



Groningen, July 2023

Dear student,

We are pleased to see that you are planning to start with your bachelor programme Human Geography and Planning or Spatial Planning & Design at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences in September! In this letter, we would like to inform you about the introduction period of the study programmes.

Start of the study

On **Monday 4 September** we hope to welcome the first-year students to our faculty, show you around and introduce you to your fellow students. The day will start at **11.00 in room 15 in the Kapteynborg**. Please see the map attached to this letter to find out where that is!

Learning Community (also called Mentor group)

In your first year, you are placed in a Learning Community (LC). An LC aims to realize a good performance, create cohesion within the programme, stimulate a sense of community among students and get students in touch with the working field. Several LC meetings are scheduled to take place during the year (especially during the first semester) to achieve these goals.

The LC consists of about 10 to 15 first-year students, supervised by two mentors (senior students). You will get to meet your LC and your mentors on the Introduction Day.

Faculty association Ibn Battuta and book sale

You can order first-year textbooks through Ibn Battuta, the Faculty association. You will receive another letter with more information about Ibn Battuta later this week. By ordering your books through Ibn Battuta, 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).

If you do not want to join Ibn Battuta, please check out [Ocacys](#) 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. If we cannot help you, we will 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. During the introduction, we will explain more about Study advice and what you may expect from us.

NB Your Learning Community Mentor can help you with some of your practical and administrative questions, but if the answer is unknown or unclear, please come to us! You can contact us via study.advice.fss@rug.nl.

Practical information

More practical information, such as your schedule, can be found on <https://www.rug.nl/frw/education/introduction/bachelor>. All the information on this website will be updated during the 2022-2023 academic year.

We hope to see you on 4 September!

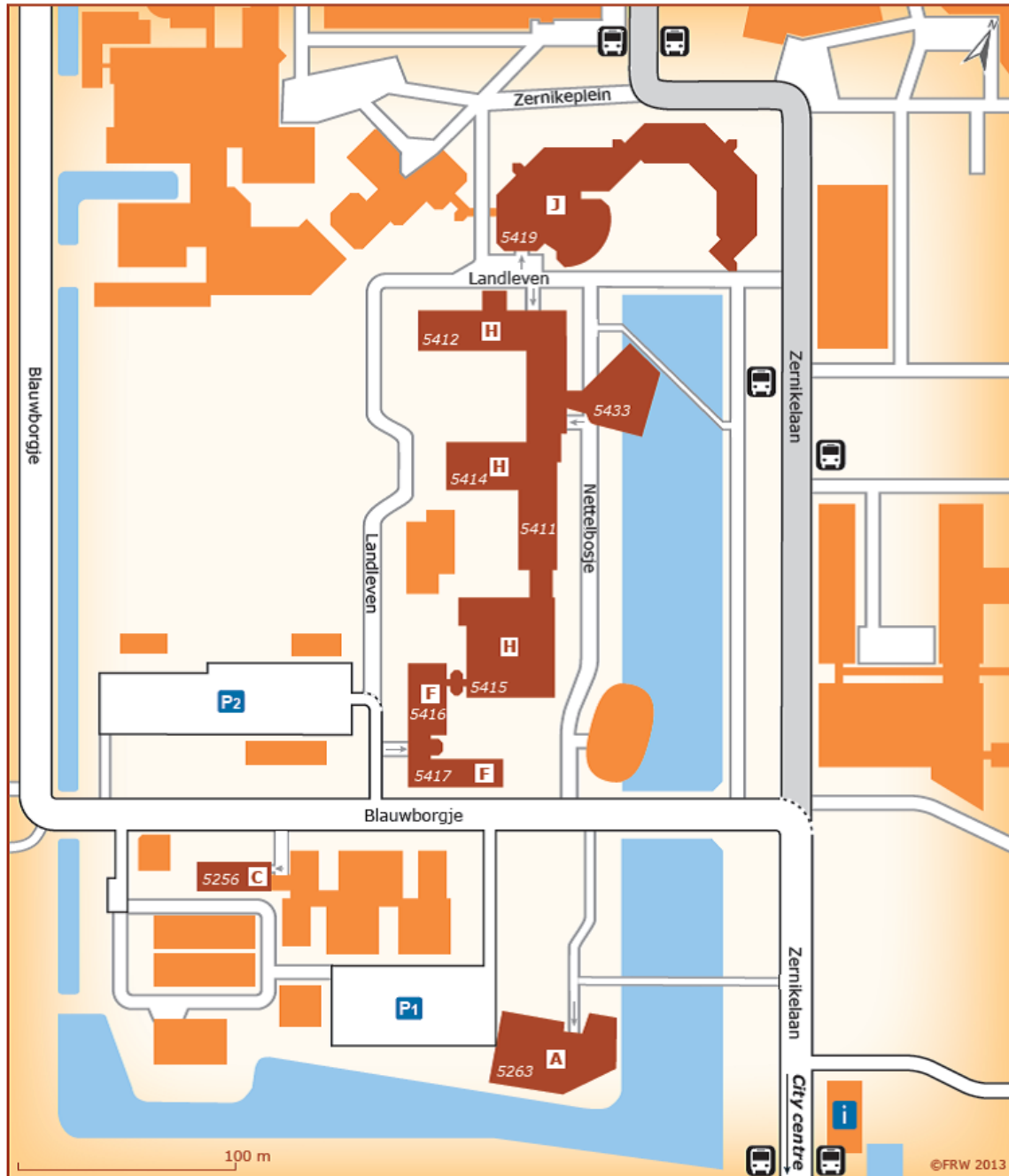
Kind regards,
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[Want to contact us?](#)

Introduction programme Faculty of Spatial Sciences Monday 4 September 2023 Location: 5419.0015 (Landleven 12)	
11.00 – 11.15 a.m.	Walk-in
11.15 – 11.30 a.m.	Word of welcome by Sander van Lanen (coordinator HGP) and Gwenda van der Vaart (lecturer for SPD)
11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Introduction of Educational Support Staff and Student Associations: Study Advisors Ibn Battuta (Faculty Association) Pro Geo (Student Interests) Learning Communities Coordinator
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Split up in LC-mentor groups
12.30 – 2.15 p.m.	Lunch/info market/short tour
2.15 – 5.00 p.m.	Social activities with Ibn Battuta (in city center)
5.00 – 8.00 p.m.	Dinner with your LC-mentor group (at one's own expense)
Approx. 8.00 p.m.	Social drink (Ibn Battuta)

Receiving this information does not automatically mean that you have been admitted to Human Geography and Planning or Spatial Planning and Design. No admission rights may be derived from this letter. After meeting all admission criteria and paying the tuition fee (before September 1st 2023), you are admitted to the programme. Please contact Information Services (<http://www.rug.nl/education/information-services/>) if you have questions about your enrolment or your admission status.



Map of the Zernike Campus



- A** Exam hall
Blauwborgje 4
- C** Blauwborgje 10
- F** Mercator
*Faculty of Spatial
Sciences*
Landleven 1

- H** Duisenberg Building
Nettelbosje 2
- J** Kapteynborg
Landleven 12

- Bus route
- Auto route
- Pedestrians
and cyclists
- Building entrance
- Busstop