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Programme information

For information about a particular programme, contact the relevant faculty or visit the programme's webpage.

- Bachelors:
rug.nl/bachelors
- Masters:
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

Chat with a current student

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!

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UG student blog

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

rug.nl/education/student-blog



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Information for prospective students



Bachelor's Open Days

Friday 30 October 2026

Friday 29 January 2027

Saturday 10 April 2027

Open days for prospective students who want more information about our Bachelor's degree programmes.

More information: rug.nl/opendays

Web Classes

9 November – 6 December 2026

8 March – 4 April 2027

Online taster courses for Bachelor's applicants.

More information: rug.nl/webclasses

Master's Open Days

Friday 27 November 2026

Friday 12 March 2027

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

More information: rug.nl/mastersweek

Online Bachelor's Week & Online Master's Week

7–11 December 2026

All Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes present themselves online.

More information: rug.nl/onlinebachelorweek
rug.nl/onlinebachelorweek

Online Master's Week

15–19 March 2027

Note: not all Master's degree programmes participate in this event.

More information: rug.nl/onlinebachelorweek

Student for a Day

Continuously

Taster Days for prospective Bachelor's degree students.

More information: rug.nl/studentforaday

Online University Tour
rug.nl/education/events



Facts & Figures

Founded in **1614**

165 degree programmes



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Nobel Prize winners

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student cities:
Groningen &
Leeuwarden

60,000 students in Groningen



Youngest city in the Netherlands

One of the **top 100** universities worldwide



ca. **26** Double Degree programmes

26%

international students from over

120

countries

200,000 alumni worldwide

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.



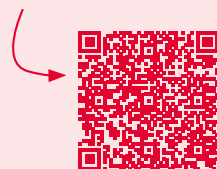
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10 reasons why Groningen is the best place to study in the Netherlands

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

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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 study a range of subjects before specializing. 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 one of Europe's leading research universities, with internationally renowned, groundbreaking research that contributes to addressing global and societal challenges. As the only research university in the north of the Netherlands, we offer students the opportunity to study in two vibrant student cities: the historic city of Groningen and Leeuwarden, the capital of Fryslân, each with its own character, community and opportunities.

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 most employers highly seek after.



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What's student life really like in Leeuwarden?

Hear it from Campus Fryslân students.



How will you be taught?

Study year

Most programmes divide the year into four blocks of ten weeks each. Students typically follow courses for 7 or 8 weeks, with exams in the remaining 2 or 3 weeks. This results in four exam periods 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 that involve 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 hold discussions with fellow students and the seminar professor, and get the chance to ask questions.



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 reading work 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.

Dutch Language Courses

According to the EF English Proficiency Index, the Netherlands ranks first in the world for English language skills, with around 90% of Dutch people speaking at least a basic level of English. This means that you do not necessarily need to speak Dutch in order to study and live in the Netherlands, but learning some basic Dutch can help you feel more at home. To get started, you can sign up for the free, three-week Introduction to Dutch MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) at the UG Language Centre. If you would like to continue learning Dutch, the Language Centre also offers affordable Dutch group courses for international students, covering levels up to B1.

More information rug.nl/language-centre

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. It aims 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 passing grade 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 As, 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



Studying today is not just about textbooks anymore 📱📖



April days in Groningen 🌸
📷 @annecreationspage



🎉 'Gefeliciteerd' to these amazing PhD graduates! 📷 @c_rispy



Congratulations to all our graduates for your hard work and dedication! 📷 @nadejda.3f



🎉 Celebrating a new group of PhD graduates! 📷 @nataliyuminoronha



Outdoor study season is here 🌿



Taking a stroll through Leeuwarden! 📷 @thea.photo_



Every spring, Groningen lights up for a tradition that goes back generations! 🌟



Still figuring out what to study or where to go? You're not alone 🤝

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When Groningen blooms, so do we 🌸✨



You started with a dream and now you hold the proof 🎓



From lectures to lifelong memories 🎓✨



Congratulations Class of 2025 🎓
📸 @khushbooagg



We're celebrating you and the bright futures ahead!



🏠 Finding a room in Groningen? Here's what students said helped!



Ever wondered how much students in Groningen spend per month? 🤔



Blossoms taking over the J.C. Kapteynlaan 🌸 📸 @ndpstyling



🌍 Welcome to the University of Groningen (UG)!

Our locations

Groningen

244,829 Residents (2026)



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.



- 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 careers 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).

