

**AKT's**  
**DECLASSIFIED**  
**SCHOOL SURVIVAL**  
**Guide™**

*Survival Guide to:  
UU Media and Culture*

# AKT

Hi sweet freshman,

How nice that you're starting the bachelor Media en Culture. Welcome to Utrecht and the UU. The 45th AKT board put together this introductory booklet in coöperation with the university. In it you will find everything you need to know to smoothly start off your first year and make the transition into this study program easier.

Before we get started we would like to shortly introduce ourselves. That way if you have any questions about the program or AKT, you'll know who to approach. :) AKT is the study association of both the English and Dutch track of Media and Culture. Every year a new group of students is appointed to the board and this year (the 45th year) that's us!



## Commisioner of Education

I'm Ymke and I will commit myself to all education and student-related issues



## PR-Official

My name is Nikki and I'll be behind AKT's socials



## Chair

I'm Jade and my job is to make sure everything goes smoothly within AKT



## Commissioner of External Affairs

I'm Jurre and I'll  
dedicate myself to  
getting you the best  
discounts and deals  
with external  
parties



Trip to Athens

So AKT is the study association for Media and Culture students, but what does that mean?

At study associations everyone from the same bachelor can join to make new friends. Also, AKT has discounts on things like schoolbooks, AKTivities and other things (e.g. domino's pizza). But most importantly it's about having fun during your student years. There are multiple AKTivities every month, some of them workfield orientated, organized by our amazing committees. No AKTivities are mandatory, after all we're not a fraternity or sorority (but not a boring studyclub either). At AKT people with similar interests are easily connected, everyone can be themselves and you're guaranteed some friends for life!



## Treasurer

My name is Nienke  
and I'll take care of  
AKT's finances



## Secretary

I'm Kim and I'm  
responsible for many  
things, like the mail



borrel



# Solis-ID

With your Solis ID, you log in to various UU-portals such as OSIRIS and Blackboard. After enrolling in your bachelor, you received an email regarding this student number. This is your username for logging in to different sections of the UU-website. You should have received an email about setting up a password and two-factor-authentication after the matching process. With your Solis ID, you can access various relevant UU-websites. You can also use it to connect to **Utrecht University wifi!**

**UU-mail:** Here you get emails from your teachers and the university.

Your mail will be your

*initials.lastname@students.uu.nl*

For example: Sara Julia Smith

-> *s.j.smith@students.uu.nl*.

**OSIRIS:** Here, you can find your grades at results and find information about your courses at course catalogues.

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Sign in

This Identity Provider needs to validate your identity. Please login to your existing account here so that we can return verification back to your local service.

Username

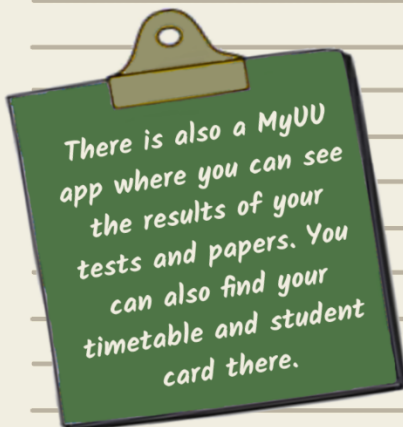
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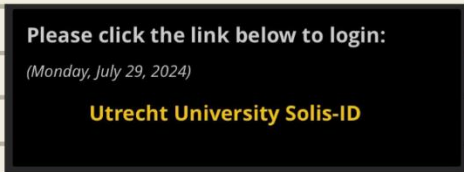
**MyTimetable:** You can find an overview of all the lectures and seminars you're expected to be following as a part of your courses. So for this period you will see your History of the Medialandscape and Showing and Telling classes (or Geschiedenis van het Medialandschap and Vertellen en verbeelden)

# Blackboard

The platform you will most frequently use is Blackboard. You can also find this through [students.uu.nl](https://students.uu.nl). Here you can find things like your homework, grades and course catalogues.

**3 step guide to blackboard (cause it's real easy once you know):**

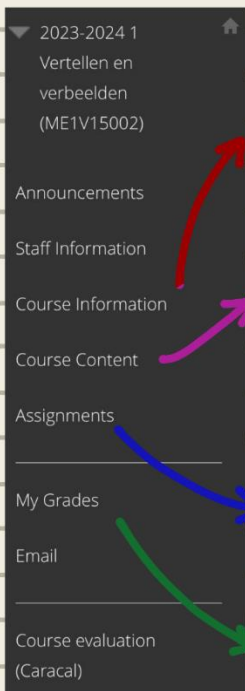
**1** Login with your Solis-ID



**2** Go to Courses (upper left) and select the class you want info about.



**3**



Here you can usually find the course manual.

