



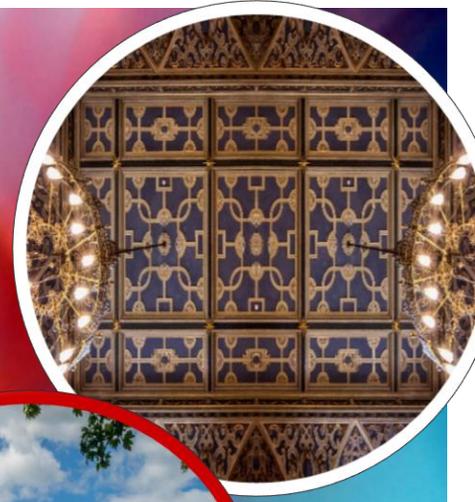
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A photograph of a grand, multi-story brick building with Gothic architectural features, including arched windows and a balcony. A flag is flying on a pole in the foreground. People are visible walking on the steps of the building.

# Summer School

*for Teachers*

23-26 August 2021



**Welcome** to the summer school for academic teachers! We offer several workshops and activities to help you prepare for your teaching job.

Please feel free to pick and choose the activities that suit your needs, interests and calendar!

# Crash Course: Start to Teach

**Are you excited to start the upcoming semester?  
Let us help you prepare!**

This 2.5 day course is designed specifically for teachers at the start of their teaching career. Educational experts will help you to prepare for your first lesson of the upcoming semester and help you plan your lessons. You are provided with tools to engage students and are introduced to best practices for giving feedback and assessing assignments and exams.



## Learning Outcomes

- After following this course you will be able to:
- describe the design of your course, including the learning objectives, and the teaching and assessment methods;
  - prepare for your lessons and create a lesson plan;
  - deliver interactive lectures and tutorials and learn about integrating online tools with face-to-face interactions;
  - formulate clear assignments for students, and adapt to prior knowledge and expectations;
  - create an inclusive classroom environment;
  - provide students with feedback and compare different assessment methods.

## Requirements

- When & Where**
- This **2.5 day course** will be held in Groningen city center on:  
Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 09:00-15:30  
Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 09:00-15:30  
Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 09:00-12:30
- English language skills at a sufficient level to present and to participate in discussions with peers;
  - assigned teaching duties for the teaching block directly following this crash course, like teaching a full course or at least a significant part of a course

# Workshop: Introduction to The Dutch Education System

**Would you like to know more about the Dutch education system, your students' academic backgrounds and the Dutch grading system?**

Both secondary and tertiary education consists of different types of schools catering to the specific skills, level, and needs of their students. Students' trajectories may also vary as they are able to switch between schools depending on their progress and pursuits. Besides that, the assessment and grading standards at Dutch universities can differ from other countries' grading culture. After this course you will have a better understanding of the Dutch education system and be able to better tailor your classes to your students' needs.

## Learning Outcomes

After following this course, you will be able to:

- describe the main characteristics of the Dutch education system related to primary, secondary and tertiary schools;
- compare the UG's grading system with grading systems of other countries;
- explain how the grading and assessment culture in the Netherlands reflects on your teaching activities;
- link (international) students' academic backgrounds to their study expectations and habits.

## When & Where?

This workshop will be held in Groningen city center on: Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 09:00-12:30.



# Workshop: Introduction to

## UG Educational Support Systems

**Within the University of Groningen there are several tools and programmes that can support your teaching. In this workshop we will introduce them to you.**

You will learn more about the Learning Management System (LMS) Nestor, the UG e-learning tools, the digital exams tooling, the different video tools at the university, the student information system and the scheduling tool.

The main focus of this workshop lies on Nestor. This LMS is the core of education at the UG. You will learn more about the basic functionality of the system, how to build a course, the possibilities to collaborate within the LMS, the use of videos in courses, how to communicate with students in Nestor and you will obtain basic knowledge about assignments and grading.

### Learning Outcomes

After following this course, you will be able to:

- find the most important tools for education (Nestor, Progress and Ocasys) and use them in their basic form;
- identify all the educational support that is available for teachers and will know who to turn to during the upcoming academic year.

### When & Where?

This workshop will be held in Groningen city center on: Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 14:00-17:00.



# Working & Living in Groningen

**Do you have questions regarding working and living in the Netherlands and particularly in Groningen? Our experts will gladly help you!**

Our experts are available to answer all your questions regarding your appointment, taxes, health insurance, housing, our partner programme etc. and support you with administrative issues.

## **When & Where?**

To be held in Groningen city center (in the vicinity of our courses and workshops) from Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-14:00.

