



**Fact sheet 2026-2027**  
**University of Groningen**  
**Faculty of Economics and Business**

Institutional information

<b>Name of Institution</b>	University of Groningen, Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB)
<b>Erasmus code</b>	NL GRONING01
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/">https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/</a>

Contact details

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Academic calendar

Semester	Start of exchange	End of exchange
Fall	End of August	End of January
Spring	Beginning of February	End of June (if resits: mid July)



The mandatory **Study Start Event** is organized in the week before the courses begin. Students will then receive practical information about the university and The Netherlands/ Groningen. In the same week non-EU students have an appointment with the Dutch immigration authorities for their residence permit. Also, student mentors meet exchange students and offer campus tours. More information about the mandatory Study Start Event can be found [here](#).

Our academic year is divided into two semesters (Fall and Spring) and four blocks (Fall: 1a, 1b and Spring: 2a, 2b). Please click [here](#) for the academic calendar. Please note that the exchange period begins earlier than the official academic year due to the Study Start Event.

### Nomination

The home university will need to nominate the student in our Mobility Online System. Once the student is nominated, the student will receive a link generated from Mobility Online to register and upload the required documents.

Nomination deadlines:

Semester	Nomination deadline
Fall	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spring	October 1 <sup>st</sup>

### Application

When the nomination has been accepted the student needs to follow the steps in the Mobility Online system. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the online registration/admission procedure.

Application deadlines:

Semester	Application deadline
Fall	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Spring	Non-EU students: October 6 <sup>th</sup> EU students: October 15 <sup>th</sup>



Nominated students who completed their application in the Mobility Online system can download their letter of invitation from this system. Incomplete applications are **not** accepted.

### Entry requirements

1. Study in a bachelor programme in the field of economics/business.  
To be accepted as an exchange student at the Faculty of Economics and Business, students need to have taken a minimum of 10-12 courses (60 ECTS) in the field of economics and business.
2. All exchange students need to submit a proof that they meet our English language requirements. Click [here](#) for information.
3. **Master/graduate exchange students** need to submit a bachelor's degree in the field of economic/business.

Required application documents that need to be uploaded in the Mobility Online system

1. Proof of English proficiency.
2. Transcript (translated into English).
3. Copy of passport or European ID card.
4. **Only for master/graduate exchange students**, photocopy of your bachelor's degree.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Visa

Non-EU students will need a visa and/or residence permit for the study abroad in the Netherlands. Once accepted in the Mobility Online system, our university's Immigration Service Desk (ISD) will start the procedure for the visa application. Our Exchange Office is not involved in the visa application process.

In order to obtain a visa/residence permit, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will check whether students have sufficient financial resources to support themselves during their stay in the Netherlands. To give an estimation: the Immigration and Naturalization Service considers about € 1250 per month (2024) sufficient. Students need to pay the entire amount for their exchange period in advance to get the visa/residence permit. Click [here](#) for more information.

Email address Immigration Service Desk: [isd@rug.nl](mailto:isd@rug.nl).

### Housing

The University of Groningen is not a campus university and therefore does not offer campus accommodation. However, through third parties there are (student) houses and apartments available. We advise students to book accommodation with an organization that is specialized in (international) student housing: SSH. More information about this organization can be found [here](#).



Please note there are serious housing problems in Groningen. If a student is unable to find accommodation before the start of their exchange, we strongly advise to cancel the exchange.

Course registration

Students need to register online for courses until one week before courses start. The procedure is explained [here](#) on our website.

Please note that our course offer and schedules for next academic year 2026-2027 will be available around mid/end June. Before that we will not sign any learning agreements.

Digital office

We try to work without paper as much as possible. Students upload and download documents in our Mobility Online system and transcripts are sent as PDF files by email. Some partners request the 'original transcripts', which usually means a request for a 'paper copy'. Please note that the hardcopy document we send you would be no different from the PDF document.