This is a very useful document that contains everything you need to know about the class you're taking.

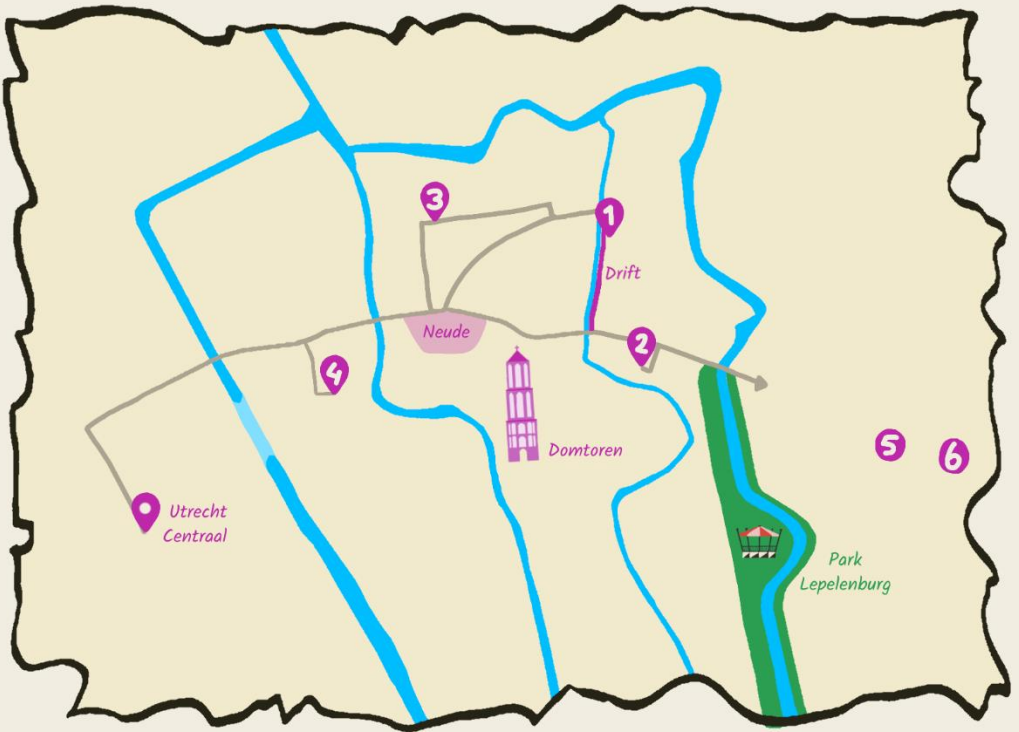
At course content you'll find course materials, basically everything you need during your classes.

For instance the PowerPoint slides from the lectures, a homework assignment, or the text you'll be reading.

At assignments you, well... turn in your assignments and papers.

Here you can see your grades for this course.

# Map of Utrecht City Centre



## 1. The Drift

Here us Media and Culture students have most of our classes. You enter through drift 27 (The University Library).

*Fun Fact:* this was emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's Dutch residency.



## 2. The AKT living room

This is the meeting spot for AKT'ers. Here we play games, eat cookies and use the Wii. Come up between 11:00 and 15:00 every weekday and chill. It's only a 5 minute walk from the drift!

Address: Kromme Nieuwegracht 20 (top floor on your right).

### 3. Café De Stadsgenoot

This is the bar where AKT has its monthly borrels (get-togethers). Every last monday of the month we meet there and catch up. Every couple months at these borrels a PLAKT is

released as well. All AKT'ers are welcome to join, so come visit us on **September 30th** at Breedstraat 8 and take a look at last year's AlmanAKT, while chatting with AKT'ers



### 4. Club Poema

On Mondays ("poemaandag"), beer is only 1,90 for students. Some of us like to go there after a fun monthly borrel.

### 5. ICU

On the west side of the city centre is de ICU. ICU stands for International Campus Utrecht and it houses about 700 students from around the world. But it also contains a lot of University Buildings and you'll probably have some classes here.

### 6. Science Park

This is where the larger part of the University of Utrecht building are. It's a little further from the city center but very accessible through public transport. This is also referred to as De Uithof.



Tip: For every UU building you can find the closest bus or tramp stop on the UU website



the living room

### LIVING ROOM HOURS (11:00-15:00)

Monday - Nienke & Jade (from 12:00)

Tuesday - Kim & Nikki

Wednesday - Ymke & Jade

Thursday - Kim & Jurre (from 13:00)

Friday - Come and find out!

