Master’s Degree Programmes

Thank you for your interest in our Master’s degree programmes at the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Groningen. Below you can find some information about the programmes, the admission procedure and some practical information.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Our faculty offers the following Master’s degree programmes:

- a one-year Master’s degree programme in philosophy (60 ECTS, Croho code 60822): The courses of this programme are almost all taught in English, with only a few courses being taught in Dutch. Students who do not speak Dutch can enrol in substitute courses for these.
- a two-year philosophy teacher training Master’s degree programme (120 ECTS, Croho code 60238): This programme combines our one-year Master’s degree programme with teacher training courses. Note that these courses are taught in Dutch!
- a two-year Master’s degree programme in philosophy of a specific scientific discipline (120 ECTS, Croho code 60823): This programme combines our one-year Master’s degree programme with another master’s degree programme of a specific scientific discipline which can be followed concurrently.

In addition, we also offer a two-year Research Master programme (120 ECTS), for which there is a different fact sheet to be found at [http://www.rug.nl/masters/philosophy-research/](http://www.rug.nl/masters/philosophy-research/) for more information. The following information only applies to the three regular Master’s degree programmes mentioned above.

The academic year runs from September 1st until June 30th. The programmes have two possibilities for enrolment, September 1st and February 1st.

Programme related websites

- Faculty of Philosophy: [http://www.rug.nl/filosofie](http://www.rug.nl/filosofie)
- Our Master’s degree programmes: [http://www.rug.nl/masters/faculty-of-philosophy](http://www.rug.nl/masters/faculty-of-philosophy)
- Information for prospective students: [http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents](http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students who have obtained a Bachelor’s degree at a Dutch university in philosophy or philosophy of a specific scientific discipline are admitted automatically into the programme. All other students will be assessed by the admissions board on an individual basis. In order to apply, these students need to provide us with the following information:

- Copy of bachelor diploma or proof of enrolment including expected graduation date
- Academic transcript
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter: The student should explain why he or she wishes to take part in this particular programme, what he or she expects from the programme and what he or she wishes to achieve.
- Two reference letters: These letters should be written by instructors who know the student and who describe the student’s past performance and academic promise.
- Proof of English proficiency: you will need to prove your proficiency in English by means of one of the following tests (the test cannot be older than two years):
  - Dutch VWO diploma
  - IELTS, minimum overall score 7.0 with no band less than 6.5
  - TOEFL: 100 (section scores Reading 22, Listening 22, Speaking 26, Writing 24). Please ask the ETS to send us the test score report using institution code 7191.

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This requirement does not apply if you:

- are a native speaker and completed secondary education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia
- have completed your bachelor education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia
- have an International Baccalaureate
- have a European Baccalaureate diploma.

**HOW TO APPLY & ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

To apply, please go to the programme’s webpage mentioned above and follow the appropriate links or go to [http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply](http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply). (Note: in Studielink, the names of these three programmes are very similar. Please be sure to select the right programme.) Application is possible online only, the University of Groningen does not have any paper application forms. In order to submit your application for the programme, you may have to upload a number of documents to the Online Admission System (OAS), relating mainly to the admissions requirements mentioned above.

Once we have received your application, the application fee and all required documents, the admissions board will evaluate your file (if you aren’t automatically admitted). You will hear from us no later than one month after the application deadline (see below). There are three possible outcomes of your application: Not admitted (we will motivate the refusal), conditionally admitted (the conditions that have to be fulfilled will be explained) or unconditionally admitted. If you’re admitted, we ask you to confirm your participation by signing and returning a confirmation of participation form.

**TUITION FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES:**

For up to date information about tuition fees, living expenses and visa leges, please visit: [http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/](http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/) and/or [http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/](http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/)

**DEADLINES**

**For enrolment in February:**
All students*: November 1st

**For enrolment in September:**
Non EU / EEA students*: April 1st
EU / EEA students: June 1st

* We advise non-EU students to apply even earlier and use the deadline of the preceding admission moment, as acquiring visa and other documents is often time consuming.

**FURTHER QUESTIONS**

In case you have any questions left, please do not hesitate to contact us. For information about the content of the programme you can contact our study advisor Mr Harrie ten Have at [fil-study-advisor@rug.nl](mailto:fil-study-advisor@rug.nl). For information about the admission procedure you may contact the university’s admissions office: [admissions@rug.nl](mailto:admissions@rug.nl) or by phone +31 50 363 5877. For information concerning visas and immigration, you can contact the International Service Desk (ISD) at [isd@rug.nl](mailto:isd@rug.nl) or by phone +31 50 363 8181.

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