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Programme information

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Bachelor's:

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Master's:

www.rug.nl/education/master

Ways to find out more

Our guided visits include a tour with a current student and the opportunity to meet with someone from your chosen faculty.

To book a visit, contact us at

prospectives@rug.nl

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Do you have questions about studying at the UG and student life?

Many of our current students are happy to answer all your questions and help you on your way!

www.rug.nl/education/chat-with-our-students

UG student blog

Discover more about student life and studying at the UG first hand from our student bloggers.

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17 November – 14 December 2025
9 March – 5 April 2026

Web classes

Online taster courses for Bachelor's applicants.

More information:

www.rug.nl/webclasses

Friday 7 November 2025

Bachelor's Open Day

An event for prospective students who want more information about our Bachelor's degree programmes.

More information:

www.rug.nl/opendays

24–28 November 2025

Master's Week

Information event for (prospective) students who want more information about our Master's degree programmes.

More information:

www.rug.nl/mastersweek

Friday 30 January 2026

Bachelor's Open Day

Open day for prospective Bachelor's degree students.

Spring 2026

Master's Days

Information event for (prospective) students who want more information about our Master's degree programmes.

Saturday 11 April 2026

Bachelor's Open Day

Open day for prospective Bachelor's degree students.

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Founded in 1614

Over 180 English-taught degree programmes

Youngest city in the Netherlands

Four Nobel Prize winners

60,000 students in Groningen

80th in the world

Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2025).

One of the top 100 universities worldwide

150,000 alumni worldwide

27% international students from over 120 countries

11 Faculties and 10 Graduate Schools

Studying in the Netherlands

There are two main types of universities in the Netherlands: research universities and universities of applied sciences. Research universities, such as the University of Groningen, offer highly academic, research oriented programmes that focus on specific subjects. Universities of applied sciences are more professionally oriented and designed for those looking to enter a particular career upon graduation.

Research universities

There are fourteen research universities in the Netherlands. A bachelor's programme typically lasts three years and does not usually include a work placement, with master's programmes lasting one or two years. You will be studying a range of subjects before you specialise. Although the emphasis is on academic study in a research environment, our graduates forge successful careers both within and outside the research community.

University of Groningen

The University of Groningen is among Europe's top institutions in the field of academic research, with internationally renowned, groundbreaking research conducted by our staff contributing to all areas of society. By choosing to study at the University of Groningen, you will be joining a well-established, globally networked community where you are encouraged to take the initiative through independent study and research.

Our degrees are designed to inspire you to think independently and develop your own opinions at an early stage in the study programme. Active learning methods are not only more stimulating than the traditional lecturing style, but are also proven to help students develop their problem solving, critical thinking, communication, and interpersonal skills, which are highly sought after by most employers.





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10 reasons why Groningen is the best place to study in the Netherlands

The Netherlands is a small country but has quite a few research universities, a lot of which are top-ranked. However, in my honest opinion, Groningen is the absolute best city to study in the Netherlands, and here are 10 reasons why:

- 1 A large amount of English-language degrees
- 2 The international atmosphere
- 3 Great education
- 4 Young vibes
- 5 There is always something to do
- 6 Geographically well located
- 7 A great city to stay fit
- 8 Groningen is very hip
- 9 Exchange possibilities
- 10 A safe and green city

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5 fun facts about the Campus Fryslân building in Leeuwarden

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How will you be taught?

Study year

The year is broken down into 4 blocks, each lasting 10 weeks. In each block, students follow specific courses for 7 or 8 weeks, and in the remaining 2 or 3 weeks of the blocks, exams are held. This means that there are generally 4 exam sessions per year.

Lectures

Lectures are given in all programmes and usually last around two hours, although some may be longer. The lecturers provide information on a specific subject or theme, which is based on the reading materials.

Seminars

Seminars are interactive classes, involving a small group of students, facilitated by a tutor. In class you will be expected to participate in the activities and present on topics that have been covered in the lectures. Since the group is smaller, you will have the chance to ask questions and hold discussions with fellow students and the seminar professor.

Self-study

Alongside lectures, tutorials and group work, you will also be expected to carry out self-study activities, such as working on your assignments or doing your readings ahead of lectures or tutorials. The time you spend on independent study will depend on the programme you are enrolled in. All full-time programmes expect students to spend 40 hours per week on their courses, which means that if you only have 10 hours of class per week, you are expected to spend 30 hours of self-study.

Free Online Dutch Classes

European Council research suggests that 90% of Dutch people speak at least basic English, with the Netherlands ranked in first place globally for English language skills. Therefore, you do not necessarily need to speak Dutch in order to study and live in the Netherlands. It is still a good idea to sign up for our Introduction to Dutch MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). The UG also offers free Dutch classes, up to 125 teaching hours over five courses, which will take you up to B1 Dutch.

Honours College

In addition to the regular bachelor's degree programme, talented students with broad interests can apply for the two-and-a-half-year interdisciplinary Honours College programme.

This 30 ECTS evening programme brings together students from across the University of Groningen to work on both scientific and societal challenges in small group settings. Students deepen their expertise in their own field while gaining exposure to other disciplines, preparing them for success in participating in interdisciplinary professional teams. Participation in the Honours Programme is tuition-free for accepted students.

For more information and student testimonials, scan the link:



ECTS

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is a method of measuring your study programme as academic currency. ECTS is used all over Europe and enables you to easily compare study programmes and transfer your academic qualifications from one educational institution to another. Its aim is to make programmes and to make student performance in higher education more transparent and comparable across Europe, and to replace or complement the different local (national) standards within Europe. Courses at the University of Groningen are generally either

5 ECTS or 10 ECTS, reflecting the number of hours required to complete the course. Each academic year comprises 60 ECTS with a full bachelor's degree being 180 ECTS, and a master's degree ranging from 60 to 120 ECTS.

Grading system

Exam grades in The Netherlands are based on a 10-point system: 1 is the lowest, and 10 is the highest mark. The passing grades range from 6 (satisfactory) to 10 (outstanding). The limit between pass and fail is 5.5, generally rounded to 6. The grades 1 to 3 are hardly used and the grade 10 is rarely awarded.



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What Dutch grades actually mean

Many international students come to the Netherlands with very high expectations of the university but also of themselves. It is only natural that you want to do well in your studies and show off some good results to your friends and family. However, the Dutch grading system is unique as it is quite strict, which may be a surprise for some. While students from the UK or the US are used to getting A's, the Dutch system is geared towards preventing an 'inflation' of good results which would eventually cause good grades to lose their meaningfulness. So what do Dutch grades actually mean?

- 0 - 5,4** = Nice try, but you'll have to go again!
- 6** = All you need
- 7** = More than satisfactory
- 8** = Great
- 9** = 1st place
- 10** = Is this even possible?

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Life at the UG



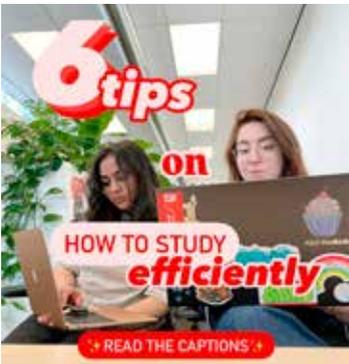
Shoutout to our amazing graduates - you did it
📷 @zhafarina



Starting the year with a diploma in hand!
📷 @mxgeegianpaulo



Brushing up on history - one stroke at a time!
📷 @truusgrit @doornikjoost



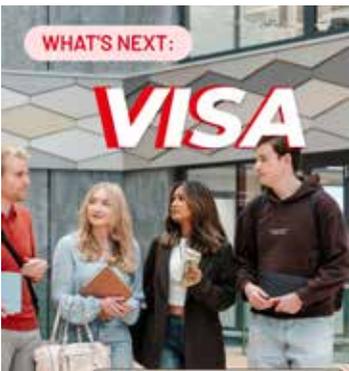
It is important to refresh our studying skills! These tips can help
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Have you seen these old single-storey building complexes around the city?
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Celebrating academic excellence!
📷 @mcamila.trillos



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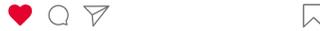


A huge shoutout to our graduates. You did it!
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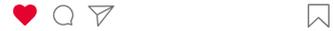
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A short walk through the city can do wonders.
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Which is your favourite season of Groningen?
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Here are five photogenic locations that are absolutely stunning!
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Celebrating our brilliant PhD graduates!
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Congratulations on receiving your PhD!
📍 @campusfryslan



Love is in the air at the University of Groningen!
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Our locations

Living in the city of Groningen will place you in the heart of a historic, vibrant student city with so much on your doorstep. A year in Groningen includes festivals in our parks, numerous sporting activities and bustling cafes and terraces.

