

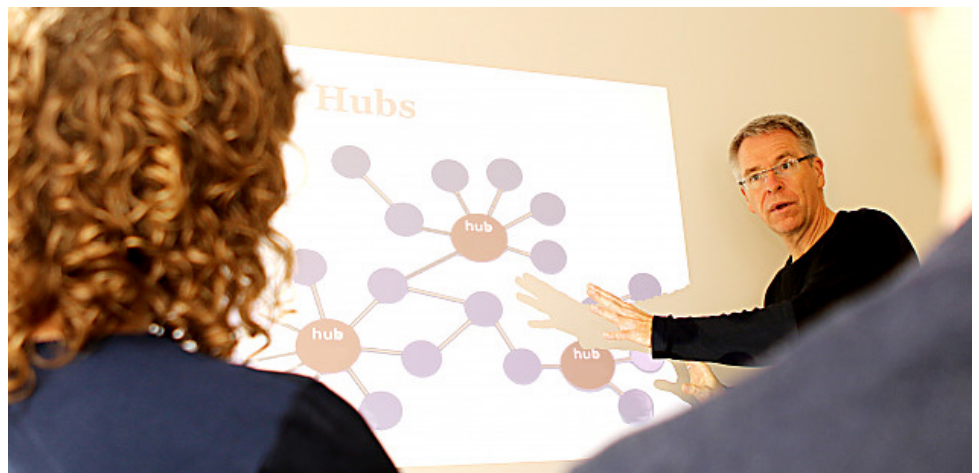
# MSc Sociology: Social Networks in a Sustainable Society

## KEY FACTS

- › Start programme: 1 September
- › Duration: 12 Months
- › Language: English
- › Tuition fees EU/non-EU: approx. €2,006/€14,200

## COURSE EXAMPLES

- › Networks and Policy
- › Theories of Networks and Sustainable Cooperation
- › Methods of Social Network Analysis



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Social networks – our webs of personal relationships in friendships, communication, online interactions, trust or enmity – play a pivotal role in promoting a sustainable society. Networks can be key to holding together communities, organisations and political entities, but they can also be a major source of conflict, ineffectiveness, and decay.**

This unique program teaches and applies state-of-the-art theories and methods to enable you to better understand how the content, structure and dynamics of social networks affect society across a wide range of domains. The areas addressed reflect the staff's main areas of research expertise: collaboration in the care sector, joint production in firms, integration of ethnic minorities, transition to renewable sources of energy, bullying among adolescents, and healthy ageing. You will learn to apply theories relating to institutions and human behaviour to social networks, you will use cutting-edge tools and methods to gather and analyze quantitative and qualitative network data, and you will then apply this knowledge so you can analyse and improve policies and interventions.

### More information

Programme website:  
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### Career prospects

- › This program will give you the knowledge and skills to analyse and help improve social policies across a range of domains
- › It will train you to become an applied researcher or policy developer in government, profit and non-profit organisations
- › It will provide you with applied knowledge for the analysis of social networks, to give you the edge in improving the functioning of organisations and communities.

### WHY CHOOSE US?

- › Top rated programme Higher Education Guide Masters 2018
- › This program combines training in social network research with sociological analysis of policy and policy applications.
- › Sociology in Groningen is world-leading in the development and application of cutting-edge methods for social network analysis.
- › This program hosts hands-on traineeships in applied social network research

### Application

You can apply online, please go to:  
[www.rug.nl/howtoapply](http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply)  
Application deadline EU: 1 May  
Application deadline non-EU: 1 May

Please visit [www.rug.nl/masters/social-networks-in-a-sustainable-society/admission-and-application](http://www.rug.nl/masters/social-networks-in-a-sustainable-society/admission-and-application) for detailed information.

### Admission

- › Bachelor degree in Sociology or in one of the other Social Sciences.
- › Sufficient English skills:  
TOEFL: 92 or IELTS: 6.5

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