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Dear student,

Welcome to the School of History and Art History at Utrecht University! You have chosen to study at a university and are now embarking on a new stage in your life. This may even be your first experience of living in the Netherlands – in that case, your stay in Utrecht will be particularly exciting.

Your choice to study History at our School means as much to us as it means to you. Your academic career will offer you a unique opportunity to develop your capacities. But to achieve your goals, you will need to invest a lot of time in reading, thinking, analyzing, doing research, discussing, writing and reporting. We, on our part, want to offer you inspirational teaching, involve you in our research and show you how historical expertise can be put to good use, and prepare you for further study or a professional career.

The undergraduate (BA) curriculum of History at Utrecht University is considered to be one of the best in the country and we shall do our utmost to live up to this high standard. We expect you to engage fully with your study, right from day one. An academic study means more than just fulfilling formal requirements. First and foremost it means making the most of everything the university has to offer you in terms of its intellectual, social and cultural life. In our experience, you will profit most from the university if you give it your very best.

Due to the current global pandemic please note the following: It is currently unclear what form education at the UU will take next year, but what is clear is that some of our education will be in the form of distance-learning via online platforms. What other forms of education we will be allowed to use are dependent on the developments around Corona, governmental policy and the university's own policy. The university will keep you informed as to the latest updates.

At times, the university system may seem a little inaccessible, especially at the beginning. Your tutor group (in the School) and your mentor group (organized by the UHSK) will help you feel at home in our community.

On behalf of staff and students of the School of History and Art History we wish you an enjoyable, stimulating and successful stay at Utrecht University.

Best wishes,

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