Welcome

Congratulations on being admitted to study at the University of Groningen. We’re delighted to have you on board and you’ll be joining others who have chosen to study at one of the world’s top 100 universities. Deciding to study abroad is an exciting experience and we know that you will have many questions about what to do next. This guide will hopefully answer some of these questions and help you plan your journey to Groningen.

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This guide will inform you of the steps you should take after you have received your letter of admission, and before your arrival in Groningen. Please ensure that you read each section carefully and complete the checklists we have provided to help you. If you have questions that are not answered here, you can contact us on prospectives@rug.nl.

Contact details of key University services are included throughout the guide but if the question you have is of a more general nature or you are not sure who to ask, please check the admitted pages at www.rug.nl/admitted or contact:

**International Marketing Office**
The University of Groningen
Communications Office
Oude Boteringestraat 44
9712 GL Groningen
Tel: +31 (0)50 363 5374
Email: prospectives@rug.nl

Throughout the months leading up to your arrival, the UG hosts a number of webinars on topics including arrivals, housing and academic Q & A’s. For more information just visit: https://www.rug.nl/webinars
The offer you have received is based on the admission status that you currently hold. There are three types of offers: Conditional offers, Provisional offers and Unconditional offers.

**Conditional offers**
These are for applicants who have yet to fulfill one or more of the admission requirements. In order to be fully admitted and receive an unconditional offer, the applicant will have to satisfy the conditions for admission to their selected programme. This will need to be done before the deadline that is stated in your offer letter. For example, having a conditional offer pending receipt of a sufficient English proficiency test. Once you have successfully passed and achieved the required results for the test, you can then contact your Admissions Officer. The Admissions Officer in charge will subsequently change your admission status.

**Provisional offers**
Once you have fulfilled all the entry requirements to your selected programme, you can be provisionally admitted. A provisional offer is pending receipt of certified documents (hard copies).

**Unconditional offers**
You will have fulfilled all the admissions requirements as well as provided your Admissions Officer with certified documents. You will also have received an unconditional offer as well as a Decree of admission (final unconditional statement). This statement is used to complete your University enrollment.

**Accepting your offer**
You will need to sign and return your confirmation of participation form to confirm/accept your place. The confirmation of participation form is the second page of your offer letter.

**Deferring your offer**
If, for any reason, you are unable to start in the academic year that you have applied for, you are able to defer this offer of admission to the following academic year. Please contact your Admissions Officer for further information.
Living in Groningen means your money is likely to go further than it would if you lived in other parts of the Netherlands such as Amsterdam or Utrecht. It is essential that you make sure you have enough money to cover for your study and living costs and should plan your finances well in advance of your arrival as it can be difficult to arrange funding after you have started your programme.

### Planning your finances

#### Working while you study

As an international student, it might be difficult to find a job in the Netherlands. If you are from non-EU/EER countries you will need a work permit sponsored by your employer before you can work legally. If you do wish to look for a student job in the Netherlands, there are a number of things you should know.

If you hold a residence permit (VVR) as a student, you are allowed to work in the Netherlands only if your prospective employer requests a work permit (called TWV). It is the employer who makes the request at UWV (information only available in Dutch). In addition, you are only allowed to work for a maximum of 16 hours per week or you may do seasonal labour during the months of June, July and August. In both cases the employer must have applied for a work permit.

If an internship is a compulsory part of your study programme, your employer is not required to apply for a TWV. Instead you, your employer and your educational institution will need to set up and sign an internship agreement.

### BUDGET

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These are approximate monthly estimates (in Euro), but be aware that the actual cost of living in Groningen will depend on your lifestyle.

#### You will need to budget for

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation costs
- Living costs (e.g. food, clothing)
- Study costs (e.g. books, IT essentials)
- Travel and visa costs
- Extras (unexpected expenses)

For the latest accommodation costs, please have a look at the SSH website.
Planning your finances

Tuition Fees
Your Tuition Fees will vary depending mainly on:
1. Your programme of study
2. Your nationality
3. Whether you received a degree of a similar level before.

