

Dear master students,

You have decided to study Water Science and Management or Sustainable Development at Utrecht University, which means you will be studying in Utrecht! As a Master student-to-be, you probably know the tips and tricks of studying by now, but you will meet a lot of new people and maybe a new city as well. In order to ease this process, the Master Committee of Storm is organising an Introduction Week consisting of three days with (online) activities. This Introduction Week is in the first week of the academic year, and is organised in cooperation with Utrecht University.

In this email, we would like to inform you of the study association and the (preliminary) schedule of the week.

Study Association Storm

Storm is the Study Association for the bachelor Global Sustainability Science and the master programmes Sustainable Development and Water Science & Management. Storm offers students the opportunity to develop themselves not only socially, but also with their educational and professional career path. We organise activities weekly that can range from drinks and sports events to symposia and lectures. Moreover, we offer discounts on your study books and organise course evaluations.

Membership

You can become a member of Storm for only €10,- per year. By becoming a member, you gain access to all the above mentioned perks, as well as unlimited free coffee and tea in the Storm room at Utrecht Science Park. Members are also able to join one of the 17 committees (for example the Master Committee), where you can help in organising activities for your fellow Stormers. Sign up is easiest via the [‘Sign-up’ tab](#) on the Storm website. Once you are a member, you can sign up for the introduction activities as well!

Books

Through Storm you get a 10% discount on compulsory and additional reading requirements for your courses. Also, the books will be delivered to your house without additional costs. You can already find and order the compulsory course material for period 1 when clicking on your year and study, via the Storm page on the [Studystore webshop](#).

Introduction Week 2020

Utrecht University as well as the Master Committee are working hard to come up with introduction activities that comply with the regulations concerning the COVID-19 virus. We understand that some of you might start the year online, and others might be living in Utrecht already. Therefore, our programme is largely online, and for the few offline activities there will

be an online alternative. This way, you can meet your fellow students, either in real life or from wherever you live!

Programme

Activities will be organised on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of the first week. The preliminary schedule can be found on the [introduction tab](#) on the Storm website. Other news regarding the orientation programme can be found on the UU students website for each specific programme.

NOTE: For some events, you do have to subscribe before the event starts in order to receive some extra information, or for us so we can form teams. These include the Quizcape, the Speed Dating, the Game Night, the Dinner from a Distance and the Pub Quiz. Check out the event page on the Storm website for more details on the separate events.

Financials

The introduction week is free! Once you are a Storm member, you can subscribe to all the separate activities.

Discord

The online activities will mostly be available through discord. We made a channel especially for the introduction week, but we invite you to already join the channel before through [this link](#). That way you can also use it for questions regarding the introduction or you can already share tips on housing/studying/etc. with your fellow students.

Microsoft Teams

Utrecht University has made Teams for the orientation of both Water, Science and Management as well as Sustainable Development. You can join these Teams to stay up to date with the latest knowledge on the orientation programme. Storm has also made a Teams environment for the two masters combined, where most of the online events will be held. You can join with the following code: **qd2a5jz**.

We hope to meet you in the introduction week or later in the year! If you have any questions regarding the introduction week or Storm, do not hesitate to contact us via masterscommittee.storm@gmail.com.

Cheers,

The Master Committee 2019-2020