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Summer School
for Teachers

29 August - 1 September 2022
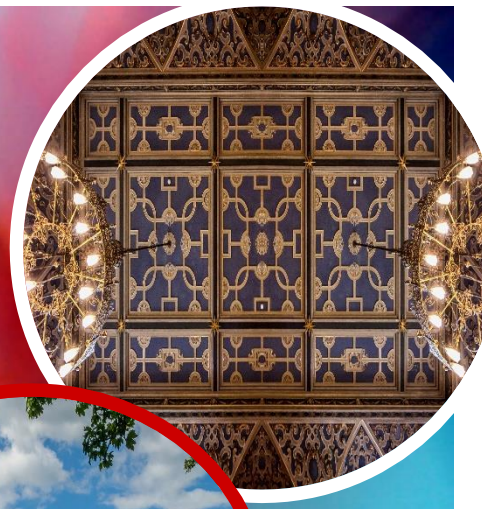
Welcome to the *Summer School for Academic Teachers*! We offer several workshops and activities to help you prepare for your teaching job.

Please feel free to pick and choose the activities that suit your needs, interests and calendar!

Opening with the Rector

The Rector, Prof. Cisca Wijmenga, will welcome the Summer School participants on behalf of the Board of the University and will gladly answer your questions regarding teaching at the University of Groningen. You are cordially invited to join us!

When & Where?
The opening ceremony will be held on Monday, August 29th from 09:00-09:45 in Groningen city.
* Crash Course participants will attend this online opening with their group.

Crash Course: Fundamentals of University Teaching

Are you new to teaching and do you want to enhance your teaching skills? Join the Fundamentals to university teaching course!

This course is designed specifically for teachers who are starting their career in education. The programme includes an introduction to academic teaching, preparation of lessons and didactic skills. You are provided with tools to engage and motivate students. And you will be able to practice your teaching skills and receive feedback from your peers and trainer in a micro-teaching session. Moreover, you are introduced to best practices for giving feedback and assessing assignments and exams.

Learning Outcomes

After following this course you will be able to:
- describe the design of your course, including the learning objectives, and the teaching and assessment methods;
- prepare for your lessons and create a lesson plan;
- deliver interactive lectures and tutorials;
- create an inclusive classroom environment;
- provide students with constructive feedback and compare different assessment methods.

When & Where

This 2,5-day course will be held in Groningen city * on:
Monday, August 29th from 09:00-15:30
Tuesday, August 30th from 09:00- 15:30
Thursday, September 1st from 13:00-15:30

* If on-site meetings for education are not allowed, we will switch to online.

Requirements

- English language skills at a sufficient level to present and to participate in discussions with peers;
- assigned teaching duties for the teaching block preferably directly following this crash course, like teaching a full course or at least a significant part of a course.

Workshop: Introduction to

The Dutch Education System

Would you like to know more about the Dutch education system, your students' academic backgrounds and the Dutch grading system?

Both secondary and tertiary education consists of different types of schools catering to the specific skills, level, and needs of their students. Students' trajectories may also vary as they are able to switch between schools depending on their progress and pursuits. Besides that, the assessment and grading standards at Dutch universities can differ from other countries' grading culture. After this course you will have a better understanding of the Dutch education system and be able to better tailor your classes to your students' needs.

Learning Outcomes

After following this course, you will be able to:

- describe the main characteristics of the Dutch education system related to primary, secondary and tertiary schools;
- compare the UG's grading system with grading systems of other countries;
- explain how the grading and assessment culture in the Netherlands reflects on your teaching activities;
- link (international) students' academic backgrounds to their study expectations and habits.

When & Where?

This workshop will be held in Groningen city on:
Wednesday, August 31st from 09:00-12:30.

Workshop: Introduction to

UG Educational Support Systems

Within the University of Groningen there are several tools and programs that can support your teaching. In this workshop we will introduce the tools and work alongside you to provide support with practicing with the tools.

You will learn more about the Learning Management System (LMS) Brightspace, the UG e-learning tools, the digital exams tooling, the different video tools at the university, the student information system and the scheduling tool.

The main focus of this workshop lies on Brightspace. This LMS is the core of education at the UG. You will learn more about the basic functionality of the system, how to build a course, the possibilities to collaborate within the LMS, the use of videos in courses, how to communicate with students in Brightspace and you will obtain basic knowledge about assignments and grading.
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Learning Outcomes
After following this course, you will be able to:
- find the most important tools for education (Brightspace, Progress and Ocasys) and use them in their basic form;
- identify all the educational support that is available for teachers and will know who to turn to during the academic year.

When & Where?
This workshop will be held in Groningen city on:
Thursday, September 1st from 09:00-12:30.

Discover Groningen: Guided City Tour

**A chance to learn more about the fascinating, ancient city and its university!**

The tour will cover how the UG has influenced not only the intellectual life of Groningen, but also its history, urban planning, expansion and atmosphere.