GRONINGEN

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Residents (2025)

- 1** Groningen is the largest and oldest city in the Northern Netherlands with its own international airport.
- 2** The city of Groningen is the capital of the province, which also bears the same name.
- 3** Groningen is home to various festivals, including Eurosonic (Europe's largest showcase festival), which launched the career of artists including Hozier and Bastille. Other festivals include Noorderzon, a 10-day performing arts festival and StuKafest, where student rooms are transformed into mini concert halls and theatres.
- 4** Groningen is a city of entrepreneurs and has the second-highest number of successful startups after Amsterdam.
- 5** The city has a top-league football club, FC Groningen (first European team for Luis Suarez), basketball team (Donar) and volleyball team (Lycurgus).





6 There are many museums in Groningen including the University Museum, the Science Museum and the world-renowned Groninger Museum, which has hosted David Bowie, David LaChapelle and Rodin exhibitions.

7 With roughly 150km of bicycle lanes, it's no surprise that the city is one of the best cycling cities in the Netherlands and Europe. Around 60% of all journeys are made by bike and there are more bikes than people in Groningen (1.4 bikes for each inhabitant). It's no wonder that Groningen has some of the cleanest air in the Netherlands!

8 Oosterpoort is the largest pop music venue in the north of the Netherlands. Underground club Vera hosted bands like Nirvana, Joy Division, Pearl Jam, U2, White Stripes and Sonic Youth at the start of their careers.



UG locations

- 1 Academy Building**
 - University Student Desk
 - International Service Desk
- 2 University Library**
- 3 IShop (UG-Merchandise)**
- 4 University Museum**
- 5 Oude Boteringestraat**
 - Faculty of Law
 - Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society
 - Faculty of Philosophy
 - University Services
- 6 Harmony Building**
 - Faculty of Arts
 - Student Service Centre
- 7 Heymans Building**
 - Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences
- 8 University Medical Centre Groningen**
 - Faculty of Medical Sciences

- 9 University College Groningen**
- 10 Bernoulliborg**
 - Faculty of Science and Engineering
- 11 Duisenberg Building**
 - Faculty of Economics and Business
- 12 Mercator Building**
 - Faculty of Spatial Sciences
- 13 Linnaeusborg**
 - Faculty of Science and Engineering
- 14 Feringa Building**
 - Faculty of Science and Engineering

SSH housing 🏠

- 1 Upsilon**
Antaresstraat 43 – 9742 LA
- 2 BNC**
Plutolaan 329 – 9742 GK
- 3 Cornus**
Kornoeljestraat 2 – 9741 JB
- 4 Frascati**
Stationsplein 9 – 9762 AE
- 5 Esdoorn**
Esdoornlaan 274 – 9741 MA
- 6 Moes 8**
Moesstraat 8 – 9717 KM
- 7 Moes 16**
Moesstraat 16 – 9717 JT
- 8 Albertine Agnesplein**
Albertine Agnesplein 2 – 9717 BD
- 9 Winschoterdiep**
Winschoterdiep 46 – 9723 AC
- 10 Blekerslaan**
Blekerslaan 4 – 9724 EJ
- 11 Libertas**
Wouter van Doeverenplein 2-27 – 9713 JG

Zernike Campus





LEEWARDEN

130.011
Residents (2025)

Leeuwarden is home to Campus Fryslân, the 11th faculty of the University of Groningen. A charming medieval city with a lively student community.

1 Leeuwarden, or Ljouwert in Frisian, is the capital of Friesland and one of the oldest cities in the northern Netherlands. The city's history dates back to the 2nd century AD, during Roman times. From 1584 to 1747, Leeuwarden was home to the Dutch royal family, who lived at the Stadhouderslijk Hof.

2 In 2018, Leeuwarden was named the European Capital of Culture, highlighting its rich artistic and cultural history. In 2019, it became a UNESCO City of Literature, committing to support a flourishing literary scene in both Dutch and Frisian. In the Netherlands, Leeuwarden and Utrecht are both part of this network.

3 Leeuwarden is full of terraces along the canals that crisscross the city centre. Around these canals, you will find plenty of attractions, including the Fries Museum, a variety of restaurants,

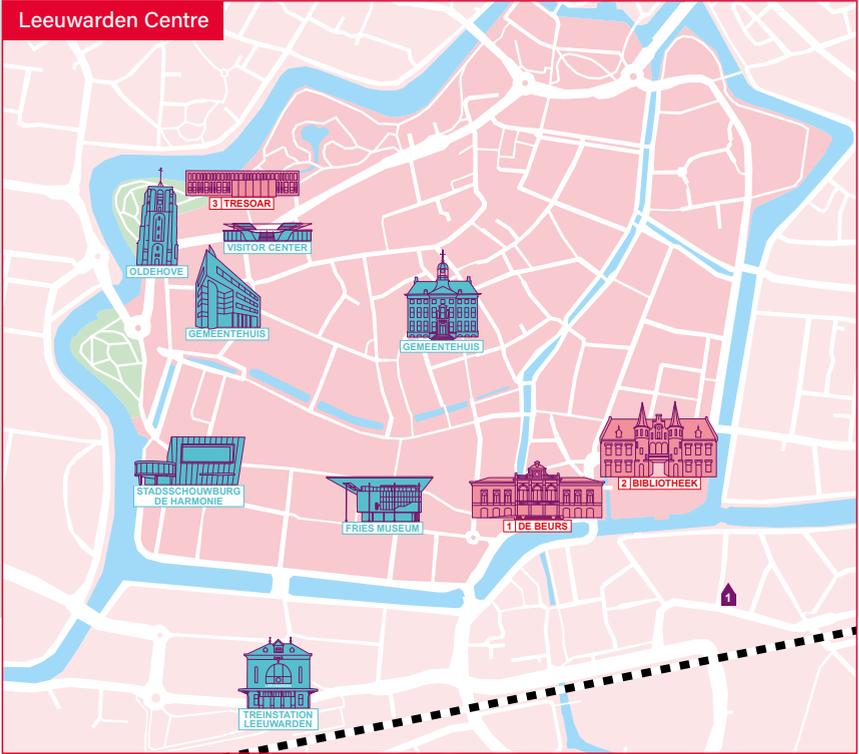
lively bars, and cultural venues like De Neushoorn and De Harmonie. Here, you can enjoy performances by established as well as new bands, and experience many different cultural exhibitions and events.

4 The Oldehove is a leaning and unfinished tower that is located in Leeuwarden's medieval city centre. During its construction, the tower began to sink, causing it to lean. Today, the Oldehove leans even more than the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa!

5 Leeuwarden is the start and finish of the Elfstedentocht, an ice skating tour connecting eleven historic Frisian cities. Due to the steady increase in temperatures, the last event on ice was in 1997. However, people have found other ways to complete the route, including biking, walking, swimming, or even sailing in a solar-powered boat!



6 The city hosts a large variety of music and arts festivals. Annual music events include Cityrock, Dancetour, Welcome To The Village, Into the Grave, Explore the North, and Fries Straatfestival (Frisian Street Festival). Arts festivals include the Noordelijk Film Festival, a gathering for filmmakers, the Noorderlicht photo festival, and the Media Art Festival.



UG locations

- 1 Campus Fryslân Faculty Building - De Beurs**
Wirdumerdijk 34
- 2 Library**
Blokhuysplein 40
- 3 Tresoar**
Boterhoek 1

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- 1 Kanaalstraat**
Kanaalstraat 15-139
8933 AL



Accommodation

Whether you are coming to the Netherlands for the first time or you are relocating from within the country – finding somewhere to live can feel daunting. You might be a little apprehensive about leaving behind what is familiar, but living in shared accommodation with fellow students can give you a great start to university life. The friends you make in the first few weeks will often remain so throughout your time at university and beyond.

A place to call home

SSH XL provides accommodation for international students with the residences spread throughout the city of Groningen.

