University of Aruba
International Students Guide
About the University of Aruba

The University of Aruba (UA) is a modern University offering higher education, research and social services to Aruba and the surrounding regions. Embedded in the Aruban society, the UA is a model in cultural diversity that represents the make-up of the Aruban culture itself, with students from Caribbean, European, Latin, Asian, and American family backgrounds. The current four Faculties and the various University Centers strive to contribute to academic discussion, participate in the sustainable development of Aruba, and promote critical open-minded thinking.

Like the student population, the teaching staff at the UA is made up of a diverse body of dedicated scholars from Aruba and abroad. Working closely together, this team of local and international scholars fosters the academic growth of the almost 700 students attending the UA. Additionally, to promote both faculty and student development, the UA offers a number of critical administrative, facilities, and individual services which are provided by a friendly and supportive UA staff.

The UA traces its roots back to 1988, when the start of the Faculty of Law (FdR) marked the beginning of the UA’s academic growth. In 1993, the Faculty for Accounting, Finance & Marketing (FEF) started which is now the largest faculty of the UA, followed by the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies (FHTMS) in 2005. The UA’s most recent addition is the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS), which began in 2009. In the coming years, the UA hopes to continue its expansion by offering cutting edge degree programs to both local and international students.
Aruba: One Happy Island

Located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, Aruba is home to beautiful white-sand beaches and 82-degree days. Our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. We're located just below the hurricane belt, and unlike many islands in the Caribbean, our climate is dry, so we rarely have a rainy day.

In the interior of the island, you'll find Arikok National Park, a desert like preserve with a variety of wildlife, cacti and dramatic rock formations. You'll also find some of Aruba's most striking views, as the ocean crashes against the rugged shoreline below.

On the northeast coast, along the windward shore, you'll see our island's unofficial mascots, the fofoti trees. The constant trade winds have permanently sculpted them into graceful, southwesterly bending forms.

On the south and west coasts of Aruba, you'll find Oranjestad, our capital city, and miles of beaches that have been named some of the best in the world. Here, you'll find most of the hotels and resorts in Aruba, and Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA).

The University of Aruba is located at the heart of Oranjestad, offering students an easy accessible University campus in the beautiful La Salle Building.
Immigration and Visa

We kindly require exchange students to provide the following documents to prepare your file for our administration and, if needed, for your Visa Application in Aruba. Please email the following documents in one email and in the format indicated, to oia@ua.aw by the deadline.

- Filled out Learning Agreement Approved & Signed by your Home University
- Copy of Passport – photo page and all stamped pages of the passport in PDF format
- 1 Digital colored Passport photo in PDF format
- Proof of Medical Insurance (in English, Dutch, Spanish or Papiamento)
  - It must state the dates of validity and that it is valid internationally
  - If using a copy of a ‘Zorgpas’, a copy of the letter with the dates is required
- Financial Letter
  - A letter from your study loan/financing provider stating that you have sufficient resources to support you during your study period in Aruba OR
  - A letter from your parents or Guardian stating that you have sufficient resources to support you during your study period in Aruba
- Housing Contract
  - For Visa purposes the contract must extend until the end of your stay in Aruba
  - If the contract is with an individual rather a company (with a chamber of commerce number - kvk nummer), you must provide a copy of the passport of the landlord
- Copy of Arrival and Return flight reservation
  - Return must be within 180 days of arrival.

Please print the acceptance letter and carry it with you when you are traveling to Aruba to present to the immigration authorities at the airport if necessary. Upon arrival, please provide the Office of International Affairs with a copy of the acceptance letter and your ‘landing card’, which you fill out on the airplane and may be stamped by the immigration authorities at the airport.

Next, a meeting with the office of international affairs will be arranged to fill out the application form from DIMAS. After that you will be invited to an appointment at DIMAS with the university of Aruba.

**The Visa will give you entitlement to stay in Aruba for 180 days**
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Accommodation

There are various apartments around the island that can accommodate you while studying at the university of Aruba. Please take note that the university is not responsible for these apartments.