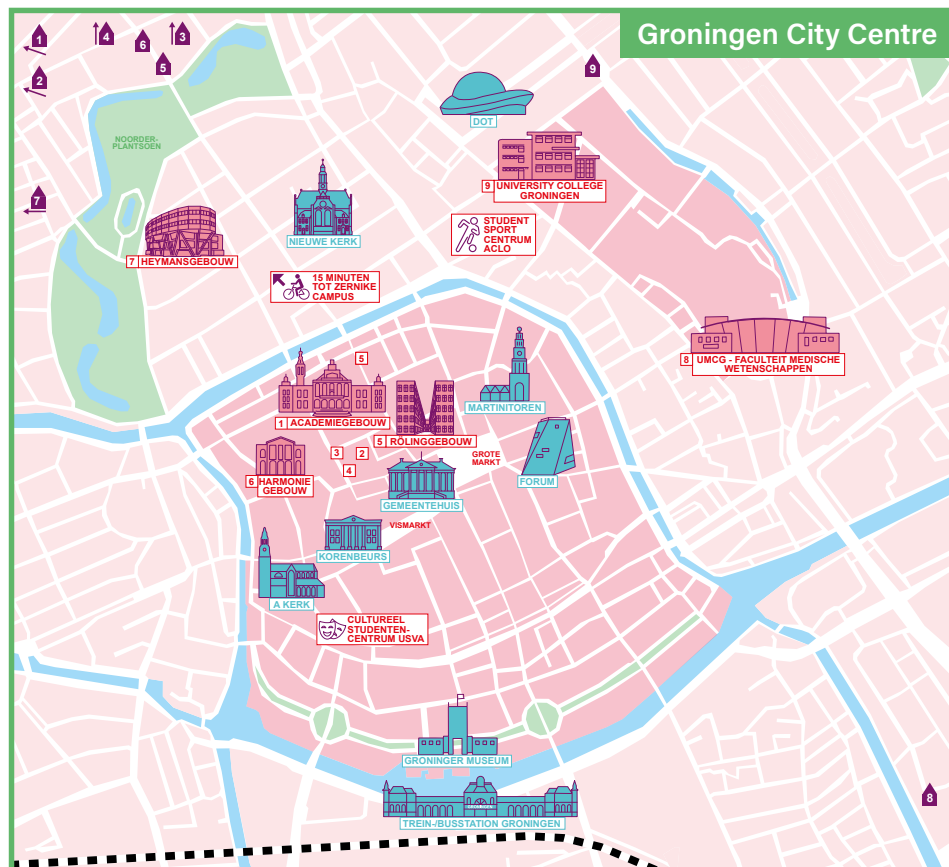


6 There are many museums in Groningen including the University Museum and the world-renowned Groninger Museum, which has hosted David Bowie, David LaChapelle and Rodin exhibitions.

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 northern 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 City Centre

1 Academy Building

- Student Information & Administration (SIA)
- Immigration Service Desk (ISD)

2 University Library

- Career Services

3 IShop (UG-Merchandise)

4 University Museum

5 Oude Boteringestraat

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society
- Faculty of Philosophy
- Board of the University

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

SSH housing 🏠

1 Upsilon

Antaresstraat 43 - 9742 LA

2 BNC

Plutolaan 329 - 9742 GK

3 Cornus

Kornoeljestraat 2 - 9741 JB

4 Proxima

Zernikepark 25B - 9747 AP

5 Moes 8

Moesstraat 8 - 9717 KM

6 Moes 16

Moesstraat 16 - 9717 JT

7 Albertine Agnesplein

Albertine Agnesplein 2 - 9717 BD

8 Winschoterdiep

Winschoterdiep 46 - 9723 AC

9 Libertas

Wouter van Doeverenplein 2-27 - 9713 JG

Zernike Campus



UG locations Zernike Campus

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



Online University Tour

Discover Groningen from home.
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interactive virtual tour.