Great location

All accommodation is located within 10–15 minutes by bike from the University of Groningen faculties and the city centre.

All-inclusive rent

Including all utility bills, Wi-Fi, maintenance, communal cleaning (e.g. kitchen areas).

Community

Communal areas help create a sense of community and ensure a friendly and sociable environment. They represent a great place to meet new friends.

Housing in Leeuwarden

It is relatively easy to find housing in Leeuwarden compared to looking for accommodation in other Dutch student cities. Find more information about accommodation in Leeuwarden via:

www.rug.nl/cfaccommodation

Websites

www.athomeingroningen.com

Information on house-hunting and living in Groningen

<https://www.sshxl.nl/en>

Accommodation website for students wishing to find student housing in Groningen

www.rug.nl/accommodation

Accommodation tips



Blog on how to find a home in Groningen



Very important advice – Start looking for accommodation early

The start of the academic year is always an extremely busy period throughout the Netherlands and it can be difficult to find a room in many Dutch student cities. Over 20,000 students will also be looking for somewhere to stay in the city of Groningen at the same time as you. Therefore, finding accommodation is a priority and you should reserve a room as early as possible. For example, if you are starting your studies in September, we strongly recommend beginning your room search in April, or earlier. It is also wise to apply to your degree programme at the University of Groningen in a timely manner and avoid waiting until the 1st May deadline, as this will delay your search

for accommodation. The 'reserved' rooms within SSH properties become available at the start of May and are usually fully booked within a few weeks. In addition, availability and choice within the private rental market become increasingly limited the longer you wait. Room shortages may also drive up prices. You can also consider looking for accommodation in a nearby city or town in the north of the Netherlands. Most locations are within a comfortable travelling distance from the Central Station in Groningen and can be reached by regular public transport. Examples are Assen (only 17 minutes by direct train) and Leeuwarden (34 minutes by direct train).

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When do I apply for accommodation in Groningen?

The booking system opens around the start of May. The specific dates will be posted on the SSH website www.sshxl.nl/en.

Can I choose where I live?

Yes.

How are rooms allocated?

Once you are registered, you can choose and book a room in the 'my SSH' portal. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis meaning the first person to book will be offered the room. Please be aware that once the rooms are gone there is no waiting list.

How do I reserve my room?

Once you have reserved your accommodation, you will need to pay a down payment and this will vary depending on the type of room and duration of your rental period.

How long is the rental contract?

In Groningen, SSH offers Short Stay accommodation to UG students. You will receive a contract for a minimum of 1 month to a maximum of 12 months, depending on the period of study in your first year. Note that contracts for 1 month are only available to PhD students, not to exchange or degree students.

For degree students, contracts are usually for 12 months in furnished rooms. In some cases, unfurnished rooms may have open-ended contracts that can be terminated early as long as the student remains enrolled at a university or other educational institution in Groningen.

How do I pay my rent?

Rent is paid at the start of the month by bank transfer or direct debit. Other options are also available.

Is there a deadline for accommodation applications?

There is no deadline. However, once all rooms have been reserved, it is no longer possible to be assigned a room.

Rental costs and additional information

Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by SSH on behalf of the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the SSH website at www.sshxl.nl/en.

Please note:

The University of Groningen does not provide housing. It is the student's responsibility to arrange accommodation.



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Looking for housing in Groningen?

Here are some tips to help you along!

In recent years, finding housing has become increasingly difficult so here are some tips for finding a place before the new academic year begins. And as a reminder, unless you are applying to the University College programme, housing is not provided and remains the sole responsibility of the students.

- SSH
- At home in Groningen
- Real Estate Agencies
- Pararius
- Funda
- Host family
- Lefier

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Top Tips for Finding Housing in Leeuwarden

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University fees and living costs

The fees you pay and the support you are entitled to will depend on whether you are classed as an EU/EEA or non-EU/EEA student, which typically depends on your nationality. Our tuition fee information is up to date and provides you with an idea of what you will be paying for the first year of your programme.

How do Groningen and Leeuwarden compare with other Dutch cities?

Both cities have many advantages which make them cheaper places to study compared to other university cities. These include:

- compact cities, meaning you won't have to travel far between the university buildings, city centre shops and your accommodation.
- both are known as cycling cities with bicycle-only routes – the flat landscape makes cycling much easier.

Tuition fees 2025–2026

The University of Groningen tuition fees for regular degree programmes depend on government regulations and are the same for Dutch and European Union/European Economic Area citizens (all EU countries plus Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Iceland). Please check www.rug.nl/tuitionfees for up-to-date tuition fee information.





TABLE OF TUITION FEES FOR EU/EEA STUDENTS*

	Tuition fees
All bachelor's and master's degree programmes	€ 2,601
University College Groningen and University College Fryslân (Campus Fryslân)	€ 5,157

* The EU/EEA tuition fees listed i4 EU/EEA tuition fees had not been confirmed at the time of publication of this guide. Please check www.rug.nl/tuitionfees for up-to-date tuition fee information.

TABLE OF TUITION FEES FOR NON-EU/EEA STUDENTS**

	Tuition fees
Bachelor's programmes	
University College Groningen and University College Fryslân	€ 17,200
Science and Engineering	€ 19,800
All other international Bachelor's degree programmes	€ 13,500
Master's programmes	
Arts	€ 19,200
Behavioural and Social Sciences	€ 21,400
Campus Fryslân	€ 21,400
Economics and Business	€ 21,400
Law	€ 21,400
Medical Sciences – Human Movement Sciences; Sport Sciences	€ 24,900
Medical Sciences – Research Master's	€ 24,900
Philosophy	€ 19,200
Science and Engineering	€ 24,900
Spatial Sciences	€ 21,400
Religion, Culture and Society	€ 19,200

** The non-EU/EEA tuition fees listed in the International Guide give an indication based on the tuition fees of recent years. Please check www.rug.nl/tuitionfees for up-to-date tuition fee information.



There are a number of ways in which you can pay your tuition fees and this information can be found on the university website. If your fees will be paid by a recognised financial sponsor such as an overseas government, charity or international business, we can invoice your sponsor directly for your tuition fees.

Please note that we cannot invoice members of your family for your fees.

More information

Dutch Ministry for Education,
Culture and Science Education
Office (DUO)

www.duo.nl/particulier/student-finance/apply.jsp

More information

www.rug.nl/tuitionfees



Funding and scholarships

In recognition of the outstanding talent of many international students, the University of Groningen is committed to attracting, supporting, and rewarding the best students by offering a number of scholarships. Alongside our own scholarship programmes, there are a number of available scholarships via external national and international organisations.

More information

www.rug.nl/grantfinder

Living expenses

For the 2025-2026 academic year, the University estimates that living costs will be approximately €13,000 – €16,000 per year (excluding tuition fees). These estimates are for 12 months and include accommodation, utility bills, food, books, clothes, travel, mobile phone and social expenses.



LIVING EXPENSES

Essentials		Cost per calendar year
Study costs	Textbooks, readers, photocopies	€ 730
Housing	Rent (including energy, internet bills, excluding administration costs and security deposit of approximately one month rent)	€ 9,000
Telephone	Sim cards or a telephone plan	€ 200
Food and drinks	Groceries, etc	€ 2,400
Travel expenses	For students who do not have a Dutch OV travel card	€ 550
Insurance	Healthcare, third-party, fire, theft and liability insurance	€ 1,440
Additional costs	Clothes, sports, relaxation etc.	€ 1,680
Total costs		€ 16,000



Supporting you

Studying at university is exciting but it can also be demanding. At the University of Groningen, you will have a wide support network including mentors, study advisors and tutors who will be available to help and advise you on various aspects of your student life.

Study advisors

Each study programme has one or more study advisors who act as your first point of contact for questions or problems before and during the study programme. You can go there if there are extraordinary circumstances, in case of disability or illness, for information about the binding study advice (BSA) and your study planning. They can also help you with questions about your programme, such as the study programme and the choices you can make within it. But also if you just need a listening ear, the study advisor is always available to support you. Conversations with a study advisor are always confidential.

Contact your study advisor
www.rug.nl/studyadvisor

Career services

Our Career Service offers a wide range of services to make you more employable and to provide you with development opportunities in preparation for the graduate employment market. There are a range of professionals on hand including student counsellors, coaches and student psychologists offering guidance throughout your programme to help you consider your career options and develop the skills and experience you will need.

