



University of Groningen Fact sheet

Meet the University of Groningen!

The University of Groningen is a research university with a global outlook, deeply rooted in Groningen, City of Talent. Quality has had top priority for four hundred years, and with success: the University is currently in or around the top 100 on several influential ranking lists.



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Academic calendar

- Academic year: September - August
- Fall semester: First week of September - January
- Spring semester: First week of February - June

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Nomination & Application

Nomination procedure

All students must be nominated at the MSD before the nomination deadline. Please send the nomination form as provided annually by the University of Groningen to: msd@rug.nl



Deadline nominations

Fall semester: April 15th

Spring semester: September 15th

Application procedure

Our office will process the nominations and we will make sure the relevant faculty will get this application; upon receipt of the nomination, the faculty will contact the student to inform them of the next steps in the process.

Deadline applications

Fall semester: May 1st

Spring semester: October 1st

IMPORTANT: Students will be asked to fill out one other on-line application form by the faculty of their choice. It is therefore important that students apply before our deadline.

Please send your nominated students the following link to our exchange guide:

<https://www.rug.nl/education/documents/2022-exchange-guide.pdf>

Application documents

Students are asked to upload the following documents:

- Official academic transcript of records, in English
- English language test results (if applicable)
- Nomination letter Home University
- Passport copy

English requirements

Toefl (internet based): 90 (with a minimum of 21 per section)

IETLS: 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 per section)

NB: Do check the website of the individual faculties, as the requirements might differ per faculty.

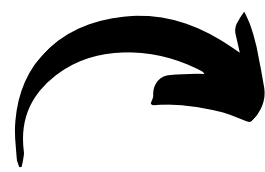
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Practical matters

Immigration requirements

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.

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Financial requirements

In order to get a residence permit or an MVV and residence permit combined, students must show sufficient financial means:

One semester: €5.000,-

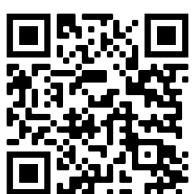
Full year starting in September: €12.000,-

Full year starting in February: €12.000,-

The application fees to apply for a residence permit or on MVV and residence permit combined: €210,-

Housing information

Students will receive information from the international office of their faculty, to apply for housing with the housing office.

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Courses at the University of Groningen

ECTS and grading system

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 the minimum pass mark. Grades 9 and 10 are rarely awarded.

Transcript of Records

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.

- 1 <https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/student-life>
- 2 <https://www.rug.nl/education/courses/academic-calendar?lang=en>
- 3 <https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/visa-and-immigration/>
- 4 <https://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/groningen>
- 5 <https://ocasys.rug.nl/current>
- 6 <https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/living-in-the-netherlands/health-services>
- 7 www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/living-in-the-netherlands/