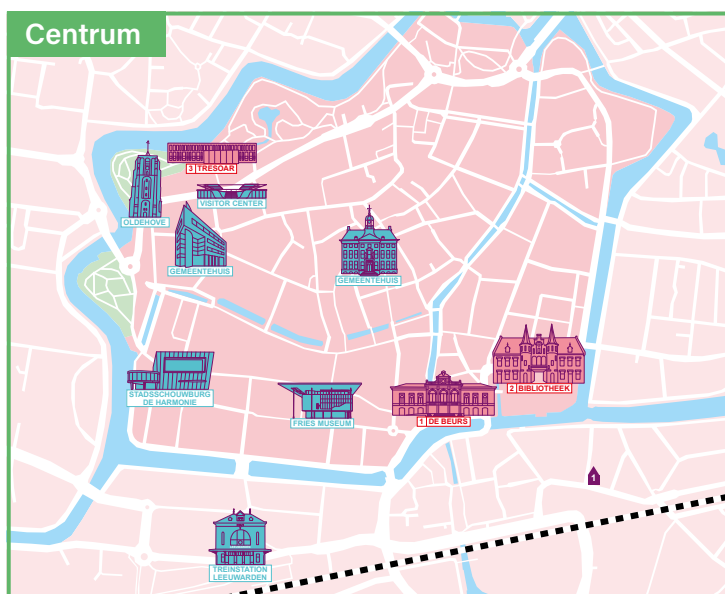
Leeuwarden

130,179 Residents (2026)

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.



UG locations

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

StudentStay

- 1 Kanaalstraat**
Kanaalstraat 15-139
8933 AL

- 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, Into the Grave, Explore the North, and Fries Straatfestival (Frisian Street Festival). Arts festivals include the Noorderlijk Film Festival, a gathering for filmmakers, the Noorderlicht photo festival, and the Media Art Festival.

Online University Tour

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Accommodation

Whether you are coming to the Netherlands for the first time or relocating from within the country, finding a place 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 by your side throughout your time at university and beyond.



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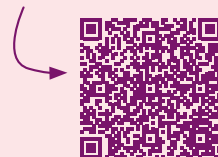
Looking for housing in Groningen?

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
- Hospi Housing
- Lefier

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A place to call home

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

Great location

All SSH XL residences are located within 10–15 minutes by bike from the University of Groningen faculties and the city centre.

All-inclusive rent

All SSH XL rents are all-inclusive, covering utility bills, Wi-Fi, maintenance and 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:

rug.nl/cfaccommodation

University College Groningen and Global Politics & Sustainability

Students enrolled in the University College Groningen or Global Politics & Sustainability programmes have accommodation arranged through their programme.



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Top Tips for Finding Housing in Leeuwarden

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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 1 May deadline, as this will delay your search for accommodation. The rooms within SSH properties become available at the start of May. 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).

SSH

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 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 sshxl.nl/en.

Please note:

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

Websites

athomeingroningen.com

Information on house-hunting and living in Groningen

sshxl.nl/en

Accommodation website for students wishing to find student housing in Groningen

rug.nl/accommodation

Accommodation tips



Blog on how to find a home in Groningen



University fees and living costs

The fees you pay and the financial support you may be entitled to depend on your fee status.

This is usually determined by your nationality: EU/EEA or non-EU/EEA. The figures on the following pages give you a clear idea of what to expect for the first year of your programme.



How do Groningen and Leeuwarden compare with other Dutch cities?

Both cities have many advantages that make them more affordable 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.
- significantly lower rental prices than cities in the Randstad.
- a lower overall cost of living, including groceries, eating out and entertainment, compared to the country's largest cities.



Tuition fees 2027–2028

The statutory tuition fee for EU/EEA students enrolled in a regular Bachelor's or Master's programme is set annually by the Dutch government. The amount shown below is the estimated statutory tuition fee for 2027–2028, as it is not yet confirmed at the time of publication.

The tuition fee for Global Politics & Sustainability (Campus Fryslân) for 2027–2028 has already been confirmed by the University.

All other institutional tuition fees shown on this page, including those for University College Groningen and all non-EU/EEA students, are the 2026–2027 rates, as the 2027–2028 fees had not yet been confirmed at the time of publication.

Tuition fees are set annually and apply to a single academic year. If your programme lasts longer than one year, fees for subsequent years will be set separately and may differ from your first year's fee.

For the latest confirmed tuition fees, visit rug.nl/tuitionfees.

TUITION FEES FOR EU/EEA STUDENTS	
	Tuition fees
All Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes	€ 2,771*
University College Groningen	€ 5,343**
Global Politics & Sustainability (Campus Fryslân)	€ 4,950

* Estimated statutory tuition fee for 2027–2028.

** 2026–2027 rate; the 2027–2028 fee had not yet been confirmed at the time of publication.

TUITION FEES FOR NON-EU/EEA STUDENTS	
	Tuition fees
Bachelor's programmes	
Liberal Arts and Sciences (University College Groningen)	€ 17,200
Global Politics & Sustainability (Campus Fryslân)	€ 17,200
Science and Engineering	€ 19,800
All other international Bachelor's degree programmes	€ 14,000
Master's programmes	
Arts	€ 19,900
Behavioural and Social Sciences	€ 22,200
Campus Fryslân	€ 22,200
Economics and Business	€ 22,200
Law	€ 22,200
Medical Sciences	€ 24,900
Philosophy	€ 19,900
Science and Engineering	€ 24,900
Spatial Sciences	€ 22,200
Religion, Culture and Society	€ 19,900



Paying your tuition fees

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 recognized 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)
duo.nl/particulier/student-finance/apply.jsp

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 organizations.