As another option there are also several online resources where you can find a variety of information including new vacancies, careers workshops and networking events.

More information
www.rug.nl/careerservices

Student Service Centre

The Student Service Centre (SSC) is the centre of expertise in student counselling at the University of Groningen. The student counsellors of the SSC work from an independent position of trust and are in most cases the contact point where you can request educational and examination facilities. For example, if you experience barriers because of an illness or a functional impairment. If, during your studies, you have study-related complaints (such as stress) or psychological complaints (such as anxiety or depression), you can contact one of the psychologists at the SSC. Courses and training programmes related to study skills development, stress management, personal development and more are organised by the trainers of the SSC.

More information
www.rug.nl/ssc
www.rug.nl/extraordinarycircumstances

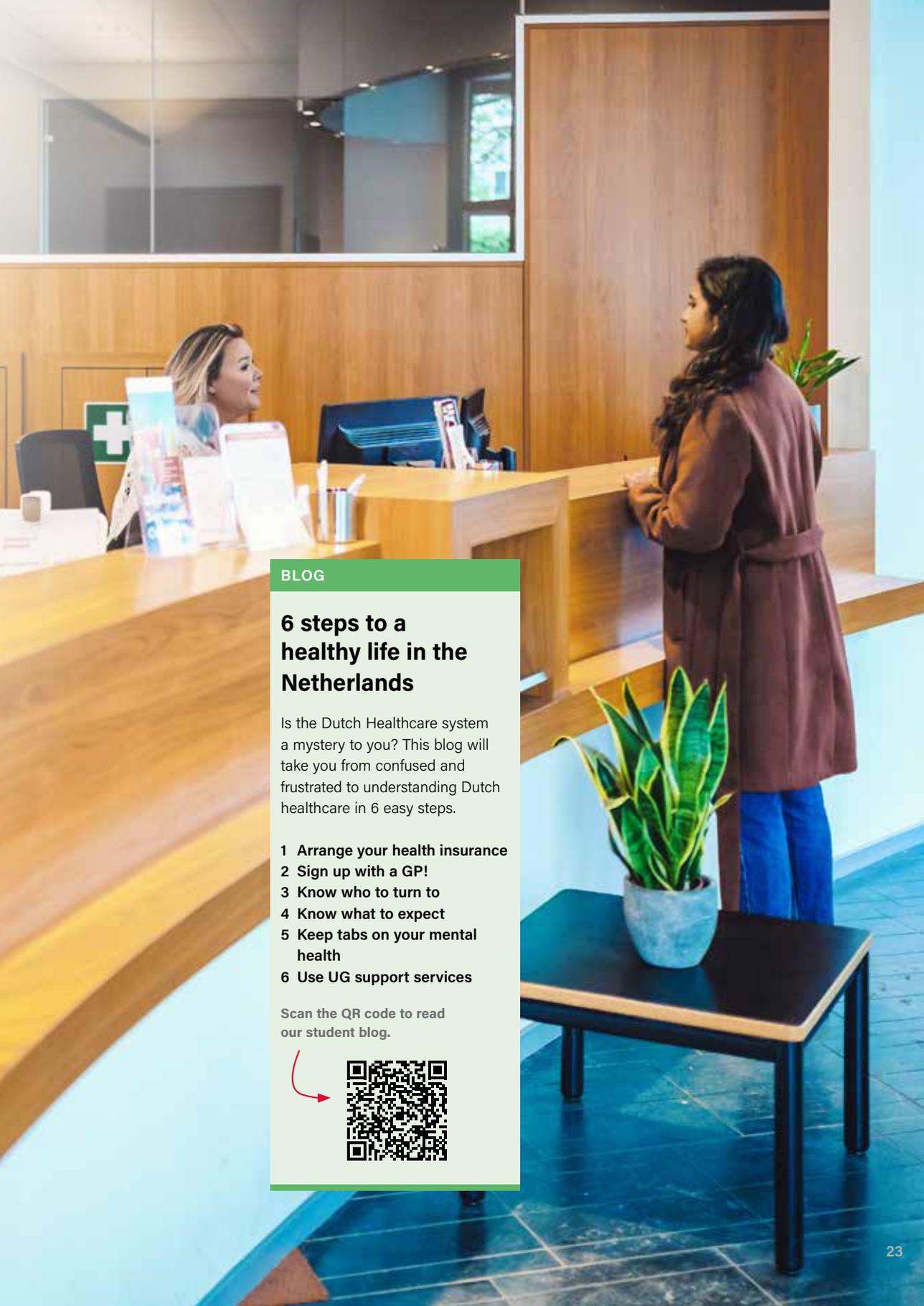
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Uni resources you should know

As university students, we are mostly unaware of the vast majority of resources that are available to us. Sure, we might be familiar with a few, such as our study advisors and the computers available to use all over campus... but the services that the university provides extend way further than that. This blog will show you the ins and outs of all the resources provided by the University of Groningen, divided into 4 major categories: academic resources, career resources, wellbeing/health resources, and other various resources. Let's get started!

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6 steps to a healthy life in the Netherlands

Is the Dutch Healthcare system a mystery to you? This blog will take you from confused and frustrated to understanding Dutch healthcare in 6 easy steps.

- 1 Arrange your health insurance**
- 2 Sign up with a GP!**
- 3 Know who to turn to**
- 4 Know what to expect**
- 5 Keep tabs on your mental health**
- 6 Use UG support services**

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Life beyond study

Students at the University of Groningen have a wide variety of social and sporting opportunities for life outside of class. There are plenty of opportunities for you to try new things at the university, as well as develop your talents through fantastic events, sporting activities and networking opportunities!

Faculty and study associations

Most faculties have one or more study associations that allow you to socialise and network with others doing a similar programme to you. These associations are often made up of Dutch and international students and arrange presentations from professional organisations and potential employers, as well as organising social events and outings.

Student associations

Student-run associations offer you the opportunity to meet other students during your time in UG. Activities range from regular jazz festivals by the Groningen Student Big Band, to professional development opportunities offered by ELSA (Faculty of Law), and events run by the Amnesty Student group. Groningen also has a lively chapter of ESN (Erasmus Student Network), who run an introductory week for International students.

More information
[www.rug.nl/
internationalstudentassociations](http://www.rug.nl/internationalstudentassociations)

Sports

At the University of Groningen, we know how much staying fit and active can help your studies. Groningen has the ACLO as the overarching student sports organisation home to 100 sports clubs. The ACLO (founded in 1945) is the largest student sports organisation of the Netherlands and represents the Groningen students' sporting interests at a national level. For a fee of just €59,95 per year, you will join 19,000 others who have access to sports and activities including water polo, African dance, bouldering, basketball and rugby.

More information
www.aclosport.nl/en

Sports facilities at Campus Fryslân

If you are studying at Campus Fryslân in Leeuwarden, you can use the sports facilities offered by Leeuwarden Student City for a small yearly fee. There is a choice of different sports, including basketball, futsal, swimming, kickboxing and bouldering.

More information
www.leeuwardenstudentcity.nl





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Student Associations: are they worth the hype?

In this blog, I'd like to take you through some of the reasons why joining an association is a good way to ensure you live your best student life alongside your academic commitments! Generally, joining a student association is a great way to connect with new people, share experiences and learn new things. In Groningen, you will find 4 main types of associations – study, student, sports and cultural associations – each type offers students different opportunities but you'll be sure to find enjoyable experiences in each.

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Exploring the ACLO Sports Centre!

The ACLO is the largest student sports association in the Netherlands. It is often one of the first stops for any student in Groningen who is interested in getting together for a team sport or just wants to get in shape at the gym. Underlining the student character is the fact that the ACLO is entirely run by students from Groningen. For this blog, I met up with Marlon from the ACLO board to get a tour around the ACLO sports centre, with their main facility located at Zernike campus.

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Advancing your career

Being an employable graduate in today's competitive job market is about more than just gaining a university degree. Technical and analytical skills are highly regarded by employers.

The University of Groningen strives to equip you with:

- the ability to think critically about difficult problems and to express your opinion in an articulate and effective manner.
- access to international networks that will broaden your horizons.
- the ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- the ability to locate, organise and critically evaluate information from multiple sources.