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Does AKT have a hazing (“ontgroening”)?**

No, definitely not! AKT strives to create a friendly, social and open atmosphere.

**Does AKT cost money?**

Yes, a one time fee of €45 to sign up. Most AKTivities are also free but sometimes we charge a small fee (we try our best to keep it as low as possible).

**Can AKT help with housing?**

Sadly, no. A lot of our members are also looking for a place to stay in Utrecht. But making new connections can never hurt, and some of us did find a room together.

**Where do I go if I have a problem which prevents me from academically performing the best I can?**

The Study Advisor can help with planning your courses, arranging accommodations for a disability, creating a plan to make up for missed work after absence, and whenever you are having difficulty keeping up with your programme. For more information, see [students.uu.nl](http://students.uu.nl).

**With what companies does AKT have deals?**

We have deals with Luca Ijssalon (ice cream), Domino's, Poolcafé Hart van Utrecht, YourStyle, and more.

**Does AKT have a discount for study books?**

Yes, AKT-members can get their books at WO4YOU ([wo4you.nl](http://wo4you.nl)) with a discount.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to come to one of the board members or reach out to us through e-mail, instagram dm or look for more information on the website.



# Links

Scan the QR code on the back for the online booklet and click the links!



## Academic year calendar humanities

<https://students.uu.nl/en/hum/curriculum/year-calendar>

## Housing

The availability of student housing in Utrecht is limited and in high demand. When you search for housing try to spread your chances as much as possible by including various housing providers, social media and surrounding town and cities in your search.

<https://students.uu.nl/en/practical-information/student-life-and-housing/student-housing-in-utrecht>

## Working whilst studying

International students can work in the Netherlands during their studies but there are certain conditions.

<https://www.uu.nl/en/education/welcome-to-utrecht/student-life/working-whilst-studying>

## Switching seminars groups

[studentdesk.hum@uu.nl](mailto:studentdesk.hum@uu.nl).

## Code of Conduct UU

<https://www.uu.nl/en/organisation/about-us/codes-of-conduct>

## Code of Conduct AKT

<https://akt-online.nl/standing-rules/?lang=en>

## Study Advisor

<https://students.uu.nl/en/hum/contact/study-advisors>

## Skills Lab

It offers free writing tutoring or study coaching as well as other workshops, courses and guidance regarding academic skills.

<https://students.uu.nl/en/guidance-and-development/skills-lab>



# Committees

Committees are groups made out of four or more AKT-members who organize AKTivities with one specific theme. In november you can apply to be in one yourself!

**AKT on Screen** - organizes AKTivities like screenings and the annual Akt Filmfestival.

**AKT on Stage** - this is the stage committee, they organize the halloween karaokeborrel and more.

**AKTie** - they organize AKTivities related to games and sports.

**AlmanAKT** - this committe makes the yearbook and takes pictures at AKTivities

**EducAlumni** - organizes AKTivities relating to our study and/or workfield, like an excursion to Jinek.



**Feessie** - the party committee! Last year they threw a gala.

**Introcie** - responsible for organizing an amazing introduction for all you new first-years!

**InterAKT** - organizes both the small and big trip.

**Kampcie** - they're in charge of the summercamp and the introcamp (which you can already sign up for).

**PLAKT** - this committee releases a magazine every period.



## Upcoming AKTivities

AKT on Screen 11/09

First years AKTivity 17/09

EducAlumni 18/09

IntroCamp september 27-29th

First monthly borrel 30/09

Small trip november 8-10th



Sign up for AKT on ...

[akt-online.nl/inschrijfformulier/](http://akt-online.nl/inschrijfformulier/) or  
[akt-online.nl/inschrijfformulier/?lang=en](http://akt-online.nl/inschrijfformulier/?lang=en)

## Studio M

Studio M is an association for all humanities students who are interested in transforming theory into practice. You can get help from Studio M to realize your project, like making a movie, podcast or book. You can also help other people with their projects. At the end of January, Studio M always organizes film 49, where students have to make a movie in 49 hours. See our instagram @studiom.uu or our website [studiomutrecht.nl](http://studiomutrecht.nl)



This year, we'll celebrate AKT's 45th birthday. This is why we are putting together a lustrum workgroup. You, as a first-year, can also sign up for this!

# AKT'll be there for you

~ love, board 45

# The AKT song

*AKT ain't no bananas  
in our living room so grand  
Loads n loads of fun  
no money in our hands  
At parties and the Poema  
the kissing tree expands*

*AKT isn't this, AKT isn't that,  
what is AKT then?  
Everybody sing!  
AKT is AKT  
na naa na nana  
AKT is AKT  
na naa na nana*