Timeline

For Whom	Checklist	Deadline Fall	Deadline Spring
Home university	<b>Nomination deadline</b> Home university nominates students in our Mobility Online system	April 15	October 1
Student	<b>Register online at University of Groningen</b> Student will receive the Mobility Online link to upload application documents.	May 1	Non-EU: October 6 EU: October 15
Student	<b>Upload required documents</b>	A.s.a.p. but certainly before May 1	A.s.a.p. but certainly before October 15
All students	<b>Student number and RUG email address</b> The exchange office will make a student number and a RUG-email for you.  <b>You can now download your invitation letter.</b>	A.s.a.p. but certainly before July	A.s.a.p. but certainly before November



Non-EU student	<b>Visa/residence permit</b> The Immigration Service Desk (ISD) will contact students regarding visa application documents.	May 1	October 6
Student	<b>Apply for accommodation</b> After having been accepted, students can book <a href="#">housing</a> at SSH. We advise to book accommodation as soon as the booking system is open.	June 1	November 1
Student	<b>Health insurance</b> Students must have Health Insurance that also covers accidents/payment bills outside their home country. That can be health insurance here in the Netherlands or an insurance policy in a home country.	July-August	December-January
Student	<b>Student number and IT facilities</b> Students receive an email with their student number and login details for IT facilities. This email also explains how to activate a student account and change a password. Students can also upload a photograph for their <a href="#">student card</a> .	Mid July	Mid-November to mid-December
Student	<b>Choose your courses</b> The <a href="#">online course catalogue</a> for the new academic year is published.	Mid/end June	Mid/end June (previous academic year)
Student	<b>Schedule</b> The <a href="#">schedule</a> is updated. Students can check if the courses they selected fit or overlap with the course/exam schedule.	Mid/end June	Mid-December
Student	<b>Learning agreement (LA)</b> Follow the instructions from home university to submit the learning agreement (online or via email).	July-August	December-January
Student	<b>Register for courses</b> <a href="#">register online</a> Deadline is one week before courses begin. Students should only register for courses	August	December-January



	that have been approved via their learning agreement.		
Student	<p><b>Study Start Event</b> A week before the classes begin, we organize a study start event to provide students with information about the UG and the academic culture. However, more importantly, it is a great way to get to know fellow (exchange) students. Later that week students have a second meeting and they can attend the welcoming festival (only for Fall). See <a href="#">website</a>.</p>	Week before the semester begins	Week before the semester begins
Student	<p><b>Group enrolment</b> Lecturers will inform students how to enroll in the tutorial groups for the courses.</p>		
Student	<p><b>Start of your courses</b> <a href="#">academic calendar</a>  <a href="#">schedule</a></p>	September	February
Student	<p><b>End of semester</b> End date depends on the student's last exam date or resit date</p>	End of January	Mid-July
Student	<p><b>Transcript</b> The exchange office sends the student's transcript to the address that they have provided in Mobility Online.</p>	March	July



## URL's

In case the hyperlink does not work, please see below all URL's used in this document.

### Study start event:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/get-started-events>

### Academic calendar:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/academic-calendar/?lang=en>

### Online registration/admission procedure:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/>

### Required English proficiency test results:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/english-proficiency>

### Visa/residence permit:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/practical-information/visa>

### SSH (housing):

<https://www.sshxl.nl/en/cities/groningen>

### Course registration:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/courses-exams>

### Student number and university card:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/practical-information/university-card>

### Schedule:

<https://rooster.rug.nl/#/en>

### Transcript:

<https://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/after/transcripts>



**FACT SHEET 2025/2026**  
**INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS**  
**FACULTY OF SPATIAL SCIENCES**  
 (Human Geography, Spatial Planning, Demography)