Graduating with a good degree constitutes the first step towards landing the right job after you graduate. There are a number of ways that the University of Groningen helps its students to stand out from the crowd and gain a competitive edge:

1 A worldwide reputation

The University of Groningen has been consistently ranked in the top 100 universities globally.

2 Get career advice and meet potential employers

The University's free Career Service offers regular workshops and training courses on career choice, CV writing, interview techniques and job hunting. There are also career events through the year that will give you the opportunity to meet with potential employers and learn more about a particular career.

3 Add to your CV

Potential employers are looking for people who are good at teamwork, and who can organise themselves and other people, as well as manage their time effectively. Being involved in one of the many sporting or academic clubs and societies is a good way to learn these skills.

4 Network, network, network

We have a global alumni network of 120,000 graduates as well as a group of international alumni ambassadors available to provide insight into "what comes next" after graduation. Our academics also have multiple links and connections, providing another source of valuable information.

5 A global skill-set

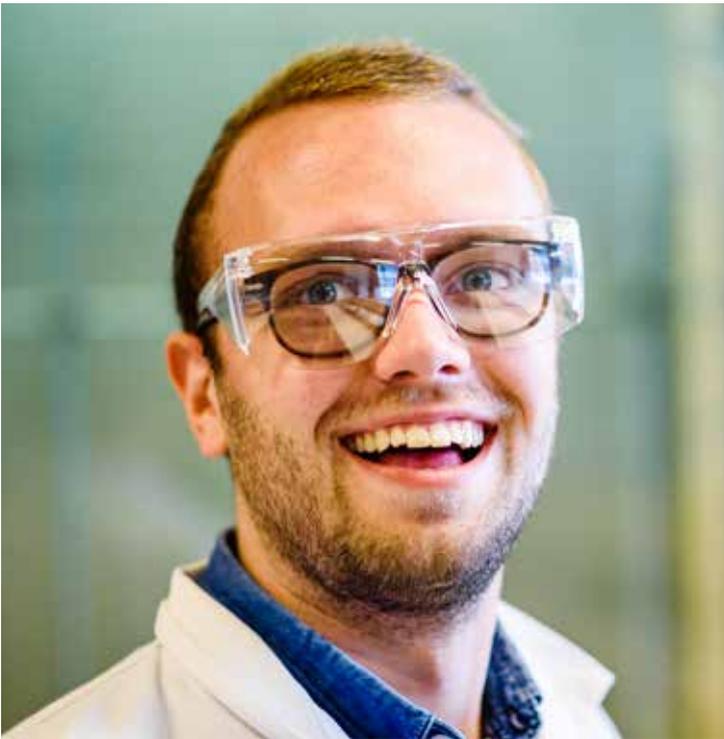
Cross-cultural understanding is a key quality in today's global environment, so getting experience abroad is invaluable. We have a large number of exchange partners around the world and bachelor's students can spend part of their degree in a number of institutions in countries including Japan, Australia, the USA and Brazil.

Career Services

The UG Career Services will support and prepare you to shape the society that you live in, whichever profession you choose to enter. We help you to develop strategies to be successful in an increasingly challenging jobs market and support you to think about your future early in your studies – including one-to-one sessions with a professional careers adviser; drop-in CV checks; skills development workshops and workshops tailored to your degree programme.

More information
www.rug.nl/careerservices





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Career Corner

As part of our Career Services team, MA student Avital has gathered the best advice for kickstarting your career after your studies. In her blogs, she shares her experiences with topics such as succeeding in job interviews, finding work in the Netherlands and creating an outstanding CV.

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Graduate destinations

› Shell › United Nations › ABN Amro › AT&T › Ernst and Young › Deutsche Bank › SAP › Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale › Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH › Embassy of Canada › Phillips › Zoological Society of London › University of Oxford › Unilever › PWC › KPN Consulting › University of Oslo › Eurocham – Indonesia › Honeywell › AkzoNobel › IOM – UN Migration Agency › Deloitte China › Schlumberger › Boeing › G-Star Raw › Klixar › Queensland University of Technology › Netherlands Forensic Institute › Culture Papillon › Chevron › Nomura › BMW Group › Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry › BSI Steel



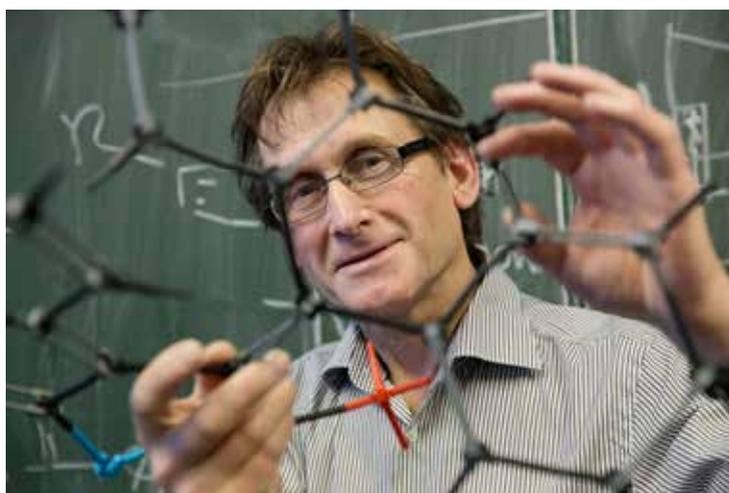
Groundbreaking research

The University of Groningen is home to many leading research centres, groups and institutes, which tackle a range of global challenges through groundbreaking research. University of Groningen researchers collaborate with colleagues from all over the world on a daily basis and, as a Master's student at the UG, you will have the opportunity to be involved in this research.

The University of Groningen's research profile consists of the research focus areas of the faculties and the selected three societal themes of the University: Healthy Ageing, Energy and Sustainable Society. These focus areas and themes are interconnected and complement each other, thus enabling the University to actively undertake research that seeks to address major questions in society and ensures that our findings can have immediate social relevance. Our researchers cooperate on a large scale with partners from business, public organisations and the government – both within and outside the region. Here are some examples of how our researchers work together with a focus on our research themes:

Adaptive Life programme

The Adaptive Life programme aims to integrate research into the two main forms of adaptation, which are a core aspect of any living system. The research focuses on connecting robotics and other human-designed adaptive systems; the modelling of cognition and neural networks; understanding biological processes at the molecular level; energetics and metabolism; biomedical and pharmaceutical research, and understanding complex systems in relation to large data.



Brain Ageing

The Brain Ageing theme involves research that is aimed at understanding the function of the healthy brain and the dysfunctions of the nervous system with reference to neurological and psychiatric disorders. Its research also emphasises translational collaboration between lab-based and hospital-based researchers, integrating different levels of neuroscience research.

Data Science and Systems Complexity is a research cluster of 58+ prominent senior researchers in a number of basic disciplines (Mathematics, Astronomy, Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Systems & Control) and scientific

application domains (Genomics, Pharmacology, Instrumentation). The ambition is to combine data science and complexity science to solve the challenges arising when complex systems and big data collide.

Fundamentals of the Universe

Recently launched, the Fundamentals of the Universe hopes to connect research across all length scales by using linked theories. These include a range from the Planck scale (quantum gravity) via sub-atomic scales (particle physics), to cosmic dimensions (cosmology and astrophysics). The research can be grouped into 'The Building Blocks of the Universe', 'The Emergent



Universe', and 'The Instrumentation Universe.' A further groundbreaking series of research is entitled 'Elucidating Malignant Transformation.' The programme aims to translate insights into oncogenesis and tumour behaviour from basic research into full prevention, detection and treatment methods. The researchers at the Cancer Research Center Groningen do this by clarifying the molecular mechanisms that determine malignant transformation, with the ultimate goal being personalised cancer therapy.

Religion and the Dynamics of Culture

Religion and the Dynamics of Culture which examines how political systems and religions interact as well as their influence on culture and society. This is centred around three sub-themes; 'The Interrelation of the abrahamic religions in their formative phases'; 'The former and continuing global importance of religion' and 'The relation between Christianity, philosophy and the public domain in the Western world.'