Students considering a degree at Campus Fryslân can also explore scholarships and study funds specifically available for Campus Fryslân programmes.

Living expenses

For the 2027–2028 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.



More information

Grantfinder
rug.nl/grantfinder
Scholarships available for
Campus Fryslân
ug.nl/cf/education/keurzen/studiefondsen



€450 – €950

Rent (incl. gas, water & electricity)



€200 – €300

Groceries



€30 – €60

Course materials



€150 – €250

Insurance



€50 – €100

Phone/cable/
internet/subscriptions



Students typically
spend between
€1,200 – €1,600
per month, excluding
tuition fees.



€200 – €300

Shopping & entertainment



€20 – €80

Transportation

Supporting you

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

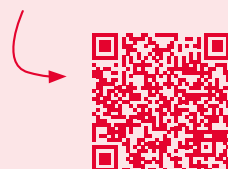


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Uni resources you should know

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 advisers 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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Study advisers

Each study programme has one or more study advisers who act as your first point of contact for questions or concerns before and during the study programme. You can go there if there are extraordinary circumstances, in case of special needs 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 someone to talk to, the study adviser is always available to support you. Conversations with a study adviser are always confidential.

Contact your study adviser 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 is a range of professionals on hand, offering guidance throughout your programme to help you consider your career options and develop the skills and experience you will need. As an alternative, there are also several online resources where you can find a variety of information, including new vacancies, careers workshops, and networking events.

More information 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 struggles (such as anxiety or depression), you can contact one of the psychologists at the SSC. SSC trainers organize courses and training programmes related to study skills development, stress management, personal development and more.

More information

rug.nl/ssc

rug.nl/extraordinarycircumstances

rug.nl/wellbeing



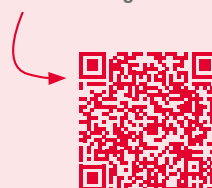
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6 steps to a healthy life in the Netherlands

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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Information to prepare for your student life in Leeuwarden
rug.nl/cf/education/studentinfo

Life beyond study

Students at the University of Groningen have a wide variety of social and sporting opportunities available 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 socialize 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 organizations and potential employers, as well as organizing social events and outings.

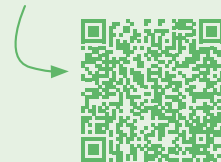


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Student Associations: are they worth the hype?

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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Student associations

Student-run associations offer you the opportunity to meet other students during your time in UG. Activities range from regular jazz festivals hosted by the Groningen Student Big Band to professional development opportunities offered by ELSA (Faculty of Law) and events organized 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 rug.nl/internationalstudentassociations

Sports

At the University of Groningen, we recognize the importance of staying fit and active in support of your studies. ACLO is Groningen's overarching student sports organization, home to 100 sports clubs. The ACLO (founded in 1945) is the largest student sports organization in Europe, and represents the Groningen students' sporting interests at a national level. For a fee of just €74.95 per year, you will join 19,000 others who have access to sports and activities, including water polo, pole dancing, bouldering, basketball, and rugby.

More information acloport.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
leeuwardenstudentcity.nl

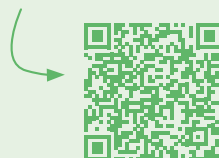


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Exploring the ACLO Sports Centre!

The ACLO is the largest student sports association in Europe. 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 complex problems and to express your opinion articulately and effectively
- access to international networks that will broaden your horizons.
- the ability to work effectively as part of a team
- the ability to locate, organize and critically evaluate information from multiple sources

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
rug.nl/careerservices





Graduating with a good degree constitutes the first step towards landing the right job after you graduate. There are several 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 throughout the year that will allow you to meet with potential employers and learn more about a particular career.

3 Add to your CV

Potential employers are looking for individuals who excel in teamwork and can effectively organize themselves and others, as well as manage their time efficiently. Being involved in one of the many sports or academic clubs and societies is a great way to develop these skills.

4 Network, network, network

We have a global alumni network of 200,000 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 connections, providing another valuable source of information.

