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

**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