Human Wellbeing & Biomedical

Materials looks at the widespread use of biomaterial implants in modern health care. Biomaterials are used in post-oncological surgery, post-trauma recovery and in healing to ameliorate the wear caused by advanced ageing. Centred around the Kolff Institute, the research considers materials science, medical product development and clinical evaluation of both biomaterial implants and extracorporeal support systems.

More information
www.rug.nl/researchthemes



Studying a Bachelor's degree at the University of Groningen

The UG has 34 English-taught bachelor's programmes, some of which have several variants (tracks).

Numerus fixus programmes

Numerus fixus programmes are high-demand programmes which require a selection procedure to be admitted. Per programme, there are only a selected amount of available seats for the most eligible students. The selection procedure consists of an early admission and an entry test or assignment, depending on the programme. The test, together with the candidate's CV and motivation letter, will determine whether or not they are fit for the programme. As Numerus Fixus programmes require more preparation, the deadline is also earlier. The deadline for Numerus Fixus applications is January 15th at 23:59 CET. On April 15th, the candidate will be informed if they have received an offer and how they can accept their place on the programme.

Numerus fixus programmes in English:

- International Business
- International Relations and International Organisation
- Psychology

bachelor's students

First-year students at research universities in the Netherlands have to earn at least 3/4 of their 60 ECTS (credits) during the first year of the bachelor's programme. This means a minimum of 45 ECTS of the total 60 for that year. This is called Binding Study Advice (BSA) and you will be advised in January of your first year about your results and progress and invited for a conversation with your study advisor. If you are not able to achieve the 45 credits, you will have to discontinue your degree. Halfway through your first year, you will receive what is called preliminary advice and at the end of the study year you will receive the Binding Study Advice.

More information
www.rug.nl/bsa

Binding study advice for



Exchange semester

Studying abroad broadens your perspective, both academically and non-academically. We offer you the opportunity to experience a different culture, for living and studying, and to find interesting academic content outside of the scope of your regular degree programme. Going abroad enhances your career options, as many employers value an international experience. In return, the incoming exchange students add to the international atmosphere within the University of Groningen, providing you with the opportunity to learn to work in an international environment.

ENGLISH-TAUGHT BACHELOR'S DEGREES

PROGRAMMES 2026	DEADLINE
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Arts

BA American Studies	1st May
BA Art History	1st May
BA Arts, Culture and Media	1st May
BA Communication and Information Studies	1st May
BA English Language and Culture	1st May
BA European Languages and Cultures	1st May
BA History	1st May
BA International Relations and International Organisation	15th January
BA Media Studies	1st May

Economics and Business

BSc Econometrics and Operations Research	1st May
BSc Economics and Business Economics	1st May
BSc International Business	15th January

Science and Engineering

BSc Applied Mathematics	1st May
BSc Applied Physics	1st May
BSc Artificial Intelligence	1st May
BSc Astronomy	1st May
BSc Biology	1st May
BSc Biomedical Engineering	1st May
BSc Chemical Engineering	1st May
BSc Chemistry	1st May
BSc Computing Science	1st May
BSc Industrial Engineering and Management	1st May
BSc Life Science and Technology	1st May
BSc Mathematics	1st May
BSc Physics	1st May

Spatial Sciences

BSc Human Geography and Planning	1st May
BSc Spatial Planning and Design	1st May

Behavioural and Social Sciences

BSc Psychology	15th January
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Philosophy

BA	Philosophy of a specific discipline	1st May
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Law

LLB	International and European Law	1st May
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Religion, Culture and Society

BA	Religious Studies	1st May
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University College Groningen

BA/BSc	Liberal Arts and Sciences	September intake: 1 May
		Early Bird: 15 January
		February intake: Non-Dutch degrees: 1 November
		VWO/HBO (Dutch) degrees: 10 January

Campus Fryslân

BSc	University College Fryslân: Global Responsibility & Leadership	1st May Early bird: 15th January
BSc	Data Science & Society	1st May

Web classes

The University of Groningen organises web classes twice a year, which are designed to give you a taste of the first year of study. The web classes last four weeks and you will undertake a number of assignments of 2–3 hours per week.

More information
www.rug.nl/webclasses

More information
www.rug.nl/bachelors/in-english



How to apply to a **Bachelor's or Master's degree programme** at the University of Groningen

Applying to study at university can seem like a complicated process and you may have a number of questions. **Our Student Information & Admissions Office is here to help you make the application procedure easier. We strive to process standard applications within ten working days, but please be aware that during busy periods it can take longer than this.**

Entry requirements

You will be able to find up-to-date country-specific information on entry requirements on our website. This will also give you an overview of the qualifications we accept but if you are not able to find information on the website, you can call or email the Admissions Office. Some courses may require you to submit additional information or take supplementary exams and you can check with the Faculty, the Admissions Office or on the programme's web page.

More information
www.rug.nl/admissions

English language requirements

You might be required to submit an English language qualification prior to being admitted onto a programme. The University accepts a number of different qualifications such as IELTS, TOEFL, C1 Advanced, CPE, Pearson and LanguageCert, and if you have studied in certain countries before joining us, you might not need to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. If you are not sure, check the website or ask the Admissions Office.

More information about how to apply
www.rug.nl/howtoapply

Country-specific entry requirements
www.rug.nl/internationalqualifications





FAQs

Do I need to have all my qualifications/transcripts before I apply?

You do not need to have all your qualifications before you submit an application. If you have not yet graduated, or have not yet received your final diploma, you can indicate this when applying and provide provisional grades.

How long will it take for me to get a decision on my application?

We aim to get back to you soon after we receive your applications and endeavour to make a decision for bachelor's applications within 15 days (excluding selective/numerus fixus programmes). Please be aware that this can take longer when approaching the deadline and if you do not get a response after 30 days, please contact the Admissions Office.

Is there an application fee?

The UG charges an application fee of €100. This fee applies to applicants with a non-Dutch diploma. We will only start reviewing your file after this fee has been received. The fee is non-refundable.

When is the application deadline?

The official deadline for most bachelor's programmes is 1st May. The deadline for selective English language programmes (International Business; International Relations & International Organisation; Psychology) is 15th January each year.

Studying a Master's Degree at the University of Groningen

The University of Groningen offers a range of study options after your Bachelor's programme, from Pre-Master's to PhDs. There are also a number of opportunities to link your UG degree to studies at partner institutions around the world.

Pre-Master's

Pre-Master's programmes are bridging programmes for students who want to enter a Master's programme, but have certain shortfalls in their academic background. Once you have successfully completed a Pre-Master's programme (lasting a maximum of one year), you can enrol in the corresponding Master's programme. During the Pre-Master's you will follow courses preparing you for a specific Master's degree.

HBO graduates

HBO graduates (those who have completed their bachelor's degree at a University of Applied Sciences) cannot automatically register for a Master's programme at the UG. However, many of our Master's degree programmes offer graduates of related HBO programmes a special Pre-Master's programme. The most common transfers have a standard bridging programme, and it is worth noting that a combination that is less usual does not necessarily mean that there is no Pre-Master's programme available. In some cases a programme can be tailored to your situation. Please contact the study adviser of your chosen Master's degree to discuss your options.

Information for applicants with a non-Dutch degree

Applicants with a non-Dutch degree cannot apply for Pre-Master's programmes directly. You should first apply for the regular Master's programme of your choice. If your credentials are insufficient for direct admission into the Master's programme, the Admissions Office will assist you with your registration as an international Pre-Master's student. Please note that not all faculties offer a Pre-Master's programme for applicants with a non-Dutch education.

More information
www.rug.nl/premasters





Erasmus Mundus Programmes

The European Commission has awarded the prestigious Erasmus Mundus status to five of the University of Groningen's Master's programmes. Erasmus Mundus aims to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation between Europe and the rest of the world. The scheme offers financial support for institutions and scholarships for individuals.

More information
www.rug.nl/erasmusmundus

Master's

Master's programmes at the UG usually combine advanced-level tuition with the completion of a thesis (an extended piece of writing based on reading and independent research on your chosen topic) with the supervision of a member of academic staff. You will normally be able to choose from a number of modules so that you can tailor your programme to what you are interested in. Master's programmes in Arts and Humanities are usually one year with Science and Engineering Master's being two years. Upon completion you will be awarded a Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), or a Master of Laws (LLM) qualification; depending on your field of study.

