Meet the University of Groningen!

The University of Groningen is a research university with a global outlook, deeply rooted in Groningen, City of Talent. Quality has had top priority for four hundred years, and with success: the University is currently in or around the top 100 on several influential ranking lists.

Academic calendar
- Academic year: September - August
- Fall semester: First week of September - January
- Spring semester: First week of February - June

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Fact sheet

Nomination & Application

Nomination procedure
All students must be nominated to the MSD before the nomination deadline. Please send the following information of your nominated student to msd@rug.nl:
• Name
• E-mail address
• Faculty of interest at the University of Groningen

Application procedure
Please send your nominated students the following link to our online application page:
https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/mfe-incoming-application

Our office will receive the filled out application form once your student has completed this. We will make sure that the relevant faculty will get this application.
IMPORTANT: Students will be asked to fill out one other online application form by the faculty of their choice. It is therefore important that students apply before our deadline.

Deadline nominations
Fall semester: April 15th
Spring semester: September 15th

Deadline applications
Fall semester: May 1st
Spring semester: October 1st

Application documents
Students are asked to upload the following documents:
• Official academic transcript of records, in English
• English language test results (if applicable)
• Nomination letter Home University

IMPORTANT: Because students have to apply twice, it might be possible that they are asked to upload the same document again.

English requirements
Toefl (internet based): 90 (with a minimum of 21 per section)
IETLS: 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 per section)
NB: Do check the website of the individual faculties, as the requirements might differ per faculty.
All non-EU students must either have a residence permit or an MVV visa and a residence permit in order to study in The Netherlands. Our International Students Desk will accompany this process.

**Financial requirements**

In order to get a residence permit or an MVV and residence permit combined, students must show sufficient financial means:
- One semester: €4625,-
- Full year starting in September: €9250,-
- Full year starting in February: €11100,-
- The application fees to apply for a residence permit or on MVV and residence permit combined: €174,-

Students will receive information from the international office of their faculty, to apply for housing with the housing office.
ECTS and grading system

The Netherlands higher education institutions adopted the ECTS system officially in 2002. One ECTS credit represents 28 hours of full-time study (including contact hours, reading, independent study, preparation for exams etc.), and 60 ECTS credits represent one year. The Dutch grading scale runs from 10 (highest mark) to 1 (lowest mark), in which 5.5 is the minimum pass mark. Grades 9 and 10 are rarely awarded.

Transcript of Records

By the end of the semester, students will receive information from the faculty on how to apply for a transcript. Students must instruct the faculty to send the transcript to the international office of their home institution. Please be aware that many faculty only send out digital transcripts.

1 https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/student-life
2 https://www.rug.nl/education/courses/academic-calendar
3 https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/visa-and-immigration/
4 https://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/groningen
5 https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/
6 https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/living-in-the-netherlands/health-services
7 https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/study-in-groningen/living-in-the-netherlands/