

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GRONINGEN

FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

FACT SHEET

2026 / 2027

University College Groningen (UCG) was established in **2014** as a selective, independent **Liberal Arts and Sciences** Faculty within the University of Groningen. Students explore their passions through an **interdisciplinary, project-based** and **community-oriented** educational experience.

International student body:
over 65% of our students has
a non-Dutch nationality

Facts & Figures

Student body: 17% Non-EU, 53% EU and 30% Dutch

University of Groningen:
Top 100 ranking in the **ARWU** Shanghai ranking and the **THE** World University Rankings

Curriculum here is focused on a combination of social sciences, sciences, and humanities.

Our new campus is coming in the Summer 2027, Bladergroen Building.

35+ nationalities

Average class size: 19 students

Student body: 415 students over a three year curriculum

The city of GRONINGEN

Groningen is a true student city. With two universities, there are plenty of students living in this vibrant city. Groningen has a population of **243,000** people, of which almost **25%** are students. This makes Groningen not only the city in the Netherlands with the **highest student population density** but also the youngest city in the country (and one of the youngest in Europe!). Groningen is also enormously diverse, more than **120 different nationalities** call this city home.

THE NETHERLANDS

Though small in size, the Netherlands has a population of **18.3 million** and is a popular European country. Dutch is the official language, but most people also speak **fluent English**. Like many EU countries, the currency is the **Euro**. The country has a moderate oceanic climate, with **July** and **August** being the warmest months, and **January** and **February** the coldest (rain is common). The Dutch love their **bicycles**, and the country turns orange on April 27 to celebrate **King's Day**, marking King Willem-Alexander's birthday.



ACCOMMODATION

UCG partners with SSH to offer **city housing** for exchange students, offering a vibrant environment that fosters **Internationals** and a strong **academic community**. Living with fellow students can enrich both the social and academic experience. Exchange students of UCG have the opportunity to live in the housing offered by **SSH**. Housing through SSH is not mandatory, but **optional** for short-term rental (semester) or long-term (full-year). SSH Housing can be limited so students are guided by the International Office during the process. There are other private housing options to be considered for students. You can find **more information here**.

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

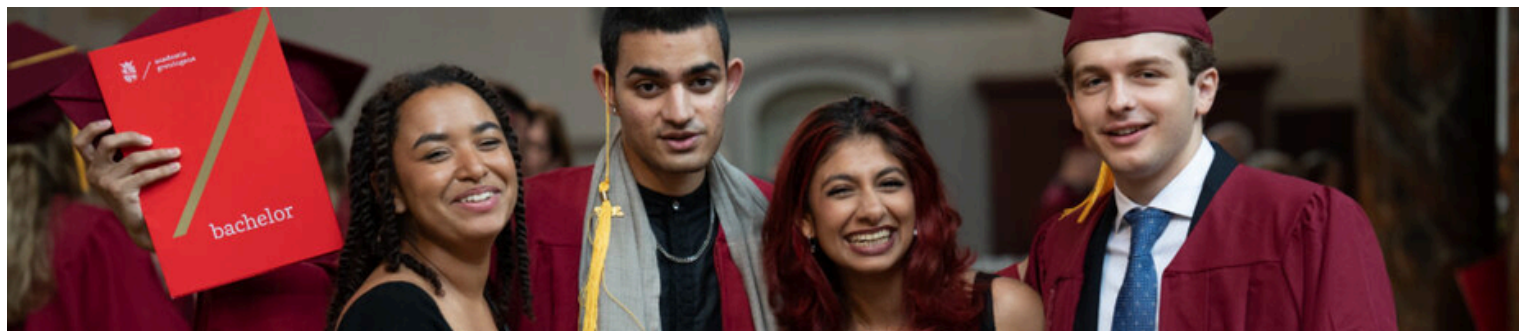
WHAT	START	END
Full Year	31 August 2026	18 June 2027
Autum Semester	31 August 2026	29 January 2027
Christmas Break	19 December 2026	03 January 2027
Spring Semester	1 February 2027	18 June 2027
Resit Week	28 June 2027	2 July 2027

CONTACT INFORMATION

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VISITING & POSTAL ADDRESS

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9718 BG Groningen, the Netherlands



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A degree-seeking student from one of UCG/University of Groningen partners.
- Preferably a 3rd or 4th year student during their exchange on good academic standing.
- English proficiency as all courses are in English. (Proof waived for direct partners, a statement from the partner, or through a language test). Please see language test requirements [here](#).



IMPORTANT DEADLINES	DATE
Nomination Autumn Semester	1 October
Nomination Spring Semester	1 April
Application Autumn Semester	1 November
Application Spring Semester	1 May

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION:

COURSE OFFERING - Incoming students can choose course from the UCG catalogue [here](#). Certain courses are subject to prerequisites. Other faculty course catalogues are available. Students have priority within our own faculty. Other faculty course catalogues can be found [here](#).

CREDITS - Courses are based on the European Credit System (ECTS). Each academic semester is divided into two 10-week periods. Students are recommended to complete **6 courses per semester** totaling at least 30 ECTS. 1 ECTS is 28 study hours. A transcript of records of a student's exchange will be provided from Student Affairs and the Exchange Officer to the student and/or the partner.

MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN EDUCATION: If a student has a medical diagnosis that requires additional facilities for classwork, exams, or other, we kindly ask you notify our office. Most campus buildings of the University are wheelchair accessible/ elevator use.

Nomination and Application Process

Partners of UCG will receive a nomination link from our system, Mobility Online. After being nominated, students will receive a registration link, confirming the nomination, whereby they should complete their application. A letter of Acceptance will follow. The International Office will advise students on the different matters of exchange (visa, housing, courses, etc.) An orientation moment also occurs each semester.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

MMV Visa or residence permit process are handled by the University's Immigration Service Desk, [here](#). Proof of **sufficient funds** for your exchange can no longer be a bank statement but involves a bank transfer to prove funds. The new rules and information can be found [here](#). The funds will be transferred back to the student's new Dutch bank account at the onset of the Exchange.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All students need health insurance for the duration of their Exchange. The University offers packages dependent on your country of origin and situation. Insurance requirements and more information can be found [here](#).

FINANCIALS

An estimation of costs can be found [here](#). Incoming students have the **tuition fee** waived, based on the agreements with the partner University. Please take **costs** like flight, visa application and cost of living into consideration.