“I would always encourage students to do an exchange at the RUG, because it is a well known university that is very well organized with a good contact between professors and students. A lot of practical experience is done through excursions which are possible, because the country is relatively small. It is easy to travel to different cities and visit institutions that are content of your studies.” (Linda, Germany)

“Enjoyed the experience from the first day (the semester is too short).” (Javier, Spain)

“I would definitely come to Groningen, when I was you! The city is beautiful! It has the perfect size for a student city – everything is near, but on the other hand is it not too small. Here are so many young people – it’s the youngest city in the Netherlands. The university is modern, although it’s one of the oldest in the country. There are so many cultural events in the city, like festivals for theatre, music, art! The only thing, that sucks, is the food (except for the cheese) but I love the market: here you can buy a lot of good stuff.” (Anika, Germany)

“First of all, doing a semester abroad is an amazing chance to experience something new and completely different, as well as possibly paving the way for post-graduate studies. Then, the University of Groningen is so well organized, it covers a huge range of subjects and the professors and staff couldn’t be more helpful.” (Ted, Greece)

“Get the chance to be part of Groningen Life. Its best opportunity that life can get you in favor of your academic progress .” (Florin, Macedonia)

“Op Erasmus gaan is een kans die je moet grijpen. Niet alleen leer je een andere methode van onderwijs kennen, je komt ook in contact met heel veel andere culturen en mensen. Je smeedt vriendschappen, gaat op verkenning, wordt zelfstandiger. Letterlijk heel de wereld omringt je en doet je realiseren dat iedere mens, ongeacht religie, ras of natie hetzelfde is. Leven in een hechte ‘community’, zoals meestal gedaan wordt op Erasmus, is een zeer ingrijpende, authentieke en unieke ervaring die ongetwijfeld een grote stap is in je leven.” (Ruben, Belgie)

“I would encourage everybody to come to the University of Groningen because it’s a wonderful experience but I would tell them that they had to work hard. Erasmus is not only drinking beer. For me, it has been fun + hard work.” (Amaiur, Spain)

“Its always a good choice to study in Groningen. I love the city, the people, the University and the language. The Dutch Studies program helps you to understand the Dutch culture and their history. After this six month I say:
Want als ik weg ben dan mis ik de straten
Vanaf de Toren tot aan Westerhaven
Ik mis de grachten, de mensen
Stadjers, studenten
Het allermooiste accent
Geen Frankrijk, laat staan Kameroen.
Doe mij maar het gras,
Het gras van het Noorderplantsoen”
(Stina, Germany)

“I would definitely encourage new exchange students to come and study in Groningen for many reasons. First of all, it is a very well-organized city with all the comforts that a student may need. Secondly, it is a pattern city for student life, as almost everyone ride a bicycle and, in my opinion, that makes someone independent and students want to be independent. Last but not least, the products,
the activities and, in general, the life in Groningen is not so expensive. Indisputably, Groningen is the ideal place for a student!” (Theodoros, Greece)

“When I first arrived in Groningen I didn’t know what to expect, but I found that both, the city and the university to students, especially international students. I got the opportunity to meet other Dutch students and also students from other Europe countries and even people from outside Europe. My professors were willing to help to adjust in the Dutch educational system, which sometimes can be challenging but at the end is rewarding. So, I will really recommend other students who are interested in international experiences to come to Groningen!” (Katherine, Greece)

“I would absolutely recommend and encourage other students to study at the University of Groningen. It is one of the oldest universities in the Europe and the teaching methods seem to be very useful and efficient.” (Agnieszka, Poland)

“The experience gives so much more, as one would expect. Of course I would like to advice to come to Groningen, because I think it is a perfect city for a student, with a lot of chance to study, try new things, but also to have a great social life outside the school. Every exchange student is here for making new friends and learn more about each other, so it can not be a problem to have a good time.” (Aniko, Hungary)

“I consider the University of Groningen the right place for all the students that wish to study for a short period abroad because of its high organization, courses, professors’ skills and social life.” (Floriana, Italy)

“Groningen. Great and open minded. Enjoy a new way of life!” (Nicolas, Belgium)

“Studying abroad is the best experience I've ever had, and the University of Groningen offers a challenging academic roster as well as a lively student population.” (Michelle, USA)

“The University of Groningen is THE PLACE to study. You will meet lots of new friends around the world to have fun and you will have lovely days at the library, in order to be able to pass your courses.” (Lourdes, Mexico)

“At first my biggest fear was that I can’t find myself an accommodation or can’t understand the system of the university, but University of Groningen provided me all the help and made everything clear. And now I can say that one semester here was definitely one of the best experiences in my life so far.” (Hanna-Kaisa, Estonia)