BACHELORS

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Bachelors Non-EU/EEA Fees

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Masters

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Non-EU/EEA Fees
Standard tuition fees for new Bachelors and Masters non-EU/EEA students for 2018-19 are in the table below. These annual tuition fees are valid for the duration of your programme of study but always clarify the costs on your letter of admission.

EU/EEA Fees
Tuition fees are the same for Dutch and European Union students (European Economic Area: all EU countries + Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Iceland). These annual tuition fees are valid for the duration of your programme of study but are always clarified in your letter of admission.

NOTE:
The Dutch government intends to halve the statutory tuition fees for specific groups of first year Bachelor’s students starting from the 2018/19 academic year. This will apply only to first year EU/EEA passport holders. Detailed information is not available at the time of printing but more detailed information can be found on the Government website. Questions will also be answered on Studielink.

If you have questions about your tuition fees, contact:

Telephone: +31 (0)50 363 8004, 10 am – 4 pm (weekdays)

Physical location: First floor Academy Building (building 1112, Broerstraat 5, 1 pm – 4 pm weekdays)
There are a number of different ways for you to pay your tuition fees and you can indicate your preferred payment method via Studielink. You need to make sure that you pay your tuition fees before the start date of your degree programme as you may not be allowed to enrol into your programme if you have not met your financial obligations.

The University of Groningen will notify you about paying your tuition fees. Please note that this notification does not mean that you are officially enrolled at the University as you will be notified of that separately.

**Direct bank transfer**
You can pay your fees in full by moving money from your bank directly into the University’s bank account through an electronic transfer. If you requested to pay your tuition fees by a direct debit payment (authorization for direct debit) via Studielink, you will be sent an authorization form by the University of Groningen which we need to receive by 1 September.

You can authorize the University to debit your account for the full amount (collected in the last week of September), but you can also opt for staggered payments in five instalments. The instalments will be collected in the last week of the months of September, November, January, March and May. If you pay in instalments, an administration fee of €24 will be charged. It is important that you quote your Student Number or your name, initials and date of birth. For example, S276890 and your name Jones, S 01/02/1998. You need to make sure that additional costs (such as bank charges) are also paid.

**Account name**  Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
**Bank name**  ABN-AMRO
**Account number**  NL84ABNA0425600904
**BIC/Swift code**  ABNANL 2A
**Reference**  onderwijsgelden
**Address:**  Grote Voort, P.O. Box 686, 8000 AR Zwolle

**KEY DATES:**

- **Start date 1 September:** you must pay no later than 31 August.
- **Start date 1 February:** you must pay no later than 31 January.
PIN payment by direct bank debit card
You can also pay your tuition fees with your direct debit card at the Central Student Administration at the University of Groningen before the 1 September. Ensure that you have sufficient funds in your account to make the payment.

PIN payment by credit card
In case you are a non-Dutch student and have a Master Card, VISA Card, JCB Card or CUP Card, you can go to the Central Student Administration and use your credit card in the pin-code reader to pay your tuition fee (only for the full amount). The administration fee for a credit card payment is € 50 (per transaction).

Cash payment
You can also pay your tuition fees in cash or by card at the university cashier’s office. The cashier’s office is situated in the Academiegebouw, Building 12, Room 45 and it is open every working day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Cash should not be posted to us. While paying by cash is acceptable if there is no other way to ensure payment, we advise against carrying large sum of money into the country for security reasons.

Direct debit payment
If you have a European bank account number, you can indicate on Studielink that you intend to pay in installments or in full via direct debit. You will be sent an authorisation form by the University of Groningen which needs to reach us by the 1st September.

You can authorise the University to debit your account for the full amount (collected in the last week of September), but you can also opt for staggered payment in five instalments. The instalments will be collected in the last week of the months of September, November, January, March and May. If you pay in instalments, an administration fee of € 24 will be charged.

Sponsored students
If you are receiving sponsorship for your studies, you must be able to produce written confirmation of this so that your sponsor can be invoiced. You will need to send this letter to the University at least six weeks before your date of registration.

