

Types of Student Accommodation Campus Contract

This document will inform you on the different types of student accommodation with a campus contract available. A campus contract means that you can rent the room for the entire period of study. So if you will be following a bachelor programme or two-year master programme, you can rent the room as long as you are registered at VU.

For our Bachelor and 2 year Master students we have reserved accommodation in 2 different complexes:

1. Student Experience Amsterdam Zuidas
2. Student Experience Amsterdam Amstel

Student Experience has **unfurnished** private studios with a private kitchenette and a private bathroom and are available as long as you are a registered student in Amsterdam.

You will easily find out more about the different locations by using Google Maps. Just a quick overview in terms of logistics:

Distance to VU	Walk	Bike	Public transport
Amsterdam Zuidas	15 min	5 min	-
Amsterdam Amstel	50 min	15 min	17 min

Distance to City Center	Walk	Bike	Public transport
Amsterdam Zuidas	65 min	25 min	30 min
Amsterdam Amstel	65 min	20 min	25 min

So, based on these criteria and your priorities, you should be able to decide which room will meet your needs. In case you would like assistance with this, please send us an e-mail at studentaccommodation@vu.nl or [schedule a phone call in our online tool](#).

In case you are interested in more options for furnished rooms, please check out the Short Stay accommodation type brochure. Please note that this accommodation is only available for one year and it is not possible to extend your contract. After one year, you will have to find your own accommodation, without our services.

VUWEB OPTIONS

In VUweb you can indicate your preferred budget category.

1. STUDENT EXPERIENCE – AMSTERDAM ZUIDAS

One option at Student Experience is [Amsterdam Zuidas](#). Right around the corner of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, in the financial district of Amsterdam, you can find this new and modern complex of 800 student rooms all with private bathroom, private bedroom and kitchenette. There are many services available such as: study rooms, a private dining rooms, urban gardening and a roof top basketball court. The rooms are unfurnished, so you can decorate your room as you like. Ikea and other furnishing stores are close by or maybe you would like to bring stuff from home.

Rental Price	€ 700 per month
Administrative fee	€ 25
Deposit	€ 1,120
Size	21 m ²
Cable Internet	Included in the rental price
Housing allowance	Possible if student is 23 years or older and meets all the requirements, more info available on this webpage or this webpage . Max. €245 per month
Washing/ Drying	In common area (paid)
Parking	Paid parking
Rooms available	40 (for Bachelor and 2 year Master)
Rental Contract	Minimum: 12 months – Maximum: until you are no longer a registered student in Amsterdam
More info	On the website of Student Experience

Upon arrival, your room has:	Curtain rail, a floor, a small kitchen block, a functioning bathroom, one light, hot plate
The basics to arrange yourself:	Refrigerator, furniture (e.g. bed, matras, desk, chair), more lights, Inventory (cutlery, pots & pans), Linen (sheets, towels), Curtains, UTP Cable
Options you can arrange yourself:	Microwave/oven, Kettle, Wifi router, accessories to make it cozy

Make sure to read our tips & tricks from current students at the end of this document!



2. STUDENT EXPERIENCE – AMSTERDAM AMSTEL

Another Student Experience option is [Amsterdam Amstel](#). Services are comparable to Amsterdam Zuidas: study rooms, a private dining room, urban gardening and a roof top basketball court. The rooms are unfurnished, so you can decorate your room as you like. Ikea and other furnishing stores are close by or maybe you would like to bring stuff from home. Amsterdam Amstel is closer to the UvA Science Campus (perhaps interesting for joint degree students).

Rental Price	€ 708 per month
Administrative fee	€ 25
Deposit	€ 1,120
Size	21 m2
Cable Internet	Included in the rental price
Rental allowance	Possible if student is 23 years or older and meets all the requirements, more info available on this webpage or this webpage . Max. €245 per month
Washing/ Drying	In common area (paid)
Parking	Paid parking
Rooms available	10 (for Bachelor and 2 year Master)
Rental Contract	Minimum: 12 months – Maximum: until you are no longer a registered student in Amsterdam
More info	On the website of Student Experience

Upon arrival, your room has:	Curtain rail, a floor, a small kitchen block, a functioning bathroom, one light, hot plate
The basics to arrange yourself:	Refrigerator, furniture (e.g. bed, mattress, desk, chair), more lights, Inventory (cutlery, pots & pans), Linen (sheets, towels), Curtains, UTP Cable
Options you can arrange yourself:	Microwave/oven, Kettle, Wifi router, accessories to make it cozy



TIPS & TRICKS FROM FELLOW STUDENTS

- Join the Facebook group of your accommodation as soon as you have booked your room. This can also be useful for acquiring furniture.
- There are many Facebook groups that either sell furniture or offer free furniture. Also, do not be afraid to ask for furniture in these groups. Examples are:
 - o [Spinoza te koop](#)
 - o [Uilenstede Buy Stuff](#)
 - o [Buy & Sell Amsterdam](#)
 - o [Gratis ophalen in Amsterdam](#)
- Rent a van for a day or an afternoon to gather all your furniture. Affordable rental companies in the neighborhood are [Europcar](#) or [Diks](#).
- First, purchase your bed and refrigerator. The other stuff can wait.
- For delivery service you sometimes need a Dutch mobile phone number. You can get a free Lebara prepaid simcard [on their webpage](#) delivered to your new address. Later on you can switch to another provider, but this is a good one to get you started. Maybe bring an old phone to put the simcard in, so you can still be reached on your home mobile phone number.
- I bought my furniture from IKEA, who then delivered and assembled it.
- You can find a lot of good furniture on the side of the road on so-called 'big trash' (grofvuil) days.

ADVICE FROM THE ACCOMMODATION TEAM

- Once you book your room, we will offer you a 'Getting started' document with stores in the neighborhood;
- Bring pictures and posters to make your room feel like home;
- Ask for help if you need it. Dutch students are willing to help, but you do need to ask;
- IKEA has products that make excellent use of limited space, such as a KALLAX room divider or a 2-person STORÅ high bed;
- Book a room in a hotel or hostel in the neighborhood for the first few nights so you can have a good night sleep and recover from your trip while you are also getting your room ready. OR
- Bring an inflatable mattress and a sleeping bag for your first night.

Below you will find the results of a survey among VU students about how much they spent on their new furniture:

