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University of Groningen

Institutional Information

Institutional details

Name of Institution	University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE)
Erasmus code	NL GRONING01
ECHE	29015-LA-1-2014-1-NL-E4AKA1-ECHE
Institution website	http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/
Programme information	https://www.rug.nl/fse/programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/

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Nomination and Application Information Incoming Coursework Students

Nomination

Partner institutions can nominate their students for course work (or a combination of course work and a research project) up to the number of students defined in the agreement by using the [Mobility Online system](#). The log-in information has been sent to all our partner institutions; to the most central email address. Please contact the Mobility & Internship Center for more information (exchange.science@rug.nl) if you have any questions.

Nominations of students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving Institution	Autumn Term (1 st Semester)	Spring Term (2 nd Semester)
NL GRONING01	Course work students: April 15th	Course work students: September 15th

Application

After nomination, the student needs to follow the steps in the Mobility Online system.

All required application documents (including language certificate, transcript of records and course selection) of the nominated students must be entered in the Mobility Online system by:

Receiving Institution	Autumn Term (1 st Semester)	Spring term (2 nd Semester)
NL GRONING01	Course work students: May 1st	Course work students: October 1st

Nominated students who completed their application in the Mobility Online system can download their letter of invitation from this system. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following the agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they have the recommended language skills required for their exchange at the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

The language certificate is considered a required application document for students (coursework mobility) and has to reach the receiving institution preferably before the application deadline. For more details on the language proficiency recommendations and which language tests are accepted by the University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering, please go to the following [webpage](#).

Application Information Incoming Research Students

Application

A research student can come to Groningen to work on an independent research project or a final degree thesis. Availability of such places will depend on the (lab) capacity in the research institutes and the availability of a supervisor.

Students who are interested in a research project should find their own supervisor at the University of Groningen. *These students cannot be nominated via Mobility Online.* They can use the following [link](#) to look for projects..

If the student has found a research project and a supervisor then the student is welcome at our Faculty of Science and Engineering. We can host research students without an agreement and handle these requests on a case-by-case basis at our Mobility & Internship Center. Research students can apply throughout the year, preferably 3 months before the start of their stay at our Faculty. They can use the [following form](#) to apply officially.

Studying at University of Groningen

Academic Calendar

At the University of Groningen, the academic year starts on the first Monday of September. The academic year is divided into four blocks (1a, 1b, 2a, 2b). Please click [here](#) for the academic calendar.

New structure starting September 2027

Starting in September 2027, the structure of the academic year will change. These changes may also affect exchange students. The most significant change is an extended Christmas break.

For exchange students, this may mean that they are required to return at the end of January to sit an exam, even if it is the only assessment they have remaining. In such cases, it may not be possible to complete a replacement assignment instead of taking the exam.

We want to inform students about these changes as early as possible so they can take them into account when planning their exchange and avoid disappointment later on.

These are changes that will be made:

- 7 instead of 8 lecture weeks per block, except for block 2b, which will have 8 instead of 9
- Following the usual two exam weeks, there is a re-sit week (with the exception of block 1a). Students who do not need to take any re-sits, have this week off.
- During the lecture weeks, it is recommended to have formative assessment so students receive feedback and can reflect on how they are performing. This includes for instance homework, group assignments, mock exams, reports, presentations, etc. For these ungraded activities, there are no re-sit opportunities.
- It is not allowed to schedule summative exams, midterms, or re-sits during the lecture weeks. Exams have to be scheduled in the designated assessment and re-sit weeks.
- No lectures and deadlines are allowed in the week following the Christmas break so students and staff can rest during Christmas break and have some time to restart in their first week back; this will be included in the Teaching and Examination Regulations (TER).

Courses

Incoming students should select preferably the course units in their Learning Agreement from study programs at the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Exchange students have limited access to course units from other Faculties even if included in FSE degree programs. Exchange students can select 1 or 2 course units from another Faculty per semester up to a maximum of 30% of the total study program. This will heavily depend on the approval of the other Faculty and admission is not guaranteed.

Courses can be found in the online course catalogue [Ocasys](#). Please select the Faculty of Science and Engineering and select the folder 'Exchange'. Courses for the next academic year are available from the beginning of April. Do make sure to check the prerequisites of courses.

Credits and Grading

A student's workload is measured in ECTS credits. According to Dutch law, one credit represents 28 hours of work and 60 credits represents one year of full-time study. The academic year lasts 42 weeks.

The grading system used in the Netherlands is on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding). The lowest passing grade is 6; 9's are seldom given and 10's are extremely rare. Grades 1-3 are hardly ever used. More information can be found [here](#).

Transcript of Records

Exchange students get a digitally signed transcript of records at the end of their stay. The transcript is uploaded in their Mobility Online account approximately 5 weeks after final exams. Research students can request their transcript by sending an email to Mobility & Internship Center.

Studying with a disability

The University of Groningen considers it important that students with disabilities are able to study. Therefore, the University offers various arrangements for studying and taking exams for students with a performance disability. Further information is available [here](#).

Living in Groningen

Visa

Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students/staff. Students with a NON-EU nationality need make a transfer to the University of Groningen in order to get a visa. Please check this [website](#) for more information.

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk: isd@rug.nl	https://www.rug.nl/education/application-enrolment-tuition-fees/admission/procedures/application-informatie/visa-immigration/faq-immigration

Housing

Our institution will guide incoming student/staff in finding accommodation. Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	Faculty contact person SSH: Jelmer Oud & Tessa Biesbroek exchange.science@rug.nl	https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/living-in-the-netherlands/ https://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/groningen

Accommodation is not guaranteed, but our institution will make every reasonable effort to assist inbound students. Exchange Students must complete the relevant accommodation application by the institution's stipulated deadline.

Insurance

Our institution will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff.

We will inform incoming students/staff of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.

We do advise partners to inform their students and staff on getting good health insurance and liability coverage.

The following contact points and information sources can provide information and assistance:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk: isd@rug.nl	https://www.rug.nl/education/bachelor/international-students/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-international-students