5 A global skill-set

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



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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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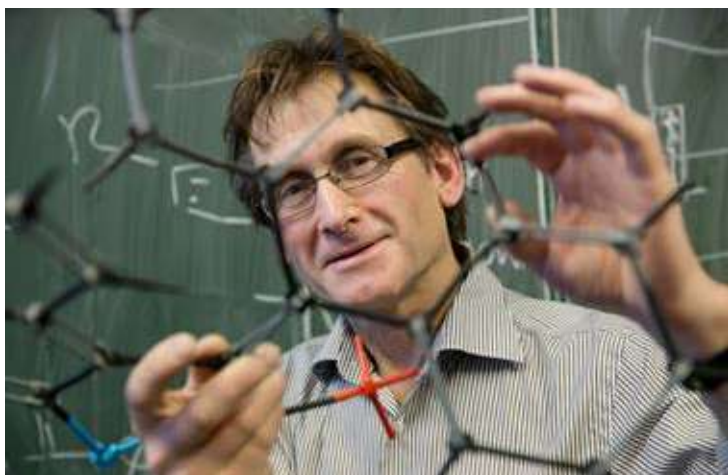


Graduate destinations

› United Nations › ABN Amro
 › AT&T › Ernst and Young
 › Deutsche Bank › SAP › Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
 › Embassy of Canada › Philips
 › Zoological Society of London
 › University of Oxford › Unilever
 › PWC › KPN Consulting
 › University of Oslo › Eurocham – Indonesia › Honeywell › Akzo-Nobel › IOM – UN Migration Agency › Deloitte China
 › Schlumberger › Boeing
 › G-Star Raw › Klaxar › Queensland University of Technology
 › Netherlands Forensic Institute
 › Culture Papillon › Shell › 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 daily, 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 comprises the research focus areas of the faculties and the selected four societal themes of the University: energy and climate, digitization and artificial intelligence, sustainable society, and more healthy years. These focus areas and themes are interconnected and complementary, enabling the University to undertake active research that addresses major societal questions and ensures our findings have immediate social relevance. Our researchers cooperate on a large scale with partners from business, public organizations 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 primary forms of adaptation, which are fundamental aspects of any living system. The research focuses on connecting robotics and other human-designed adaptive systems, modelling cognition and neural networks, understanding biological processes at the molecular level, energetics and metabolism, bio-medical and pharmaceutical research, and analysing complex systems in relation to extensive data.

Brain Ageing

The Brain Ageing theme involves research aimed at understanding the function of the healthy brain and the dysfunctions of the nervous system in relation 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 comprising over 58 prominent senior researchers from various fundamental 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 address the challenges that arise when complex systems and big data intersect.

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 complete prevention, detection and treatment methods. The researchers at the Cancer Research Center Groningen achieve this by clarifying the molecular mechanisms that determine malignant transformation, with the ultimate goal of personalized cancer therapy.

Religion and the Dynamics of Culture

Religion and the Dynamics of Culture examines the interaction between political systems and religions, 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

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



More information

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 that require a selection procedure for admission. Each programme has a limited number of available places. The selection procedure consists of an early admission and an entry test or assignment, depending on the programme. The test, along with the candidate's CV and motivation letter, will determine whether they are a suitable 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 11.59 p.m. CET. On 15 April, the candidate will be informed if they have received an offer and how they can accept their place in the programme.

Numerus fixus programmes in English:

- International Business
- Psychology





Binding study advice for 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 out of a total of 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.

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 discover interesting academic content beyond 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.



More information

rug.nl/bsa

PROGRAMMES 2027

DEADLINE

Arts*

BA	American Studies	1 May	Early Bird
BA	Art History	1 May	Early Bird
BA	Arts, Culture and Media	1 May	Early Bird
BA	Communication and Information Studies	1 May	Early Bird
BA	English Language and Culture	1 May	Early Bird
BA	European Languages, Cultures and Politics	1 May	Early Bird
BA	Information Science	1 May	Early Bird
BA	History	1 May	Early Bird
BA	International Relations and International Organization	1 May	Early Bird
BA	Media Studies	1 May	Early Bird

Economics and Business*

BSc	Econometrics and Operations Research	1 May	Early Bird
BSc	Economics and Business Economics	1 May	Early Bird
BSc	International Business	15 January	

Science and Engineering*

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

Spatial Sciences*

BSc	Human Geography and Planning	1 May	Early Bird
BSc	Spatial Planning and Design	1 May	Early Bird

Behavioural and Social Sciences

BSc	Psychology	15 January	
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PROGRAMMES 2027

DEADLINE

Philosophy

BA	Philosophy of a specific discipline	1 May	
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Admission to this programme requires one year of study in another Bachelor's degree