**Aruba blue village**

Aruba Blue Village is a quiet tropical resort, located on the north side of the beautiful island of Aruba. The resort has 120 studios and 55 apartments divided in 1 and 2 bedroom cottages and studios. The studio price ranges from $300-$500 per month depending on how many persons in a room.

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**The rental of an accommodation includes cable tv, water, Wi-Fi, air conditioning and electricity.**

For more information you can visit [http://www.arubabluevillage.com](http://www.arubabluevillage.com) or contact longstay@arubabluevillage.com
Perle'Dor

Perle d’Or is a hotel and apartments complex located in Boegoeroei, Noord. With almost 100 rooms available for short and long term rental, the property offers all main resort amenities. Perle d’Or is located only 3 km from the beach.

The price for the studio is approximately $460 per month. The studio comes with a kitchenette, a stovetop, and water cooker. The price includes Wi-Fi, and excludes water and electricity.

For more information you can visit http://www.perledoraruba.com or contact info@perledoraruba.com

Aquazul Aruba Apartments

Aquazul Aruba is an apartment complex located in Noord, Aruba. It is a quiet complex with 24 apartments.

Aquazul offers a 1-Bedroom apartment for approximately $650 per month, and a 2-Bedroom for approximately $914 per month. The price includes Wi-fi and cable, excludes water and electricity.

For more information you can contact aquazularuba-apartments@hotmail.com
Montaña Park Apartments

Montaña Park Apartments is a small low rise complex, located only a few miles away from Oranjestad and Aruba’s beautiful beaches. The spacious apartments have two bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, a bathroom, and a living room.

Montaña Park Apartments has a special rate for students. The monthly rate is AWG 1500,00 (USD 857,00 ). These rates are excluding electricity (prepaid system, upload at reception desk, appr. USD 10,00 a night by normal usage)

For more information you can visit http://www.montana-park.com

Kwihi Lodge Apartments

Kwihi Lodge is a unique apartment complex consisting of a one-bedroom or a two-bedroom. It is centrally located to the Main Street of Aruba and the stores.

For information on prices you can visit https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/6060798?sug=50

- You can also visit https://www.arubahappyrentals.com for more accommodation listings.
Public transportation in Aruba is not easy. Many students rent a car for the semester, because it is very convenient to have a car in Aruba.

The following are options for transportation.
Arubus N.V. is the major public transportation of Aruba owned by the Government of Aruba. Arubus provide public transportation over major areas of the island.

Arubus offers a student bus card.

Cost: Afl.15
Valid for: 1 year
Bus fare with card: Afl 1.50

You can charge the card with the amount of money you want and use the card to pay for each fare. The card can be recharged at many locations around the island.

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For More information on routes, schedules, and autobuses you can visit [http://arubus.com/](http://arubus.com/)
Real Deal Car Rental offers great prices on long-term rentals for students and interns. Their rental vehicles are well maintained and in great condition. Both vehicles are approximately $500 a month with a minimum rental period of 3 months.

Included:

- Free mileage
- Free roadmap
- Free pick up and drop off
- Free 24/7 road assistance
- Minimum rental 3 months

Real Deal Car Rental also offers accommodation:

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For More information you can visit [http://realdealcarrental.com/](http://realdealcarrental.com/)
Hertz Car rental offers a student program. Hertz Car Rental rents cars in Aruba to trainees, students and locals. The minimum rental period is 1 month. Available student fleet may vary and is based on availability. Rates differ per model and are for:

- STU $480 ($13+3) per month
- STU2 $570 ($16+3) per month.

The prices are inclusive collision damage waiver insurance and mandatory theft protection. For more information you can visit [http://www.arubarentcar.com](http://www.arubarentcar.com) and click on "Student program".

