Information for new (pre)master students at the faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences:

**Study advisors**

Information, advise and coaching
Making a study plan
Assistance in making informed choices
Career perspective
Help with study delay
Personal issues
Special needs assistance
Extraordinary circumstances

Psychology

Sociology

Pedagogical and Educational Sciences

Research master

**Studying with extraordinary circumstances**

*Student Service desk faculty BSS*

Questions about course and exam registration
Permission forms
Booking an appointment with a study advisor
Certified transcripts

*Exam committee*

Requests, complaints, missing marks etc.
Deals with requests for exemptions
Questions regarding examination
Permission for elective courses outside of the programme

Psychology

Sociology

Pedagogical & Educational sciences

Research master
**Student Service Center**
Student counselors and student psychologists

Courses and workshops:
Effective studying
Stop procrastinating
Academic writing
Mindfulness based stress reduction
Managing exam stress

**Student wellbeing portal**

**Health services for international students**

**Confidential advisor**

**Video tutorials digital facilities:**
Student Portal
Progress (enrolling in courses/checking exam results)
Ocasys (course catalogue)
Schedule generator

**University of Groningen Library: basics**

**Study guide**

**Course attendance**
In general:
Practical/tutorial classes have (usually) mandatory attendance
Lectures (usually) do not have mandatory attendance

It is highly recommended to visit all classes and lectures provided!

**Study Associations:**
Psychology: VIP
Pedagogical and Educational Sciences: Odiom
Sociology: Societas

**Career Services faculty BSS**
SPS-NIP is the student section of the Dutch Association of Psychologists: It supports your transition between being a student and being in the work field, and offers handles do develop on a professional and personal level.

SPS-NIP is mainly for Dutch Students, but internationals are also welcome at the events

**Dutch grading system**

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**University Culture**
Lecturers: quite warm and easy-going with students
Questions or concerns? Feel comfortable to email the lecturers, or visit their office

**University of Groningen BSS International students (official) Facebook group**

**Massive Open online Course (MOOC)**
To learn Dutch