Law*

LLB	International and European Law	1 May	Early Bird
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Religion, Culture and Society

BA	Religious Studies	1 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: 15 January

Campus Fryslân

BSc	Global Politics & Sustainability	September intake:	
		1 May	Early Bird: 15 January
		February intake:	
		Non-Dutch diploma: 1 November	VWO/HBO (Dutch): 1 January
BSc	Data Science & Society	September intake:	
		1 May	
		February intake:	
		Non-Dutch diploma: 1 November	VWO/HBO (Dutch): 1 January

* If you apply between 1 October and 28 February and submit all the requested information and documents in full via Studielink and the Progress Portal, you will receive a decision on your (conditional) admission within 15 working days. For more information: rug.nl/earlybird

Web classes

The University of Groningen organizes 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: rug.nl/webclasses



More information

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; however, please be aware that during busy periods, this timeframe may be extended.



Entry requirements

You will be able to find up-to-date country-specific information on entry requirements on our website. This will also provide you with an overview of the qualifications we accept. If you are unable to find the information on the website, you can contact the Admissions Office by phone or email. Some courses may require you to submit additional information or take supplementary exams. You can check with the Faculty, the Admissions Office, or on the programme's web page for more information.



More information

Entry requirements
rug.nl/admissions





English language requirements

You may be required to submit an English language qualification before being admitted to a programme. The University accepts a variety of qualifications, including IELTS, TOEFL iBT, Cambridge C1 Advanced, Cambridge C2 Proficiency, Pearson PTE, and LanguageCert. If you have studied in certain countries before joining us, you may not be required to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. If you are unsure, please check the website or contact the Admissions Office.



More information

rug.nl/howtoapply

Country-specific entry requirements
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 in place before submitting your 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 to receive a decision on my application?

We aim to respond to you soon after receiving 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 process may take longer when approaching the deadline. If you do not receive a response after 30 days, please get in touch with 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 1 May. The deadline for selective English language programmes (International Business, Psychology) is 15 January each year.

Some programmes are eligible for the Early-Bird application option.

More information: rug.nl/earlybird

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-Masters to PhDs. There are also a number of opportunities to link your UG degree to studies at partner institutions around the world.



Pre-Masters

Pre-Master's programmes are bridging programmes for students who wish to enter a Master's programme but have specific academic shortfalls. 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, you will follow courses preparing you for a specific Master's degree.

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 provides financial support to institutions and offers scholarships to individuals.

More information
rug.nl/erasmusmundus

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.

Masters

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 typically be able to select from several modules, allowing you to tailor your programme to your interests. Master's programmes in Arts and Humanities are typically one year in duration, whereas those in Science and Engineering are 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 Masters/Top Masters

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 can also 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.

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: rug.nl/premasters



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Facilities for Master's students at the UG

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More information

rug.nl/doubleddegrees

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
Arts		<i>Key (S) = September start, (F) = February start</i>	
MA	Archaeology (research)	1 May	1 May
MA	Arts and Culture	1 May	1 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)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Arts, Media and Literary Studies (research)		
MA	Classics and Ancient Civilizations	1 May	1 May
MA	Communication and Information Science	1 May	1 May
	Communication Studies		
	Digital Humanities		
	Information Science		
MA	European Studies	1 May	1 May
	Euroculture (Erasmus Mundus)		
MA	History	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	History and Heritage Consultancy		
	History, Sustainability and Society		
	History and Contemporary Politics		
MA	History (research)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Classical, Medieval and Early Modern Studies (research)		
MA	International Relations	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	European Politics in a Global Perspective		
	Geopolitics & Connectivity		
	International Relations and International Organization		
	International Political Economy		
	International Security		
MA	International Relations 120 ECTS	1 April	1 April
	International Humanitarian Action (Erasmus Mundus)		
MA	International Relations (research)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Modern History and International Relations (research)		
MA	Linguistics	1 May	1 May
	Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism		
MA	Linguistics (research)		
	Clinical Linguistics / EMCL+ (research) Erasmus Mundus	1 December	1 December
	Language and Cognition (research)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
MA/ MSc	Natural Language Processing (research)	1 May	1 May

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MA	Literary Studies	1 May	1 May
	English Literature and Culture		
	Writing Editing and Mediating		
MA	Media Studies 90 ECTS	1 May	1 May
	Journalism		
	Media, Cultural Industries and Innovation		
	Media, Digital Transformations and Society		
MA	Middle Eastern Studies	1 May	1 May