# Discover Groningen: Guided City Tour

**A chance to learn more about the fascinating, ancient city and its university!**

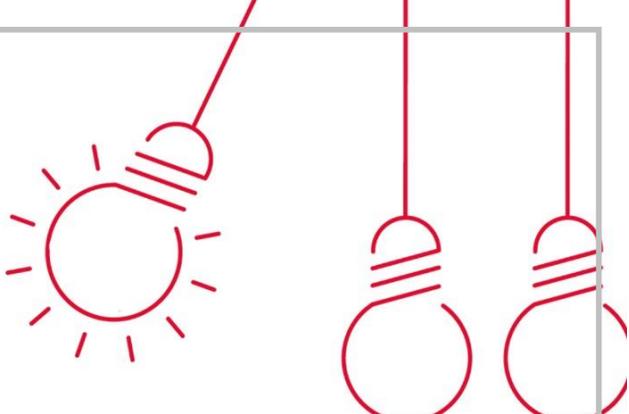
The tour will cover how the UG has influenced not only the intellectual life of Groningen, but also its history, urban planning, expansion and atmosphere.

Some of the most beautiful as well as hidden spots in town will be visited including the Prinsentuin, Peppergasthuis, Hoge der A and famous architectural surprises like the Rem Koolhuis public bathroom, and the only building in Groningen on the UNESCO 100 most important buildings in the Netherlands list.

## **When & Where?**

This tour will take place in Groningen city center on: Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 14:00-16:00.





**Drinks Party hosted by**

## **Teaching Academy Groningen**

**You are cordially invited to the Drinks Party hosted by the Teaching Academy Groningen (TAG). During this party, you can learn more about the TAG and meet other UG teachers.**

### **When & Where?**

This drinks party will be held in Groningen city center on: Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 16.00-17.00.

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### **About the Teaching Academy Groningen**

The TAG is a platform to share good practices and develop knowledge in order to enhance innovative education at the University of Groningen. With the expertise of our current TAG members and other stakeholders, we form a dynamic community of practice, providing a platform for interdisciplinary and innovative teaching powered by research and practice.

### **Community of Practice**

Our Community of Practice is a professional, social space in which people participate in shared practices and learn together through participation in common activities. We give our participants the opportunity to come together, both virtually and face to face, to exchange knowledge and experiences, to learn from and with each other, and to produce new knowledge and shared understandings through educational research. As a platform for exchange and development of knowledge, we stimulate participants to build activities together. In that way, the TAG is something we co-design and consequently 'make happen'.

For more information, please visit our drinks party, our pages on [MyUniversity](#) or contact us through: [tag@rug.nl](mailto:tag@rug.nl)

## Additional Programmes for Teachers

The Summer School for Teachers is part of a broader programme to support our teachers throughout their career at the University of Groningen. Throughout the year we also offer the following programmes.

### Peer Consultancy Group

Would you like to meet regularly with colleagues from various faculties to discuss your experiences and/or troublesome events that you encounter as a (new) teacher? Then a peer consultancy group under supervision of an experienced teacher might be something for you. Peer consultancy is a structured way of learning from each other, in order to improve your expertise, using the expertise of colleagues, on the basis of concrete experiences, with further professionalization as a goal. Please use our [Summer School registration form](#) to inform us of your interest in this group and we will contact you at the start of the academic year.

### University Teaching Qualification

After you have given a few lessons you might wish to receive support with developing and validating your teaching skills. The University Teaching Qualification (UTQ or in Dutch, BKO) is a proof of pedagogic competence for teachers in academic education. Because of the flexibility of the UTQ programme you can not only choose with which module to start, but can also decide in what period of time you would like to complete it. Hence the program is individually adjustable to previous experience, individual needs and the constraints of your new teaching job. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for an intake meeting.

### MicroLabs

MicroLabs are short, hands-on courses about a specific educational topic. After a preparation assignment in the learning management system Nestor and a 4 hour live session with a trainer and peers you will have a concrete result that you can use in your own teaching context. Interested? Have a look at the courses offered by the Educational Support and Innovation department [here](#).



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# PROGRAMME

Please **feel free to pick and choose** from the programme, the activities that suit your needs, interests and calendar.

	Monday 23 August	Tuesday 24 August	Wednesday 25 August	Thursday 26 August
09:00	Start to Teach	Start to Teach	Dutch Education System	Start to Teach
12:30	Working & Living in Groningen / Lunch Break			
14:00			Guided Tours	UG Educational Support Systems
15:30				
16:00		TAG Drinks Party		
17:00				

## HOW TO SIGN UP

Please use the button below to sign up for our Summer School. Registration deadline: 15 August 2021. **Spaces are limited! Therefore, we kindly ask you to attend the activities you register for.**

[Sign up!](#)

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact us through [tag@rug.nl](mailto:tag@rug.nl)