Dear student,

We are pleased to see that you are planning to start your premaster programme at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences in September 2022!

With this letter, we would like to inform you about some more practical and ‘need to know’ information. You will find a map of the Zernike campus in this letter as well. The Faculty of Spatial Sciences is located in the Mercator building, but the lectures will mainly take place in the other buildings.

**Information about introduction**

On **Friday 2 September** we will organize introduction meeting for premaster students, to discuss important information about the study programme and to meet some fellow premaster students.

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In order to help you get started, the pre-master students will be assigned a mentor. The mentor is a former pre-master student who is currently in a master programme. He or she will explain how to enroll for courses, the use of the Student Portal and can, of course, relate about his/her own experiences as a pre-master student. Hopefully, we can introduce the mentor to you at the introductory meeting.

**Need to know**

As a premaster student, please be aware of the following:

- you will have to pass at least two-thirds of the courses of your premaster programme. With a premaster programme of 60 ECTS, you need to have 45 ECTS by the end of the year to continue the programme.*
  If your premaster consists of less than 60 ECTS, you have received information about the agreed-upon amount of credits you have to obtain. If not, please contact us via study.advice.fss@rug.nl.

- The premaster programme has to be completed within two years to be allowed to start the master programme.*

- You have to fully complete the premaster to be admissible to the master degree programme. It is **not possible** to start the master programme without having completed the premaster.

This information can be found in the [Teaching and Examination Regulations](https://www.rug.nl/frw/education/introduction/premaster) of one of the bachelor degree programmes (depending on your enrollment).

More general information for premaster students can be found on this website as well: [https://www.rug.nl/frw/education/introduction/premaster](https://www.rug.nl/frw/education/introduction/premaster)

*If you are a pre-master student with a MVV-visa and/or residence permit, different conditions can apply, please check [with the ISD](https://www.rug.nl/frw/international/premaster) what applies to you.
Faculty association Ibn Battuta and book sale

You can order your textbooks through Ibn Battuta, the Faculty association, (see their enclosed letter). By doing so, you will receive a discount. The books will be delivered to your home address. The book supplier only delivers in the Netherlands. For international students, you can have the books delivered at the Ibn Battuta-address, please see their letter.

If you do not want to join Ibn Battuta, please check out Oeacyx to find the books you need per course.

Study advisors

If you have questions or difficulties concerning your arrival in Groningen or starting the degree programme, please contact the study advisors Saskia Enuma, Nienke Harteveld and Reinier Schoep. When we cannot help you personally, we can always refer you to a person or a department that can.

The study advisors are there to help with any issues you may encounter during your study. These can be a difficulty with planning, study delay, functional impairments, personal problems or just getting started. During the introduction, we will explain more about Study advice and what you may expect from us. You can contact us via study.advice.fss@rug.nl

We hope to see you at the start of the new academic year!

Kind regards,
Saskia Enuma, Nienke Harteveld and Reinier Schoep
Study Advice - Faculty of Spatial Sciences (FSS)
University of Groningen
Want to contact us?

Receiving this information does not automatically mean that you have been admitted to the premaster programme of your choice at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences. No admission rights may be derived from this letter. After meeting all admission criteria and paying the tuition fee (before September 1st 2020), you are admitted to the programme. Please contact Information Services (http://www.rug.nl/education/information-services/) if you have questions about your enrollment or your admission status.
Dear prospective student,

Welcome to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences! We are Ibn Battuta, the Faculty Association of Spatial Sciences. We organize a broad range of activities like social drinks, study and career-related activities, foreign trips, and a winter sports trip for our members.

As a Faculty Association, we will be present at your introduction day. On this day you will learn everything you need to know about studying at our faculty and the different organizations of the faculty.

On Monday the 6th of September, there is also a Social Drink organized by Ibn Battuta where you can already get to know some fellow students and members of the Association.

Some senior students of our association will provide sleeping accommodations for after the Social Drink on the 6th of September if you do not live in Groningen yet. If you want to stay the night, please let us know via the contact info below!

Next to an introduction day, we will organize the introduction weekend on Ameland on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of September. Here, you will get to know the Association even better and you will have a lot of opportunities to make friends with your fellow students! What better way to spend the first weekend of your study year?

To join the introduction weekend you have to become a member of Ibn Battuta for just €14,- a year. You have the possibility to become a member of Ibn Battuta on the introduction day on the 6th of September. You can also sign up for a membership via our website (www.ibnbattuta.nl)! As a member, you can benefit from discounts on your study books and participate in the various activities organized by Ibn Battuta, such as trips abroad, parties, social drinks, and excursions. On top of that, you will get free coffee in our Coffee Room and receive the almanac, our yearbook!

If you choose to become a member, you can also order study books at a discount on www.ibnbattuta.nl. This payment will be done through iDEAL. When you have ordered your books, they will be delivered to your home address! If you do not live in the Netherlands yet, we offer the possibility for the books to be delivered at our address so you can come to pick them up later, as the supplier does not deliver outside The Netherlands. Please make sure that you add our address (Nettelbosje 2; 9747 AE Groningen) as the delivery address and your own address for the invoice.

The introduction weekend will cost around €70,-. This includes food and accommodation at the introduction weekend, as well as a membership of Ibn Battuta. A membership is also available separately for just €14,- a year! During the introduction day, you will be given the chance to subscribe to both options. Payment will happen through recurrent authorization, which means all future payments for other activities will happen automatically and you do not have to sign separate authorizations.
We want to stress that the introduction weekend is not an initiation. Ibn Battuta is not a fraternity or student association, but a Faculty Association. We do not demand anything from you, since this weekend is meant for you to have fun. This also means hard liquor and drugs are not tolerated. The entire weekend is under the supervision of the “Advies Commissie Introductietijden” (Advisory Committee Introductionperiods or ACI for short). More information about the ACI can be found on www.rug.nl/studenten/aci. The packing list and further information will follow after you have signed up for the introduction weekend!

Do you already want to come in contact with a senior student who can support you during the first months in Groningen? You can then sign up for the buddy-system via our website. This buddy-system will link you to a senior student with the same interests as you. This buddy can help you by, for example, showing you around the city, with practicalities like housing issues, and of course also to undertake fun activities together!

If you need any help finding a room in Groningen, you can have a look on the website at our Cribn Battuta page. This is a page where advertisements of rooms are shown when there are members who are in search of a new housemate. So when you are in need of a room, do not hesitate to take a look at the page (www.ibnbattuta.nl)!

I think this is enough information for now. If you want to know more about us or the activities mentioned above, take a look at our website! If you have any other questions about us, student life in Groningen, or anything else, you can always contact us. Mail to board@ibnbattuta.nl or Whatsapp with our board: Fleur (+31 6 11828559) and Hesther (+31 6 83999304) are always approachable for any questions! You can also call +31 50 3633909.

We hope to see you during the introduction day!

On behalf of the 61st board of Faculty Association Ibn Battuta,

Fleur Bogema
Secretary