Speed Car Rental offers an affordable and reliable car rental. They have a special for students for long-term (3 month or more) for approximately $485 per month. Liability Insurance is always included in the standard rates. CDW Insurance is optional. They provide the following services:

- Free delivery of vehicles
- Unlimited mileage
- Free road map
- 24 hour emergency line +297-5686464

For More information you can visit [https://speedcarrentalaruba.com/](https://speedcarrentalaruba.com/)
Jays Car Rental has a special for students. The price is $580 per month for an economy car with a deposit of $200. It includes:

- Mandatory liability insurance
- Tax
- Unlimited mileage

For more information you can visit http://www.jayscarrentalaruba.com/

Taxis in Aruba do not have meters; rates are fixed and should be checked in advance. All rates must be in Aruban florins (Afl.) as well as in US dollars (US$); Exchange rate Afls 1.80 to US$1.00. Minimum fare is Afl. 10,00 / US$6.00. Prices are based on distance with a maximum capacity of five passengers per taxi. Sundays, official holidays and on regular days starting from 11:00 pm till 7:00 am there will be a surcharge of Afl. 5.40 /US$3.00 to the regular fares.

Each passenger from and to the Aruba Airport is allowed one piece of luggage and a back pack/handbag. For each extra piece of luggage there will be an additional charge of Afl. 3.60 / US$2.00 per piece.

Taxi associations:

- TAS, taxi Address Services J.E Irausquin Blvd 228 F Tel :587-5900
- Diamond Taxi Services: Washington 6 C Tel:587-2300
- PTS, Professional Taxi service: Cumana 20 Tel:588-0035
Phone Sim Card + Data Info

Setar

Use a SETAR prepaid SIM card with any prepaid device to start making calls right away on Aruba. SETAR offers six prepaid recharge card amounts. You simply purchase a SIM card that fits your device. Then select from among their different prepaid recharge cards. These can be purchased at many supermarkets, gas stations, bars and restaurants, CMB ATMs and, of course, all SETAR Teleshops. The allowance amount determines how many minutes of call time you have (domestic and international) or how many text messages you can send with the card.

If you want data for Internet you can choose one of their Prepaid Data bundles.

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You can do this by dialing *123# on the device and following the menu.
How to create an account on the University of Aruba EDU website

1. Go to ua.edu20.org
2. Go to Catalog

3. Click on the course “Donald op Aruba”.

4. Click on Enroll
5. Click on “Create an account”

6. You are now on the form page. Fill in all the needed information in the form and click on continue at the end.

7. You are now logged in to University of Aruba EDU. In the top-right corner of the page you will see your userid you've just created.
8. Go to Classes and click on Enroll to enroll into your desired classes

9. Enter your ACCESS code (you received from the teacher) and click Enroll

You are now enrolled to your class.
You can now enroll in the year groups in which you are participating. You can find these
groups in the group catalog. Make sure you got the right catalog, since there is a group
catalog and a class catalog.
Through these groups the access codes for the courses are made public.

• Access code group Algemene informatie FdR: PSNM-KPPF,
• Access code group Bachelor 1: THDO-XZYF,
• Access code group Bachelor 2: FVWW-XGXA,
• Access code group Bachelor 3: YPLF-VNEM,
• Access code group Master: XDQA-LSVI
To successfully connect to the UVA-WiFi signal, follow these instructions.

Procedure for making use of the UVA-WiFi connection:

1. At the UA campus connect your device with the UVA-Wifi signal.
2. Select the option "Automatically connect".
3. And connect to the WiFi connection UVA-Wifi signal.
4. Enter the Pass Code
5. At last click on Continue and you are connected to the Internet.

Computer Room and Library

The University of Aruba has a computer room and library. The computer room has Desktop Computers with all the necessary software you need for your classes and personal use. Here a few things you need to know about the Desktop Computers and for you to have a user-friendly experience with it.

1. All Desktop Computers have the following software:
   - SPSS v24
   - nVivo 11
   - MS Office 2016
   - Browsers (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox)
   - Quickbooks 2015
   - Adobe Photoshop
   - Adobe Illustrator
   - Mathematics software like FX MathPack, Math Type, Geogebra
2. The first time you login the PC will create your profile, this will take a few minutes.
3. Try to use the same PC for faster login otherwise the new PC will take a while to create a profile as well.

   In addition, in order to borrow books from the library you will need your student card. Students receive their student card the first week of the semester.
Library opening hours:

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<td>Airport Reina Beatrix</td>
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Banks

When you arrive you will find a bank located at the airport. There are also five banks with several branches at other locations. The business hours are usually from 8 AM to 4 PM. There are ATM facilities all over the island.