Research Master's/ Top Master's

Research Master's and Top Master's programmes are especially geared towards those interested in a research career in academia or beyond. The additional second year in the two-year Research or Top Master's programmes offers excellent preparation for a PhD, and you write a PhD proposal as part of the programme. These programmes are more independent and while you will still receive support and guidance from an expert supervisor, the focus of your programme will be on your own research work.

Double Degree Programmes

The University works closely with strategic international partner universities to offer joint programmes that enable you to study in other countries. This means you are also able to experience different academic environments, cultures and societies. When you complete a double degree programme, you receive an additional certificate and in some cases a degree from both universities.

More information
www.rug.nl/doubleddegrees



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Facilities for Master's students at the UG

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ENGLISH-TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES

PROGRAMMES 2026		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
Arts			
MA	Archaeology (research)	1st May	1st May
MA	Arts and Culture	1st May	1st May
	Arts in Society		
	Art History		
	Curatorial Studies		
	Film and Contemporary Audiovisual Media		
	History of Architecture and Town Planning		
	Popular Music and Sonic Cultures		
MA	Arts and Culture (research)	1st May	1st May
	Cultural Leadership (research)		
	Arts, Media and Literary Studies (research)		
MA	Classics and Ancient Civilizations	1st May	1st May
	Ancient History		
	Classics		
MA	Communication and Information Science	1st May	1st May
	Communication Studies		
	Digital Humanities		
	Information Science		
MA	European Studies	1st May	1st May
	Euroculture (Erasmus Mundus)		
MA	History	1st May	1st May
	History and Heritage Consultancy		
	Un/Sustainable Societies: Past, Present and Future		
	Politics, Organizations and Learning Histories		
MA	History (research)	1st May	1st May
	Classical, Medieval and Early Modern Studies (research)		
MA	International Relations	1st May	1st May
	East Asian Studies		
	European Politics in a Global Perspective		
	Geopolitics & Connectivity		
	International Relations and International Organization		
	International Political Economy		
	International Security		
MA	International Relations 120 ECTS	15th April	15th April
	International Humanitarian Action (Erasmus Mundus)		
MA	International Relations (research)	1st May	1st May
	Modern History and International Relations (research)		
MA	Linguistics	1st May	1st May
	Applied Linguistics		
	Theoretical and Empirical Linguistics (formally European Linguistics)		
	Multilingualism		

PROGRAMMES 2026		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
	Linguistics (research)	1st May	1st May
MA	Clinical Linguistics / EMCL+ (research) Erasmus Mundus		
MA	Language and Cognition (research)		
MA/ MSc	Natural Language Processing (research) Erasmus Mundus		
MA	Literary Studies	1st May	1st May
	English Literature and Culture		
	Writing Editing and Mediating		
MA	Media Studies 90 ECTS	1st May	1st May
	Journalism		
	Media, Cultural Industries and Innovation		
	Media, Digital Transformations and Society		
MA	Middle Eastern Studies	1st May	1st May
MA	North American Studies	1st May	1st May
	American Studies		

Behavioural and Social Sciences

MSc	Behavioural and Social Sciences (research)	1st May	1st May
MSc	Educational Sciences	1st June	1st May
	Learning in Interaction		
MSc	Pedagogical Sciences	1st June	1st May
	Deafblindness		
	Ethics of education: history, philosophy and law		
	Youth 0-21, Society and Policy		
MSc	Psychology (selective)		
	Clinical Neuropsychology	1 st March (S) 1st October (F)	1 st March (S) 1st October (F)
	Clinical Forensic psychology & Victimology	1st March	1st March
MSc	Psychology (not selective)		
	Applied Cognitive Neuroscience	1st May (S) 15th November (F)	1st May (S) 15th November (F)
	Applied Social Psychology	1st May	1st May
	Environmental psychology	1st May	1st May
	Talent Development and Creativity	1st May	1st May
	Theory and History of Psychology	1st May (S) 15th November (F)	1st May (S) 15th November (F)
	Work, Organizational and Personnel Psychology	1st May (S) 15th November (F)	1st May (S) 15th November (F)
	Double Degree Sustainability and Environmental Psychology	1st June	1st June
	The Double Degree admission and application is handled by Leuphana University of Lüneburg. For more information, please visit www.leuphana.de/en/graduate-school/course-offerings/psychology-sustainability		

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Campus Fryslân

MSc	Sustainable Entrepreneurship	1st May	1st May
MSc	Speech Technology	1st May	1st May
MSc	Sustainable Futures	1st May	1st May

Economics and Business

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MSc	Accountancy and Controlling	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1st May	1st May
MSc	Business Administration (five profiles)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Change Management		
	Health		
	Management Accounting and Control		
	Small Business and Entrepreneurship		
	Strategic Innovation Management		
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Econometrics, Operations Research and Actuarial Studies	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Economics	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree Economics and Economic Analysis (Chile)		
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Economic Development and Globalization	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International and Development Economics (Germany)		
	Double Degree Central-East European Economics Hungary)		
	Double Degree Economic Development and Growth (Sweden)		
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Finance	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree Finance (Sweden)		
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Human Resource Management	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		

PROGRAMMES 2026		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	International Business and Management	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	International Financial Management	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
	Double Degree International Financial Management (Italy)		
MSc	Marketing* (two profiles)	1st March (S) 1st October (F)	1st March (S) 1st October (F)
	* This is a selective programme and you need to take part in a selection procedure. For more information, please visit: www.rug.nl/feb/mscmarketing		
	Marketing Analytics and Data Science		
	Marketing Management		
	Double Degree Strategic Marketing Intelligence (Norway)		
	Double Degree Marketing and Finance (Germany)		
	Double Degree Marketing and Information Systems (Germany)		
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)		
MSc	Supply Chain Management	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
MSc	Technology and Operations Management	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
MSc	Research Master in Economics and Business	1st May	1st May
	Depending on the Double Degree, the admission and application is handled by either the University of Groningen or the partner university (application deadlines might vary). For more information, please visit www.rug.nl/feb/doubledegrees .		

Law

LLM	Energy and Climate Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	European Law in a Global Context	1st May	1st May
LLM	Global Criminal Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	Health and Technology Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	International Commercial Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	International Human Rights Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	Public International Law	1st May	1st May
LLM	Technology Law and Innovation	1st May	1st May
LLM	Research Master	See website	See website
	For more information, check: www.rug.nl/law/llm		

PROGRAMMES 2026		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
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Medical Sciences*

MSc	Clinical and Psychosocial Epidemiology (research)	1st May	1st March
	Health Systems and Prevention	1st May	1st March
	Life Course and Development	1st May	1st March
MSc	Human Movement Sciences (selective master)	See website*	See website*
MSc	Molecular Medicine and Innovative Treatment (research)	1st May	1st March
MSc	International Master in Innovative Medicine*	15th January	15th January
MSc	Sport Sciences (selective master)	See website*	See website*
	* Subject to change, please visit the links below for the latest updates: www.innovativemedicine.eu www.rug.nl/umcg/education		

Philosophy

<p><i>Key</i></p> <p>S = September start</p> <p>F = February start</p>	MA	Philosophy	1st May (S)	1st May (S)
		1st Nov (F)	1st Nov (F)	
	MA	Philosophy, Science and Humanities	1st May (S)	1st April (S)
	MA	Philosophy (research)	1st May (S)	1st April (S)
		1st Nov (F)	1st Nov (F)	
	MA	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	1st May (S)	1st April (S)
	DDM	Political Philosophy and PPE	1st May (S)	1st April (S)

Science and Engineering

<p><i>Key</i></p> <p>S = September start</p> <p>F = February start</p>	MSc	Applied Mathematics	1st May (S)	1st May (S)
		15th October (F)	15th October (F)	
	MSc	Applied Physics	1st May (S)	1st May (S)
		15th October (F)	15th October (F)	
	MSc	Artificial Intelligence (selective)	1st May	1st May
	MSc	Astronomy	1st May (S)	1st May (S)
		15th October (F)	15th October (F)	
		Science, Business and Policy		
		Quantum Universe		
	MSc	Behavioural and Cognitive Neurosciences (selective)	1st May	1st May
		Animal and Human Behavioural Neurosciences (B-track)		
		Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Modelling (C-track)		
		Molecular and Clinical Neurosciences (N-track)		
	MSc	Biology	1st May	1st May
		Science, Business and Policy		
		Integrative Biology		
MSc	Biomedical Engineering	1st May	1st May	
	Medical Device Design			
	Biomaterials Science and Engineering			
	Medical Imaging			

