



University of Groningen - Fact sheet 2019/2020

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General information

<i>Meet the University of Groningen</i>	<i>The University of Groningen (founded in 1614) is an international place of knowledge that attracts students and staff from all over the world. Located in the heart of Europe, we are rooted in the tradition and history of a city which is widely regarded as the City of Talent. Our university offers a great variety of English-taught degree programmes and is continually scouting talented students, providing them the opportunity to excel.</i>
<i>Website with practical information for exchange students</i>	<i>http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/</i>
<i>Academic year</i>	<i>September – August</i>
<i>Fall semester</i>	<i>First week of September – mid January</i>



Spring semester	First week of February – mid July
Academic calendar	https://www.rug.nl/education/academic-calendar?lang=en
Welcoming Ceremony	Takes place before the start of the new semester. Students will receive a formal invitation. http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/welcoming-ceremony

Nomination/Application Process

Nomination deadline	Fall semester: April 15 th Spring semester: September 15 th
Application deadline	Fall semester: May 1 st Spring semester: October 1 st
Nomination process	All students must be nominated to the MSD before the nomination deadline. Please send the following information of your nominated student to msd@rug.nl : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Name ◆ E-mail address ◆ Faculty of interest at the University of Groningen
Application process	Please send your nominated students the following link to our online application page: https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/multifaculty-exchange-incoming-application-form Our office will receive the filled out the application form once your student has completed this. We will make sure that the relevant faculty will get this application. IMPORTANT: Students will be asked to fill out one other online application form by the faculty of their choice. It is therefore important that students apply before our deadline.
Application documents	Students are asked to upload the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Official academic transcript of records, in English ◆ English language test results (if applicable)



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<i>English language requirements</i>	<p><i>Toefl (internet based): 92 (with a minimum of 20 per section)</i> <i>IETLS: 6.5 (with a minimum of 6 per section)</i></p>

Practical matters

<i>Immigration requirements</i>	<p><i>All non-EU students must either have a residence permit or an MVV visa and a residence permit in order to study in The Netherlands. Our International Students Desk will accompany this process.</i> http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/</p>
<i>Financial requirements</i>	<p><i>In order to get a residence permit or an MVV and residence permit combined, students must show sufficient financial means:</i> <i>One semester €4500,-</i> <i>Full year starting in September: €9000,-</i> <i>Full year starting in February: 10800,-</i></p>
<i>Health insurance</i>	<p>http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance/</p>
<i>Housing</i>	<p><i>Students will receive information from the international office of their faculty to apply for housing with the housing office:</i> www.sshxl.nl</p>
<i>Additional information</i>	<p>https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/discover-groningen/</p>

Courses at the University of Groningen

<i>Online course catalogue</i>	<p>https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/</p>
<i>ECTS and grading system</i>	<p><i>The Netherlands higher education institutions adopted the ECTS system officially in 2002. One ECTS credit represents 28 hours of full-time study (including contact hours, reading, independent study, preparation for exams etc.), and 60 ECTS credits represent one year. The Dutch grading scale runs from 10 (highest mark) to 1 (lowest mark), in which 5.5 is</i></p>



	<i>the minimum pass mark. Grades 9 and 10 are rarely awarded.</i>
<i>Transcript</i>	<i>By the end of the semester, students will receive information from the faculty on how to apply for a transcript. Students must instruct the faculty to send the transcript to the international office of their home institution. Please be aware that many faculty only send out digital transcripts.</i>

Study costs	Textbooks, readers, photocopies	€ 63 per month on average, or around € 750 per year
Housing	Rent (incl. energy and other costs, for example ISP bills, excl. administration costs and security deposit of approximately 1 month rent)	€ 350 to € 650 per month*
Telephone	Prepaid sim cards or a telephone plan	€ 26 per month on average
Food and drinks	Meals, drinks, etc.	€ 150 to € 250 per month
Bikes	Price based on a decent secondhand bike	€ 80 to € 110
Travel expenses	For students who do not have a dutch OV-travelcard	€ 62 per month on average
Insurance	Health care, third-party, fire and theft insurance	€ 100 to € 120 per month
Language courses (optional)**	Exchange students have to pay if they want to follow a language course, but full time international students are eligible for 50 free hours in language classes	On average between € 160 - € 310 per course
Additional costs	Clothes, relaxation, sport etc	€ 157 per month