Some of the most beautiful as well as hidden spots in town will be visited including the Prinsentuin, Peppergasthuis, Hoge der A and famous architectural surprises like the Rem Koolhuis public bathroom, and the only building in Groningen on the UNESCO 100 most important buildings in the Netherlands list.

When & Where?
This tour will take place in Groningen city center on: Wednesday, August 31st, from 13:30-15:00.
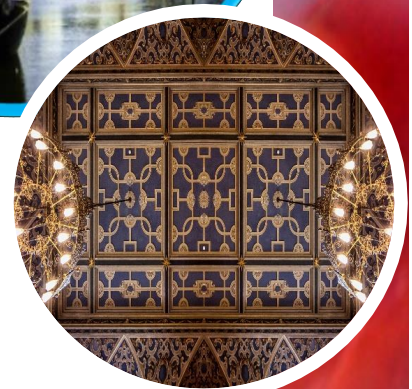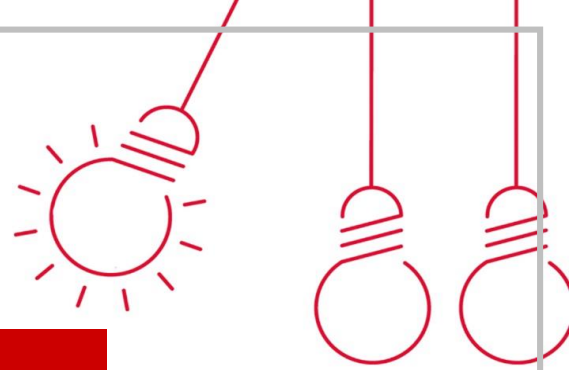
Teaching Academy Groningen

You are cordially invited to the Networking Session hosted by the Teaching Academy Groningen (TAG). After a welcome by the Academic Leader, Prof. Mellie Pullman, you will have a chance to meet with other UG teachers to have an informal discussion and learn more about the Communities of Practice within the TAG: Interdisciplinary Education, Blended Learning, Inclusion & Diversity, Wellbeing.

When & Where?
This session will be held on Thursday, September 1st from 16:00-17:00 in Groningen city.

About the Teaching Academy Groningen
The TAG is a platform to share good practices and develop knowledge in order to enhance innovative education at the University of Groningen. With the expertise of our current TAG members and other stakeholders, we form a dynamic community of practice, providing a platform for interdisciplinary and innovative teaching powered by research and practice.

Community of Practice
Our Community of Practice is a professional, social space in which people participate in shared practices and learn together through participation in common activities. We give our participants the opportunity to come together, both virtually and face to face, to exchange knowledge and experiences, to learn from and with each other, and to produce new knowledge and shared understandings through educational research. As a platform for exchange and development of knowledge, we stimulate participants to build activities together. In that way, the TAG is something we co-design and consequently 'make happen'.

For more information, please visit our website
or contact us through: tag@rug.nl

Additional Programmes for Teachers

The Summer School for Teachers is part of a broader programme to support our teachers throughout their career at the University of Groningen. Throughout the year we also offer the following programmes.

Peer Consultancy Group

Would you like to meet regularly with colleagues from various faculties to discuss your teaching experiences and share best practices, resources, and answers? Then a peer consultancy group under supervision of an experienced teacher might be something for you. Peer consultancy is a structured way of learning from peers in order to improve your expertise as a teacher and deepen and enrich your knowledge. For more information please contact tag@rug.nl.

University Teaching Qualification

After you have given a few lessons you might wish to receive support with developing and validating your teaching skills. The University Teaching Qualification (UTQ or in Dutch, BKO) is a proof of pedagogic competence for teachers in academic education. Because of the flexibility of the UTQ programme you can not only choose which module to start with, but can also decide in what period of time you would like to complete it. Hence the program is individually adjustable to previous experience, individual needs and the constraints of your new teaching job. Click **here** for more information and to register for an intake meeting.

MicroLabs

MicroLabs are short, hands-on courses about a specific educational topic. You will first work on some small activities in Brightspace at your own pace and in your own time before moving on to the on-site workshop part of the MicroLab. . During the workshop, there is time to discuss, share ideas, and exchange feedback. To conclude the MicroLab, you can choose to go for a proof of competence which results in a concrete output that you can use in your own teaching context. Interested? Have a look at the courses offered by the Educational Support and Innovation department **here**.

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Please **feel free to pick and choose** from the programme, the activities that suit your needs, interests and calendar.

	Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September
09:00	Opening	Crash Course	Dutch Education System	Educational Support Systems
09.45	Crash Course			
12.30				
13.00				Crash Course
13:30			City Tour	
15:30				
16:00				TAG
17:00				

Please use the button below to sign up for our Summer School. Registration deadline: 21 August 2022. **Spaces are limited! Therefore, we kindly ask you to attend the activities you register for.**

Sign up!

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact us through tag@rug.nl