A sponsor’s letter must be written in English, on formal letter-headed paper, and must state both your name and your applicant number. It should also include reference to the amount in Euros for the duration of sponsorship (i.e. first year or full course), as well as an address for the invoice to be sent to.

Opening a bank account
If you wish to open a bank account in your country, which you can use in the Netherlands, look for a bank with global connections. Information about opening and running a bank account in the Netherlands is available on arrival at the University.

To open an account in the Netherlands, you will normally need to provide proof of the following:
> Valid passport or ID
> Proof of enrolment at the University of Groningen
> Proof of residence for verification of your Dutch address, e.g. your rental contract;
> Proof of registration at the municipality (BSN-number).

There are a number of banks available in the city and The University of Groningen works closely with the ING Bank who will work to ensure you can activate your account on your arrival day. Banks usually only open a bank account if you stay in the Netherlands for at least one full semester (5 months).

Emergency Funds
Even if you intend to open a Dutch bank account you still need to have other funds and means of payment available when you initially arrive in Groningen. We therefore recommend that you bring:
> A bank card that will allow you to use an ATM (Automated Teller Machine) in the Netherlands. Maestro and Cirrus are available in many places but check with your bank at home to be sure;
> A credit card (Mastercard or Visa). It is worth noting that you cannot use a credit card in the vast majority of supermarkets and shops in Groningen, so until you get a Debit Card/Maestro card you will need cash;
> Traveler’s cheques need to be insured and cannot be used in shops. They will need to be exchanged for cash at a money changing bureau or bank.
# Immigration advice

If you are a student from country group 2, 3 or 4 and you will be staying for longer than three months (90 days), you need an MVV visa (type D - a provisional residence permit) and/or a residence permit card in order to study in the Netherlands. The University applies for your MVV visa and/or residence permit at the Dutch Immigration Services (IND). You cannot apply yourself.

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<th>Country Group</th>
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| **Group 1**   | Students from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom | › Do not need an MVV  
› Do need a residence permit (stay over 3 months)  
› Do need a work permit (should you wish to work part-time)  
› Do need to register as a citizen of Groningen |
| **Group 2**   | Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, United States of America, Vatican City State | › Do not need an MVV  
› Do need a residence permit (stay over 3 months)  
› Do need a work permit (should you wish to work part-time)  
› Do need to register as a citizen of Groningen |
| **Group 3**   | Students from Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Perú, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela | › Do need an MVV (stay over 3 months)  
› Do need a residence permit (stay over 3 months)  
› Do need a work permit (should you wish to work part-time)  
› Do need to register as a citizen of Groningen |
| **Group 4**   | Students from all other countries | › Do need an MVV  
› Do need a residence permit  
› Do need a work permit (should you wish to work part-time)  
› Do need to register as a citizen of Groningen  
› Do need to hand in proof of legal residence for school registration. |

The University will inform you about the procedure and the documents that are needed for the application. This happens once you have received an offer from the Admissions Office of the University of Groningen.
Accommodation

Finding somewhere to live can be daunting especially if you are moving to Groningen or the Netherlands for the first time. We advise that you start looking for accommodation as early as possible as it can be difficult to secure somewhere to stay if you wait too long.

The University of Groningen does NOT provide accommodation for students and it is your responsibility to find somewhere to live. Please do not underestimate the challenge of finding accommodation, as it can be a long and stressful process.

**Moving into your accommodation**

If you have arranged with SSH to move into your accommodation when you arrive in Groningen, you will be able to find more details in your accommodation offer document.

For more information go to the SSH website.
https://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/groningen

For information on accommodation in Leeuwarden see:
www.studentenwoningenleeuwarden.nl

Please note that these are external websites and not monitored or administered by the University.

If you have any questions, contact SSH. Tel: +31 (0) 88 730 4200

If you have not secured accommodation before the start of your programme, either with SSH or with a private sector provider, there are a number of options for short term accommodation. You need to be aware that it can be difficult to book last minute accommodation in August.