“Dear students, my exchange experience has been the most important choice of my life, it has helped me to find myself. Everybody should have this amazing possibility to do such a beautiful experience. It help you not only for the study that you are doing, but especially for your growth. Living in a new country, with new people, studying at another university, have nothing but something to give to you. Good luck guys!” (Nadia, Italy)

“Studying abroad is one of the most inspiring experiences you can have when you are young and ambitious, yet searching for the way of self-realization. Be different from those who live forever in their comfort zone, only thinking ‘I wish I was’, ‘what if I did’ hoping for some kind of miracle to happen which makes all their dreams come true. Take a risk and work hard, see the progress and feel the pleasure of success, create new contacts and broaden your horizon, grow as a person. Do not expect it to be easy to study at the University of Groningen but believe me it is worth all the effort.” (Lotte-Triin, Estonia)
“I would definitely want to encourage everyone who has the chance to go abroad to pack their things and take this life-time opportunity! Do not hesitate. A semester abroad might seem like a big step into the unknown at first, but once you have gotten used to living in a different country and being on your own for a certain period of time, you will be very proud of yourself and might not even want to leave again. Besides, if it is as well organized as at the RUG, then the best part of it is that you are actually never left alone! There are always enough people you can contact to help you out, to support you, or to share your thoughts, concerns, and laughter. A semester abroad will stay in your memory for the rest of your life and will, thereby, have great impacts on your future, even- and maybe especially- if there are less pleasant experiences you might come across. You will not only study to extend your knowledge but also meet people that might turn out to be very good friends. You will get to know a variety of other cultures and tell people about your own. Thereby, the most astonishing fact is actually, that you get to see your own country from a different point of view and might even get to know it better than you would expect. For me, my stay was never boring nor frightening. There was always something to do: either studying, or travelling, partying or going to the ACLO (as a compromise for eating so many delicious stroopwaffels). Do not think about a semester abroad twice- just take the chance and go.” (Anna, Germany)

“I would encourage other students to come here because Groningen is town full of students. I was surprised to see so many different nationalities here. Everybody can speak in English, so the language is really not a problem. People are friendly and the university is really well organized.” (Maroussia, Belgium)

“I would encourage everyone to come to the University of Groningen. You will have a great period here, in a nice city. I liked the efforts that teachers made in order to bring you and your work on a good way. The ISO is very helpful and you can always go there with any problem you have. But you should save little money at first, because housing is expensive in Groningen!” (Jessica, Germany)

“Come to Groningen. This is a young and powerful city. The university is a very old one and so in demand. I wished to stay longer than a few months. I enjoyed everything. The people were nice, the teachers were dedicated and the people of “the international student office” were great. I did my courses in Dutch and this was a good way to teach myself in this language. If I would have the chance to come back... I would come back!” (Christiane, Germany)

“The RuG takes care of exchange students. An exchange abroad, and especially in the student city of Groningen, will be the best experience of your life. Courses, studenthouses, friends, you can’t avoid this incredible chance provided by your own University.” (Alexandra, Belgium)

“Erasmus turned out to be one of the best experiences in my life. I had a possibility to meet wonderful people from all around the world. Living with them and sharing the most of my time with them made me a more open and flexible person. I gained much more self-confidence and learned more about other cultures. The University of Groningen is an excellent university, I found the method of teaching really effective. What’s more important, as an International Student I felt welcomed and even ‘needed’ at the university. The professors can not only be teachers but also the extremely friendly people. Also, Groningen is a perfect city for students. It’s not big but it makes it easier to get to know a lot of people. The international students life is very well organized, mostly thanks to ESN organization. I would strongly recommend coming to the University of Groningen, because this is the place when the international students can take the most of their exchange and enjoy every aspect of the student life. ” (Karolina, Poland)

“I just love the teaching methods at RUG! I really appreciate also the fact that everything is so well-organized. And the city of Groningen is really a nice place to stay – I think that all my friends
admitted that after a week here you feel like at home. Groningen is small and really “gezellig”! “
(Anna, Poland)

“Studying abroad for at least one semester is a must. It makes your education more diverse, more complete. It gives you a more comprehensive view of the world. If you want to study in a town that is small, yet very versatile and interesting, and in an university of a very high quality, then the University of Groningen is a great choice.” (Piret, Estonia)

“I would say: Don’t be afraid to grab someone by the arm and ask questions. People are very helpful and will gladly answer you.” (Lisa, Belgium)

“Groningen is a great choice – excellent university and very nice and cosy city. I am sure that everybody will enjoy not only high level classes, but also pleasure provided by city – pubs, concerts and of course... bikes.” (Klaudia, Poland)