PROGRAMMES 2026		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	Biomedical Sciences (selective)	1st May	1st May
	Biology of Cancer and Immune System		
	Neuroscience		
	General Research Programme		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Biomolecular Sciences (selective)	1st May	1st May
MSc	Chemical Engineering 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S)
MSc	Chemistry (selective)	1st May	1st May
	Research Track		
	Research and Education		
	Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling (TCCM) (Erasmus Mundus Programme)		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Computational Cognitive Science	1st May	1st May
MSc	Computing Science	1st May	1st May
	AI Engineering		
	Machine Learning and Visual Computing		
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Software Engineering and Distributed Systems		
MSc	Ecology and Evolution (selective)	15 March	15 March
	Ecology and Conservation		
	Evolutionary Biology		
MSc	Energy and Environmental Sciences	1st May	1st May
MSc	Industrial Engineering and Management	1st May	1st May
MSc	Marine Biology (selective)	15 March	15 March
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Research		
MSc	Mathematics 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S)
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Mechanical Engineering	1st May	1st May
	Advanced Instrumentation		
	Smart Factories		
	Smart and Green Energy Systems		
MSc	Medical Pharmaceutical Sciences	1st May	1st May
	Pharmacotherapy and Toxicology		
	Pharmaceutical Design and Engineering		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Nanoscience (selective)	1st May	1st May
MSc	Physics	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Quantum Universe		
	Advanced Materials		
	Science, Business and Policy		

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MSc	Science Education and Communication	1st May (S) 15th October (F)	1st May (S) 15th October (F)
	Education		
	Communication		
MSc	Systems and Control	1st May (S) 15th May (F)	1st May (S) 15th May (F)
MSc	Water Technology (joint degree)	15th June	1st April

Spatial Sciences

MSc	Economic Geography	1st May	1st May
	Double Degree International Programme in Economic Geography (Germany)		
MSc	Resilient Rural Regions	1st May	1st May
MSc	Regional Competitiveness and Trade	1st May	1st May
MSc	Environmental and Infrastructure Planning	1st May	1st May
	Designing Spatial Transformations		
	Double Degree Development Planning and Infrastructure Management (Indonesia)		
	Double Degree Urban Governance within a Global Environment (China)		
	Double Degree Water and Coastal Management (Germany)		
	Double Degree Urban Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (Indonesia)		
	Double Degree Sustainable Water Management (Indonesia)		
MSc	Population studies	1st May	1st May
	Double Degree Social Demography (Spain)		
	Double Degree Demography and Social Inequality (Germany)		
MSc	Research Masters Spatial Sciences	1st May	1st May
MSc	Islands and Sustainability (Erasmus Mundus)	1st April	1st September
MSc	Society, Sustainability and Planning (formally Socio-spatial Planning)	1st May	1st May
	Double Degree Urban Governance within a Global Environment (China)		
	Double Degree Urban Planning, Society and Sustainability (Indonesia)		
	Double Degree Sustainable Urban and Regional Development (Indonesia)		
MSc	Real Estate Studies	1st May	1st May

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Religion, Culture and Society

MA	Theology and Religious Studies	1st May	1st May
	Anthropology of Religion and Culture		
	Heritage and Religion		
	Religion, Conflict and Globalization		
	Religion and Pluralism, Ancient and Modern		
MA	Theology and Religious Studies (Research)	1st May	1st May
MA	Religious Diversity in a Globalised World (Erasmus mundus)	15th January	1st May



PhD/Graduate Schools

Dutch universities offer a great environment for those wishing to undertake a PhD, with research in the Netherlands being held in high regard internationally. Most programmes typically take four full years and are based on individual research. At the UG, research takes place at Graduate Schools which provide a balanced mix of expert supervision and tailormade postgraduate training.

What is a PhD?

Doctoral and PhD degrees are the highest level of qualification awarded by universities in the Netherlands.

- You carry out an independent research project under supervision over an extended period of time, before submitting a thesis usually consisting of a number of papers that have been or will be published in relevant academic journals over an extended period of time.
- You take on the responsibility of managing your project, while planning the research timeline for yourself with assistance from supervisors.
- You will be expected to initiate discussions, make arguments on behalf of your research and ask for help when required.

- Alongside your thesis, you also have the opportunity to follow a PhD training programme based on your needs and interests.
- If you are looking for a challenging and exciting opportunity to work independently at the cutting-edge of research, we can offer a rich, dynamic and supportive international environment in which to pursue your passion.
- Alongside your thesis, you also have the opportunity to follow a PhD training programme based on your needs and interests.

Some international PhD candidates choose to come to the University of Groningen as part of their PhD, and you too have the option of carrying out part of your research abroad.

PhD programmes at the UG are divided between the following ten Faculty Graduate Schools:

- Behavioural and Social Sciences
- Economics and Business
- Humanities
- Law
- Medical Sciences
- Philosophy
- Science and Engineering
- Spatial Sciences
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Campus Fryslân





What should be in a summary?

- 1 Title of the proposal, your name, your nationality;
- 2 Your main research questions;
- 3 The specific journals (or other means of publication) in which you intend to publish your results;
- 4 The State of the Art: what are the latest developments in the field? How did they inform your research questions? Have you checked thoroughly that your research questions have not been investigated before?

- 5 Impact on Science: how will the field benefit from your research? Can the concepts you will develop be applied in other cases? What further research will be opened up by your findings?
- 6 Impact on Society: how will society benefit from a deeper understanding of your specific topic?
- 7 Means of funding (if scholarship, please state name of sponsor);
- 8 Specific reasons for choosing the University of Groningen (in other words, make clear that you are not sending this mail to 100+ institutions; show focus on what we actually do).

- English skills test score, IELTS (requirements vary, so check for your individual case) or the equivalent in internet-based/ international TOEFL, of no more than two years old;
- your motivation letter, and any letters of reference you may have;
- your research proposal, if you have it;
- any examples of your scientific writing in English (thesis, publication, article, paper, presentation);
- a concise summary of the research proposal.



Applying for your PhD

Prepare the relevant documents in electronic form (PDF preferred):

- updated CV;
- passport copy;
- Bachelor's and Master's diplomas and transcripts;

Once you are ready to submit, you should contact your chosen Graduate School. Generally, there is no deadline for application, as the admission to PhD programmes is continuous.

More information
www.rug.nl/phd

How to apply – Studielink

Studielink is responsible for managing applications to University programmes in the Netherlands. You are advised to apply as early as possible and you can apply for up to four programmes at a time.

Before you apply, make sure that you meet the minimum entry requirements for the programme you have chosen to study and have prepared the supporting documents. We suggest that you apply as early as possible in order for your application to be processed in time. Please be aware that application deadlines vary, so make sure to check the application deadline for your programme of choice.

Please apply at www.rug.studielink.nl

TIMELINE

1 October

Studielink application system opens

15 January

Application deadline for programmes with a selection procedure (numerus fixus) and University Colleges

1 May*

Application deadline for most other programmes

* Be sure to check specific programme for exceptions

31 August 2026

Academic year starts

The Studielink application is an easy online process with the following steps:

- 1 You create a Studielink account at www.studielink.nl
- 2 Log in with your new account and change your password.
- 3 Fill out details about your previous education.
- 4 Choose the programme(s) you wish to apply for.
- 5 Submit the application by clicking the **'confirm'** button.
- 6 After you have submitted your application in Studielink, you will receive an email with your student number and instructions to activate your student account. Follow the steps to activate your student account.
- 7 After you have activated your student account, you will also receive an email with a payment link to pay the application fee. Follow the instructions in the email to pay the application fee.
- 8 You can now also access the Progress Portal through an additional link in the abovementioned emails. You will need to upload all requested application documents through this Portal for the Admissions Office. Once you have uploaded all requested application documents in the portal and we have received your application fee before the deadline, the Admissions Office will start More information on rug.nl/howtoapply



Your application will not reach the Admissions Office until all requested documents have been submitted through the Progress Portal and you have paid the application fee. If an application remains incomplete when the deadline expires, it will not be processed.





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