**The Erasmus Student Network**
http://www.esn-groningen.nl/how-find-room

**At Home in Groningen**
www.athomeingroningen.com/
The Groningen Life website
This is a collaboration between The University of Groningen and Hanze University of Applied Sciences, and provides useful information about how it is to live in a vibrant and young city such as Groningen. There are a wide range of choices available when looking at accommodation in Groningen:
› types of accommodation: student rooms, containers, student houses, student flats, houseboats;
› diverse neighbourhoods: Quiet or lively; close to or far from the city centre and/or University; distance from parks;
› sharing an apartment with other internationals or with Dutch students

http://www.groningenlife.nl/en/housing

Should you wish to live alone, there are also several property rental agencies (makelaar) in Groningen as well as the large property search website funda.nl. Properties offered are likely to be a great deal more expensive than student housing. Please be aware that rental accommodation is mostly unfurnished.

When you finally find a home you like, you must sign a rental agreement. It is normally done at the real estate agent office, with the organisation, or directly with the landlord. All rental contracts are provided in Dutch, and this is the only version.

Price and location
The price of a room depends on the location (distance to the city center) and the size. The rent varies from 250 Euros to 550 Euros a month and the surface area can be a small but cosy 12m² up to a splendid 30m². If your first room is the small but cosy one, this is normal and in Groningen, most students move to a bigger room a couple of times during their studies. Sometimes it’s possible to move from one room to the other in the same house, so you won’t even have to rent a removal van.

Facebook pages
University or subject area Facebook pages may be a good place to connect with other students looking for accommodation or to find out about any private rentals. Some of the most popular Facebook groups are “Student rooms Groningen”, “Groningen rooms”, “Free housing announcements in Groningen”, and “Student Housing Groningen”. Please be aware that these are external sites which are not monitored by the University of Groningen therefore you should exercise extreme caution - especially where money is involved.

Further information
For more information, you should check the information you received from SSH about your accommodation. Alternatively refer to the SSH website, which has up to date information of all student accommodation, application and allocation procedures.
Studying at the University of Groningen

Registering for your programme
You can register for courses through progress. You should receive information from your faculty detailing how and when you can register for your courses. Please ensure that you follow these instructions and if you have any questions, you should contact your faculty’s Education Desk.

You are also able to find out more about the courses you will study by visiting the course catalogue.

Binding Study Advice
First-year students at research universities in the Netherlands have to earn at least 3/4 of their 60 ECTS (credits) for the first year. This means a minimum of the 45 of the total 60 credits for that year. This is called Binding Study Advice (BSA) and you will be advised in December of your first year about your results and progress and be 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.

So:
› at the end of your first year you need to have earned a minimum of 45 ECTS; otherwise you will have to discontinue your studies
› a negative BSA stays for a period of two years, starting the first of September of the following academic year;
› a negative BSA for a degree may also count for a cluster of related degrees (providing there is at least a 70% overlap between the different first years).

All the rules regarding the BSA can be found in the BSA Manual, which also includes information on planning and procedures, study support and evaluation.

Student card
The University of Groningen student card (known as the ‘RUGpas’) is proof that you are a student at the University and will be used throughout your time as a student the UG. It will contain your name, ID number and will certify your student status. It is also used for a number of things including identification during exams, gaining access to the University Library (UB - Universiteitsbibliotheek), using printers and even buying coffee.
Once you have uploaded your photo and are completely enrolled in your study programme, your student card will automatically be created. This takes approximately two weeks and the address that you have provided in Studielink will determine where you will receive your student card.

If you have provided an address in the Netherlands, your student card will automatically be sent to your address. However, if you have not yet updated your information and Studielink only has your address abroad, your student card will be sent to your faculty.

Welcome events

Welcoming Ceremony
The University of Groningen has two Welcoming Ceremonies every year – one in February and another in August. As a new international student, it is strongly recommended that you attend as you will learn more about your new city, student associations, and get the opportunity to meet other new students.

ESN introduction week
The ESN introduction week is the best way to start off your time in Groningen and a fantastic way to meet Dutch and international students. The week will start on the 31st August and runs to the 5th September during which time you will have the chance to get involved in a number of activities. These will include exploring your new city, learning about Dutch history, watching a comedy show and even learning to ride a bike. You can sign up for the introduction week online but it is worth mentioning that the ESN is a student association offering several events throughout the year for both Dutch and international students.