“It’s not just an exchange, it is a way to face the life. University of Groningen is the perfect place to practice in it!” (Francesca, Italy)

“I will suggest to other students to choose Groninger for an eventual exchange study period because it is a city that fix perfectly with the students’ needs. Everything is shaped in order to accomplish that. Also there is a good and wealthy student life that, I think, it is not so easy to find in other countries and it is possible to meet people from every other country. This is important in order to keep in touch with the rest of the world. In addition, is a good place in which everybody can be able to learn other languages, especially the English one, because the level is really high respect of other places.” (Carmen, Italy)

“To study abroad at the university of Groningen is surely a good decision. The city itself is nice and totally Dutch but with less annoying tourists then in Amsterdam. Which does not mean that you have not a lot of opportunities to party. The nightlife here is awesome. But take my advice. Try to find an accommodation on the privat market also if it sounds more difficult. You will save a lot of money!” (Jan, Germany)

“I think studying abroad was the best experience in my life! So people come to Groningen, study in one of the best universities in Europe and live in a city with thousands of students and amazing nightlife! This experience will definitely open your eyes and you will never forget it!” (Konstantinos, Greece)

“If considering spending a semester abroad, you should definitely do it! It was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I loved every part of it. The University of Groningen in particular was very accommodating to international students and was there to help every step of the way. The city of Groningen was easily accessible, and still had everything one would want from a student city.” (Alison, USA)

“If I had to tell future exchange students or international students who are envisaging to go abroad I’d say one word: go! The destination is not really important but the journey, the stay and the people you meet there are very important. If someone was to consider to go to Groningen to study, I’d say go! as well. The RUG offers amazing courses, great teachers and a very helpful staff for international students. Moreover, if you are afraid of asking for help, don’t be, it’s normal here in the Netherlands!” (Stephane, Belgium)

“Studying in University of Groningen is definitely worth considering, because the University has very good standards of teaching. In addition to that Groningen is a beautiful, student – friendly city,
where you just cannot get bored. Everybody speaks English, so you do not have to worry if you do not speak Dutch. I enjoyed my stay in Groningen very much and I would recommend this University to everybody.” (Magdalena, Poland)

“You can study abroad for just a semester but it is an experience that stays with you your whole life. The network of friends you build, the skills you develop will never disappear. The University of Groningen, which in my opinion is particularly exchange student-friendly, provides excellent teaching levels, a great international atmosphere and friendly staff in a very nice city as Groningen is.” (Caterina, Italy)

“If you want to experience a lively and colorful study period, RUG is definitely a good choice! You can meet students from all over the world and you can also make friends with local Dutch students. There are also many interesting courses teaching in English that you can take. What’s more, Nederland is a great country with beautiful scenery.” (Cong, China)

“Students going abroad should consider the University of Groningen for many reasons. The University itself is really great, the structure of classes and the professor-student relationship. The campus is set right in the heart of the city, which is another major factor for coming. As a student city, your social life is everywhere (in the city, on campus, in the library, at home) and as the city itself is small, everywhere you go you will see someone you know. It’s very homey here, probably because it so easily becomes home.” (Amy, Canada)

“If you consider yourself being open-minded, if you are into beautiful old cities, if you love making connections and friends of every nationality, if you want to enjoy an easy lifestyle and if you want to benefit of a university with a high quality, Groningen is certainly the right place for a semester abroad.” (Luzie, Germany)

“It’s a once in a lifetime experience. It’s a really good university, kind people, lovely courses. The city is not too big, not too small. There’s a choice between a lot of cultural activities and a wild nightlife. You meet new people and you learn to know yourself.” (Niels, Belgium)

“No matter the academic atmosphere or students and professors here is excellent, you won’t regret to choose Groningen University. People here are nice and friendly, it’s full of fun meeting friends here.” (Jia, China)

“Studying abroad in an unknown country is the biggest opportunity in student life. I offer to every student who has the chance to study abroad, they have to grab this.” (Brigitta, Hungary)

“If you are considering going on an exchange, the University of Groningen is a great place to study. Aside from the great setting in such a charming student city, the academic quality is high and the facilities are excellent. The university also pays great attention to the student body; I felt very welcome as an international student and always felt encouraged to participate in events. My favourite part of the university was the library. It’s a beautiful space to study!” (Leona, Canada)

“I fully recommend all the students to come to Groningen. The country is beautiful and the experience is priceless. I have improved my English, met plenty of people who helped me to grow up and be more mature, and traveled all over the Netherlands. Don’t miss this opportunity!” (Margarita, Spain)