



Housing Affairs Council

Huurdersvereniging University College Roosevelt Studenten

Welcome Letter Class of 2022

15th of June, 2019

Dear prospective student,

First of all: **Welcome to UCR!** As you will be moving to our lovely campus soon, we are very excited to introduce you to the HAC: The Housing Affairs Council.

Who are we?

We are an independent student body and our mission is to represent your housing interests and to ensure the best living conditions on campus for a reasonable price. Our board consists of a daily board and four Campus Elders, and by working closely with the students as well as Villex, UCR, and the neighbours, we try to ensure that your living environment is optimal during your time studying at UCR.

The HAC is there for you to answer all your housing-related questions, but also to help you with any problem you might encounter when living on campus: please do not hesitate to contact us! In addition, we are also here to make sure that you feel at home on campus by trying to make the campus locations more comfortable and by stimulating social activities such as hallway dinners and breakfasts. We also organize multiple events like the campus dinner during Orientation and the Bagijnhof Christmas Market.

We will introduce ourselves more elaborately during Orientation, but for now we would like to give you some useful tips for moving in and inform you about the hallway/ house elder system.

Living on campus

As you may know by now, there are four main campus locations: Bagijnhof, Bachtensteene, Koestraat, and Roggeveen. Each campus location has their own Campus Elder who manages and oversees everything related to the specific campus. In Bagijnhof each house has a house elder and all the other locations have floor elders. The house and floor elders are there to welcome you to your new house/ floor and to organize fun events, such as house/floor dinners. Each house/floor has their own Facebook group as well, which you can find in the Facebook group of the campus location you are in. The Facebook pages of each campus location are linked below. If you have any campus related questions or issues, please contact your Campus Elder.

Facebook group [Bagijnhof](#)

Facebook group [Bachtensteene](#)

Facebook group [Koestraat](#)

Facebook group [Roggeveen](#)

Moving in

In the e-mail about your room allocation sent to you by Villex, you are invited to sign your contract and collect the keys to your new room on the 1st of August. If you cannot make it on this day, please contact Villex as soon as possible to set a new appointment. Even though moving to a new room is very exciting, there are some important things to keep in mind. First of all: you are allowed to first have a look at your room before signing your contract with Villex. Once you sign the contract, you will receive the keys from Villex and you can start moving in. Make sure to check whether



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everything in your room works and is complete. Contact Villex in case you find anything that isn't in the state it should be, such as broken tiles, holes in walls, limescale, or light switches that don't work. We advise you to take pictures of your room and store them somewhere safe, as you might need them once moving out at the end of your UCR-career to prove the state of your room in which you received it to Villex.

Furniture

When you move in, there will *not* be any furniture in your room, however, there are plenty of places to get your furniture from.

First of all, the HAC will organize a “**Furniture Fund**”. At this event, furniture donated by graduates will be sold for a small price. This event will take place the week before Introweek from the 12th till the 15th of August. The fund is however limited, as it is depending on the amount of furniture donated. More information about the furniture fund can be found on: [Furniture Fund](#).

The HAC furthermore curates a Facebook group called “**UCR Furniture Bazaar**”, where you can buy second-hand furniture directly from fellow students. You can already buy some furniture on this page and ask the owner to store it for you, so you can pick it up once you arrive in Middelburg. You can join the group here: [UCR Furniture Bazaar](#). Another option is to buy second-hand furniture via a Dutch website called “**Marktplaats**”. Furthermore, there are a few furniture shops here in Middelburg where you can buy good quality furniture for a reasonable price. Unfortunately, there is no Ikea in Middelburg and the one closest is in Breda. Examples of nice second hand shops in Middelburg are “**De Aanwinst**” and “**Ramsjburg**”.

Rent allowance

Rent allowance is a monthly gift from the Dutch government to assist you in paying your rent. Students in Roggeveen, Bachtensteene, and Koestraat can apply for rent allowance if they *don't* live in a double/"twin" room and their rent doesn't exceed a certain amount. As the process of applying for rent allowance is quite complicated, we will host an info session in week 5 or 6 to explain the process. Rent allowance is granted retroactively, and international students first need to arrange their Burgerservicenummer (BSN) and DigiD with the Dutch government before they can apply.

See you soon!

We are very excited to meet you all during Introweek! If you have any questions related to housing, please do not hesitate to contact us at hac@ucr.nl.

Warm regards,

Your HAC Board 2019-2020

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