KEI-Week
The city of Groningen has 50,000 students (roughly a quarter of the population) and there are a number of events held at the start of the academic year to help you get to know others who have recently arrived in the city. KEI-Week is the biggest student introduction week in Europe and takes place from the 13rd–17th August 2018.

Faculty introductions
All faculties will have an introduction programme to tell you more about what to expect when you start and also give an insight into your programme. Details can be found here:

- Faculty of Economics and Business
- Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies contact: c.b.caron@rug.nl
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Medical Sciences contact: a.m.van.trigt@med.umcg.nl
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Spatial Sciences
- Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Faculty of Philosophy
- University College Groningen
- University College Fryslan, Global Responsibility & Leadership
Health Insurance

Private Health Care Insurance
This is likely to be the right choice for you if you are an international student and not employed.

EU Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
If you are a EU citizen or come from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, you can apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). It is free to obtain by contacting your local health authority before you leave your home country and covers basic and emergency healthcare costs.

Basic Health Insurance
Once you start working (any paid job or an internship), and earn more than €150 per month or €1500 per year you are legally required to take out basic health care insurance – even if you are covered by another healthcare insurance provider.
What to carry in your hand luggage

Documents
Non-EU/EEA nationals will need to carry the following items in your hand luggage:
› your University of Groningen letter showing you have been admitted
› details of your permanent or provisional accommodation (if relevant)
› any relevant medical certificates showing recent vaccinations
› A passport or national identity card

Make sure to keep these original documents safe. We strongly advise you to keep these with you in your hand luggage.

EU/EEA nationals do not need to obtain a visa to come to the Netherlands but will need to present the following document:
› A passport or national identity card

Climate
The Netherlands has a moderate climate with mild winters, cool summers and a fair amount of rain. Temperatures throughout the year can range from -7 degrees Celsius (19.4F) in winter to 30 degrees Celsius (86F) in the summer but the weather is unpredictable. It is recommended to carry an umbrella or raincoat with you as the weather can change a great deal – even within a single day.

Essential items of clothing
› Winter coat – one that should keep you dry and warm in all weather
› Winter accessories such as gloves, a scarf and warm hat
› Waterproof shoes
› Jeans
› Sweatshirts, sweaters or cardigans
› A smart outfit for formal occasions (shirt, trousers, skirt and/or dress with smart shoes.)
› Summer wear (shorts, t-shirts, flip flops, swimwear)
› Gloves, Sportswear
› Trainers (sneakers), or any shoes comfortable enough for running to class if you’re late!

It is worth knowing that these can also be bought in Groningen as there are a range of international chain stores as well as smaller, boutique or second-hand shops.
Money
Please do not bring large sums of cash with you. We suggest that you carry enough money to cover your first 4 weeks in Groningen to pay for expenses such as phone cards, transportation, toiletries and food. When exchanging your money, ask for lower denominations of currency: for example, €5, €10 or €20 notes. If you are unable to get smaller notes you can change these in a bank when you arrive.

Electrical equipment
› Your computer/laptop (and/or tablet) with a charger
› Mobile phone with a charger
› If your phone is locked, you will not be able to use it with any of the Dutch mobile phone operators.

Please note that appliances purchased outside the EU may not be safe to use in the Netherlands because of the higher voltage supply (230V, 50Hz).

Power adapter
In the Netherlands, electrical sockets have two holes (types C and F). If it is different from your country, you will need to buy a power adapter sold at the airport or at a number of shops in the city.

Things to consider
Items of bedding and kitchen equipment can be bought cheaply in Groningen – either new or second hand, so it is not necessary to bring these when you come. This is also the case for sports equipment unless you have special equipment that you wish to bring.

For information on what you are allowed to bring into the Netherlands, check the Dutch customs site. If you are a non-EU student, you are prohibited from bringing food and plant produce into the Netherlands. Please see more information on the food.gov website.

Sending luggage in advance
If you are unable to bring all your personal items in your luggage, it is advised that you make sure your belongings arrive after you have checked into your accommodation as there is no space for storing luggage at the University.