Behavioural and Social Sciences

Key (S) = September start, (F) = February start

MSc	Behavioural and Social Sciences (research)	1 May	1 April
MSc	Educational Sciences		
	Learning in Interaction	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
MSc	Pedagogical Sciences		
	Deafblindness	1 March	1 March
MSc	Psychology (selective)		
	Clinical Neuropsychology	1 March (S) 1 October (F)	1 March (S) 1 October (F)
	Clinical Forensic psychology & Victimology	1 March	1 March
MSc	Psychology (not selective)		
	Applied Cognitive Neuroscience	1 May (S) 15 November (F)	1 May (S) 15 November (F)
	Applied Social Psychology	1 May	1 May
	Environmental psychology	1 May	1 May
	Talent Development and Creativity	1 May	1 May
	Theory and History of Psychology	1 May (S) 15 November (F)	1 May (S) 15 November (F)
	Work, Organizational and Personnel Psychology	1 May (S) 15 November (F)	1 May (S) 15 November (F)
	Double Degree Sustainability and Environmental Psychology 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	1 June	1 May

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE INTERNATIONAL NON-DUTCH) DIPLOMAS	DEADLINE DUTCH DIPLOMAS
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Campus Fryslân

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

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
Economics and Business		<i>Key (S) = September start, (F) = February start</i>	
MSc	Accountancy and Controlling (full-time, part-time*)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Business Administration (five profiles)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Change Management		
	Health		
	Management Accounting and Control		
	Small Business and Entrepreneurship		
	Strategic Innovation Management		
	Double Degree Health and Service Management (Portugal) – only with Health profile	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Econometrics, Operations Research and Actuarial Studies	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Economics	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree Economics and Economic Analysis (Chile)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	International Economics and Sustainable Development	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International and Development Economics (Germany)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree Central-East European Economics (Hungary)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree Economic Development and Growth (Sweden)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Finance	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree Finance (Sweden)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Human Resource Management (full-time, part-time*)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May

* Please check our website for more information regarding admission to this programme.

Application deadlines are subject to change.

Please scan the QR code on page 45 for the most up-to-date application deadlines.

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	International Business and Management	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Financial Management	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree Financial Management (Italy)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Marketing (two profiles)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Marketing Analytics and Data Science		
	Marketing Management		
	Double Degree Strategic Marketing Intelligence (Norway)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree Marketing and Finance (Germany)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree Marketing and Information Systems (Germany)	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Business and Finance (China)	1 May	1st May
MSc	Supply Chain Management	1st May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Double Degree Service and Supply Chain Management (Portugal)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Technology and Operations Management	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
MSc	Research Master in Economics and Business	1 May	1 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). <i>For more information, please visit rug.nl/feb/doubleddegrees.</i>		

Law

LLM	Energy and Climate Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	Advanced European Union Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	Global Criminal Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	Health and Technology Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	International Commercial Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	International Human Rights Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	Public International Law	1 May	1 May
LLM	Technology Law and Innovation	1 May	1 May
LLM	Research Master	1 April	1 April
	<i>For more information, check: rug.nl/law/llm</i>		

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PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
Medical Sciences			
MSc	Interdisciplinary Research in Health Dynamics (research)	1 May	1 March
	Mechanisms of Lifecourse Health	1 May	1 March
	Strategies for Population Health	1 May	1 March
MSc	Molecular Medicine and Innovative Treatment	1 May	1 May
MSc	International Master in Innovative Medicine*	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

Key (S) = September start, (F) = February start

MA	Philosophy	1 May (S) 1 November (F)	1 May (S) 1 November (F)
MA	Philosophy and Science	1 May (S) 1 November (F)	1 May (S) 1 November (F)
MA	Philosophy (research)	1 May (S) 1 November (F)	1 May (S) 1 November (F)
MA	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	1 May (S)	1 May (S)
DDM	Political Philosophy and PPE	1 May (S)	1 May (S)

Science and Engineering

Key (S) = September start, (F) = February start

MSc	Applied Mathematics	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
MSc	Applied Physics	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
MSc	Artificial Intelligence (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Astronomy	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Quantum Universe		
MSc	Behavioural and Cognitive Neurosciences (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Animal and Human Behavioural Neurosciences (B-track)		
	Cognitive Neuroscience and Cognitive Modelling (C-track)		
	Molecular and Clinical Neurosciences (N-track)		
MSc	Biology	1 May	1 May
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Integrative Biology		
MSc	Biomedical Engineering	1 May	1 May
	Medical Device Design		
	Biomaterials Science and Engineering		
	Medical Imaging		

