Date
13 July, 2017

Dear student,

You are planning on starting with your premaster at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences! On Monday 4 September 2017, we will welcome all first year students to our faculty. Of course you are not a first year student anymore, but since you are new to our faculty, we thought you might like to join them that day. It gives you the opportunity to get to know our the faculty and your fellow (premaster) students.

The introduction day starts with a kick-off meeting. During that meeting, you will receive some practical information about studying here and we will introduce you to some of our staff members. After that, the first year students will get assigned to a mentor group. We do not have mentor groups for premaster students but we found some of our master students willing to show your around that day and join you in the organized activities.

After the kick off meeting, you will have time for some lunch. In the afternoon, all students will travel to the city center. Please make sure you have arranged for transport to get there (e.g. a bicycle or via bus, a ticket costs € 2,50, which you can buy in the bus). Some informal activities will take place in the city center, followed by a dinner with your mentor group. In the evening everyone meets up again for closing drinks. If you would like to join this introduction programme, could you please let us know by sending an email to: study.advice.frw@rug.nl?

On Friday September 8th, the introduction weekend of Ibn Batutta (the study association of the faculty) will start. This will take place at Ameland. You can take the boot at Holwerd. This weekend is arranged for our first year students but you can join of course. If you are interested, please contact Ibn Battuta about this.

You can order your textbooks through Ibn Battuta (please see their enclosed letter) until September 17th. By doing so you will receive a discount. The books will be delivered to your home address.

In attachment you will find the programme of Monday 4 September. More practical information, such as schedules are to be found on www.rug.nl/frw/studiegids. All the information on this website will be updated during the 2017-2018 academic year.

We hope to see you on September 4th!

Kind regards,
Nienke Harteveld and Saskia Enuma, study advisors

Receiving this information does not automatically mean that you have been admitted to Human Geography and Planning or Spatial Planning and Design. No admission rights may be derived from this letter. After meeting all admission criteria and paying the tuition fee (before September 1st 2017), you are admitted to the programme. Please contact Information Services (http://www.rug.nl/education/information-services/) if you have questions about your enrollment or your admission status.
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<td>Start of the introduction programme with words of welcome by the Dean of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, prof. dr. O. (Oscar) Couwenberg</td>
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<td>12.15-12.45 pm</td>
<td>Introduction of Educational Support Staff and Student Associations: Study Advisors, Ibn Battuta (Faculty Association), Pro Geo (Student Interests), Learning Communities coordinator</td>
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<td>Split up in mentor groups</td>
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<td>2.00-5.00 pm</td>
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<td>5.00-8.00 pm</td>
<td>Dinner with your mentor group (at one's own expense)</td>
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Dear prospective student,

We’re happy to see that you are planning to study at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences! We, Ibn Battuta (the Faculty Association), will be present on the **introduction day on Monday the 4th of September**. We will organize a fun afternoon programme, with a social drink afterwards to celebrate the start of the academic year. We will introduce you to our association, offer you the possibility to become a member and join our **introduction weekend**. This weekend will take place after your first week on the **8th, 9th and 10th of September**. This weekend is a great way to get to know the other first-year students.

We, the Faculty Association Ibn Battuta, provide our students with social and course broadening activities. We have an approachable and informal character. Our main goal is to improve your experience in Groningen. We want to clarify that we are not a student association or a fraternity.

You have the possibility to become a member of Ibn Battuta on the introduction day, but you can also register on our website www.ibnbattuta.nl. As a member you can benefit from discounts on your study books and participate in the various activities we organize like: trips abroad, parties, social drinks and excursions. On top of that you will receive the almanac, our yearbook. These activities are also a great way of getting to know the other students at the faculty. They will also provide accommodation for the 4th of September if you do not live in Groningen yet. If you want to stay the night, please let us know via the contact info below!

The introduction weekend will cost around **€64,-**. This includes food and accommodation at the introduction weekend and membership of Ibn Battuta. Just a membership is also possible and is available for just **€14,-** a year. Payment will happen through recurrent authorization, this means all future payment for other activities will happen automatically and you do not have to sign separate authorizations.

We want to stress that the introduction weekend is **not an initiation**. We do not demand anything of you, this weekend is just for fun. This also means hard liquor and drugs are not tolerated. The entire weekend is under supervision of the Advisory committee introduction periods (**ACI for short**). More information about the **ACI** can be found on www.rug.nl/studenten/aci. The packing list and further information will follow after you have signed up for the introduction weekend.

What’s more, you can order study books with a discount on our website. This payment will be done through iDEAL. The books will be delivered at your home address. If you do not live in the Netherlands yet, we offer the possibility for the books to be delivered at our address so you can come pick them up later, as the supplier does not deliver outside the Netherlands. Please make sure that you add our address as the delivery address and your own address for the invoice.

We are also very interested in you! If you feel like it, let us know where you are from and why you decided to come to Groningen. If you want to know more, about us or the activities mentioned above, take a look on our website! If you have any other questions about us, student life in Groningen or anything else you can always contact us. Mail to board@ibnbattuta.nl, call +31 05 3633909 or Whatsapp with our board: Manus (+31653269541) and Mathijs (+31622014697) are always approachable for any questions!

We hope to see you on the introduction day!
On behalf of the 57th board of Faculty Association Ibn Battuta,

Tim Jansen
Secretary
Map of the Zernike Campus

A Exam hall
Blaauwborcje 4

C Blauwborcje 10

F Mercator
Facility of Spatial Sciences
Landleven 1

H Duijzenberg Building
Nettelbosje 2

J Kaptaynborg
Landleven 12

Legend:
- Bus route
- Auto route
- Pedestrians and cyclists
- Building entrance
- Bus stop

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