What to pack

Safety tips
Do not bring large amounts of cash
Pack your own luggage
Do not put cash in your suitcase
Throughout your journey, do not accept help with your luggage from people that you do not know
Do not leave your luggage unattended at any time
Do not accept requests to carry items for other people
If you’re an international student starting your programme in September or February, remember to arrange your travel to the Netherlands so that you can attend the Welcoming Ceremony and your faculty’s introduction programme.

**Travel by air**
The closest airports to the University of Groningen are Eelde Airport, Groningen (45 mins away); Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam (2hr 10 mins) and Bremen Airport, Bremen, Germany (2hr). If you are travelling a long distance, you are likely to fly into Schiphol Airport and arrange separate transportation from the airport to the University. On certain dates in August and February, there will be university staff and volunteers at Schiphol to meet you.

**Tips on booking the cheapest flights**
Use price comparison websites such as Skyscanner, Just The Flight, TripAdvisor or Trabber.

Skyscanner enables you to be flexible about your search, for example, you can choose “Netherlands” as your destination. This will bring up information on all possible connections to Dutch airports, giving you more options to compare.

Booking a flight directly with the airline company can save some money, as travel agencies and some flight searching websites charge an additional fee for booking.

**Schiphol – Groningen**
When you arrive at Schiphol Airport for the first time it can be daunting but it is easy to find your way around due to the clear signage. The easiest way to travel to Groningen is to take the train which usually stops on platforms direct below the Schiphol Plaza and leaves hourly direct to Groningen Central Station.

Additional connections every hour involve just one change of trains. The journey from Amsterdam or Schiphol Airport to Groningen takes approximately 2 hours and you can be met at Schiphol Airport during the arrival period (2 days) by a University of Groningen Student Ambassador.

**Bremen – Groningen**
Another way to arrive in the Netherlands is via Bremen Airport in Germany. The cheapest and easiest way to travel from Bremen to Groningen Central Station is to take the Flixbus. This will take you from Bremen to Groningen Central Station in about 2.5 hours and costs approximately €11 (one way), depending on the time you travel. You can book your ticket online or buy one directly from the driver with the buses running about 8 times a day, from 6.30h to 23.30h.

**Eelde Airport – Groningen**
The closest airport to the city of Groningen is Eelde Airport which is 15 kilometres from Groningen. The Qbuzz number 9 bus travels between Groningen Airport Eelde and Groningen Central Station and the trip lasts roughly 40 minutes.

**From Groningen Central Station**
Groningen City Centre is easy to navigate with many buses stopping outside the Central Station and timetables can be found here (in Dutch). There are also taxis parked outside the station to the left and most journeys within the City will cost less than €20. If you do get lost, just ask someone – they will be happy to help.

General travel timetables for the buses and trains in the Netherlands can be found here: [http://www.ns.nl/en](http://www.ns.nl/en).
Map of Groningen

City buildings
A Martini tower
B City hall
C A-Kerk
D Cultural Student Centre
   USVA
E Groningen Museum

Student Housing 🏠
1 Winschoterdiep
2 Blekerslaan
3 Frascati International
   Students House
4 Hoendiep
5 Hofstede de Grootkade
6 Albertine Agnesplein
7 Moesstraat 8
8 Moesstraat 16
9 Bisschop Nierman Centrum
10 Planetenlaan
11 Kraneweg-Melkweg

Not on the map
Korneliestraat
Martinihouse
Stadswerv
Van Houtenlaan

University buildings
1 Academy Building
   › University Student Desk
   › International Service Desk
2 University Library
3 University Museum
4 Oude Boteringestraat
   › Faculty of Theology
   › Faculty of Philosophy
   › Office of the University
5 Harmony Building
   › Faculty of Law
   › Faculty of Arts
6 Heymans Building
   › Faculty of Behavioural
   and Social Sciences
7 Faculty of Medicine
8 University College Groningen
9 Bernoulliborg
   › Faculty of Science and
   Engineering
10 Duisenberg Building
   › Faculty of Economics
   and Business
11 Mercator Building
   › Faculty of Spatial Sciences
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