

**Is the housing fee a deposit? Will I get it back?** No, you cannot get the housing fee back. Only if you cancel your housing application before the deadline you will get the housing fee refunded.

**How much do I need to pay before the arrival?**

Housing cooperation	Type of accommodation	First Payment
DUWO	Accommodate (furnished)	Administration fee: €100 Advanced rent: first month + last two months
DUWO	Campus Contract (unfurnished) @ Spinoza campus	Registration Studentenwoningweb: €38 Administration fee: €22,50 Advanced rent: one month
Student Experience	Campus Contract (unfurnished) @ AmstelHome or RavelResidence	Administration fee: €75 Deposit: 2 months' rent Advanced rent: one month
The Student Hotel	Furnished, high level service	Deposit: one month Advanced rent: one month
Hotel Jansen	Furnished, high level service	Administration fee: €180 Deposit: €700 Advanced rent: one month

**When can I get my key?** During the office hours you can visit the office of your housing corporation to

collect your key. If, you have made your first payment upfront. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam also organizes the arrival days where you can arrange all other practical matters as well. You will be informed about your arrival and key pick-up in the summer (programmes starting from September) or in January (programmes starting in February).

**Can I have some pets in my room?** No, pets are not allowed.

### ***Dates/ Contract***

**I plan to finish my studies earlier than the end date of the contract. Can I shorten my contract?** This depends on your type of contract. Most of our contracts have a fixed rental contract and it is not possible to shorten the contract.

**After my arrival I met some friends and would like to change my room closer to them. Is this possible?** No, it is not possible to change rooms upon arrival.

**I am an exchange student for one semester. I would like to extend my studies as well as housing.** Please contact the exchange department through [incoming@vu.nl](mailto:incoming@vu.nl). If the extension of your exchange has been approved, we will do our best to extend your housing.

### ***MYDUWO***

**I accidentally booked a different room than planned on DUWO system. Can I change it?** Once you have booked a room, Vrije Universiteit cannot undo it. Please contact DUWO directly through the contact form on their website.

**Where can I find a DUWO office?** DUWO Office Amsterdam  
Uilenstede 108, 1183 AM AMSTELVEEN  
Only open during office hours:  
Monday from 8.30 to 17.00  
Tuesday to Friday from 12.00 to 17.00

### ***Cancellation***

**I applied for housing, however I found a place by myself. Can I cancel my housing application? Will I get my housing fee refunded?** Yes, you can cancel your application before signing the contract by informing [studentaccommodation@vu.nl](mailto:studentaccommodation@vu.nl). You will receive your housing fee back if you have cancelled your rental agreement before the deadline of 11 July (or 19 December for the second semester).

**Can I terminate my rental contract?** You can only terminate your rental contract with a legitimate reason. A legitimate reason in this case is if you quit your studies at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Please be aware that there is a one month notice period.