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PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	Biomedical Sciences (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Biology of Cancer and Immune System		
	Neuroscience		
	General Research Programme		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Biomolecular Sciences (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Chemical Engineering	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Chemistry (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Research Track		
	Research and Education		
	Double Degree Theoretical Chemistry and Computational Modelling (TCCM) (Erasmus Mundus Programme)		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Computational Cognitive Science	1 May	1 May
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Computing Science	1 May	1 May
	AI Engineering		
	Machine Learning and Visual Computing		
	Double degree EIT Digital Master School Data Science		
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Software Engineering and Distributed Systems		
MSc	Ecology and Evolution (selective)	1 May	1 May
	Ecology and Conservation		
	Evolutionary Biology		
	Double Degree option: The European Master in Evolutionary Biology (MEME).		
MSc	Energy and Environmental Sciences	1 May	1 May
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Industrial Engineering and Management	1 May	1 May
MSc	Marine Biology (selective)	15 March	15 March
	Science, Business and Policy		
	Research		
MSc	Mathematics	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Mechanical Engineering	1 May	1 May
	Double degree (with UGM, Indonesia). Students starting in Groningen can take the Smart Factories track. Students starting in Indonesia can choose either the Smart Factories or Smart and Green Energy Systems track.		
	Advanced Instrumentation		
	Smart Factories		
	Smart and Green Energy Systems		

PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	Medical Pharmaceutical Sciences	1 May	1 May
	Double Degree International Master in Sustainable Drug Discovery (S-Disco). Organized by 4 European universities, i.e. Ghent University, Medical University of Gdańsk, University of Lille and the University of Groningen.		
	Pharmacotherapy and Toxicology		
	Pharmaceutical Design and Engineering		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Nanoscience (selective)	1 May	1 May
MSc	Physics	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Quantum Universe		
	Advanced Materials		
	Science, Business and Policy		
MSc	Science Education and Communication	1 May (S) 15 October (F)	1 May (S) 15 October (F)
	Education: Biology		
	Education: Physics		
	Education: Chemistry		
	Education: Mathematics		
	Education: Computing Science		
	Communication		
MSc	Systems and Control	1 May (S) 15 May (F)	1 May (S) 15 May (F)
MSc	Water Technology (joint degree)	15 June	1 April

Spatial Sciences

MSc	Economic Geography	1st May	1st May
	Dual Degree International Programme in Economic Geography (Germany)		
MSc	Resilient Rural Regions	1 May	1 May
MSc	Regional Competitiveness and Trade	1 May	1 May
MSc	Environmental and Infrastructure Planning	1 May	1 May
MsC	Designing Spatial Transformations	1 May	1 May
	Dual Degree Development Planning and Infrastructure Management (Indonesia)		
	Dual Degree Urban Governance within a Global Environment (China)		
	Dual Degree Water and Coastal Management (Germany)		
	Dual Degree Urban Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (Indonesia)		
	Dual Degree Sustainable Water Management (Indonesia)		

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PROGRAMMES 2027		DEADLINE EU/EEA	DEADLINE NON-EU/EEA
MSc	Population Studies	1st May	1st May
	Dual Degree Social Demography (Spain)		
	Dual Degree Demography and Social Inequality (Germany)		
MSc	Research Master Spatial Sciences	1 May	1 May
MSc	Islands and Sustainability (Erasmus Mundus)	1 April	1 September
MSc	Society, Sustainability and Planning	1 May	1 May
	Dual Degree Urban Governance within a Global Environment (China)		
	Dual Degree Urban Planning, Society and Sustainability (Indonesia)		
	Dual Degree Sustainable Urban and Regional Development (Indonesia)		
MSc	Real Estate Studies	1 May	1 May

Religion, Culture and Society

MA	Theology and Religious Studies	1 May	1 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)	1 May	1 May
MA	Religious Diversity in a Globalised World (Erasmus Mundus)	1 May (scholarship deadline: 15th January)	1 May (scholarship deadline: 15th January)



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PhD/Graduate Schools

Dutch universities provide an excellent environment for those seeking to pursue a PhD, with research in the Netherlands being highly regarded 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 tailored 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.

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





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)

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
- 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

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.

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**
- **Religion, Culture and Society**
- **Campus Fryslân**



More information

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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 your chosen programme 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

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More information:
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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 processing your application.

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.

Timeline

1 October 2026

Studielink application system opens

15 January 2027

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

1 May 2027*

Application deadline for most other programmes

* Be sure to check specific programme for exceptions

30 August 2027

Academic year starts





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