<b>University</b>	<a href="#">University of Groningen</a> , Groningen, The Netherlands	
<b>Erasmus code</b>	NL GRONING01	
<b>Faculty Units</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Spatial Sciences</a> Department of Cultural Geography; Department of Demography; Department of Economic Geography; Department of Spatial Planning & Environment	
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Exchange website Faculty of Spatial Sciences</a>	
<b>Contact information</b>	Faculty of Spatial Sciences, International Office Chris Diederiks (coordinator international cooperation) Esther de Vries (mobility officer incoming and outgoing exchange) Email: <a href="mailto:exchange.fss@rug.nl">exchange.fss@rug.nl</a> Telephone: +31 (0)50 363 3389 (Esther de Vries) / +31 (0)6 3198 4811 (Chris Diederiks) Postal address: P.O. Box 800, 9700 AV Groningen, The Netherlands Visiting address: Landleven 1, room 5417.0019, 9747 AD Groningen, The Netherlands	
<b>Academic calendar</b>	Autumn 2025 (Semester 1)	Introduction for exchange students: August 28 – 29, 2025 <b>1<sup>st</sup> teaching term (semester 1a)</b> : September 1 – November 7, 2025 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> teaching term (semester 1b)</b> : November 10, 2025 – January 23, 2026 <i>Departure before Christmas possible if home university semester starts in January</i> <i>Christmas break: December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026</i> Re-exams semester 1a: January 26 – 30, 2026 Re-exams semester 1b: April 6 – 10, 2026
	Spring 2025 (Semester 2)	Introduction for exchange students: January 29 – 30, 2026 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> teaching term (semester 2a)</b> : February 2 – April 10, 2026 <b>4<sup>th</sup> teaching term (semester 2b)</b> : April 13 – June 12, 2026 Re-exams semester 2a and 2b: June 15 – June 26, 2026
<b>Nomination (deadline)</b>	Nomination and language proficiency requirements: see <a href="#">Information for partner universities</a> <b>Nomination deadlines:</b> - for Autumn 2025 or academic year 2025/2026: April 15, 2025 - for Spring 2026: October 1, 2025 Nominations after April 15 / October 1 can be discussed, but housing options in international student housing may be minimal.	
<b>Acceptance</b>	Accepted nominated students receive an email, explaining <a href="#">all necessary next steps</a> .	
<b>Application</b>	See <a href="#">Application</a>	
<b>Student Housing</b>	Overview <a href="http://www.athomeingroningen.com">www.athomeingroningen.com</a> (incl. international student houses through SSH). For more information see <a href="#">Practical information &amp; dates</a>	
<b>Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted incoming exchange students are required to take the course “Spatial Problems and Spatial Policies: The Dutch Experience” (10 EC), offered two times in each academic year.</li> <li>Exchange students can choose from many courses delivered in English at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, and can request to take courses with a maximum of 10 EC at other Faculties of the University of Groningen. Bachelor students cannot take master level courses.</li> <li>See also <a href="#">Courses</a></li> </ul>	



# Factsheet

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## University of Groningen

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Central Admissions Office (Bachelor/Master degree applications)	+31(0)50 363 8976 <a href="mailto:admission@rug.nl">admission@rug.nl</a>
Visiting address	Office for International Relations University of Groningen Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen, The Netherlands

## Faculty of Arts

Website	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/arts-exchange">www.rug.nl/arts-exchange</a>
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# Your exchange team

at the Faculty of Arts

Policy Adviser International Affairs <i>(Your contact for extending or establishing NON-EU partner agreements with the Faculty)</i>	<a href="mailto:internationalagreements.arts@rug.nl">internationalagreements.arts@rug.nl</a>
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# Requirements exchange students

## Level of studies

To be able to study successfully at the Faculty of Arts, students should at least be in their second year of study and have a minimum of 60 ECTS or the equivalent on the moment of applying.

For Master courses at the department of English the requirements are:

- CEFR C1 or
- TOEFL 110 (with a minimum of 25 for writing skills) or
- IELTS 8 (with a minimum of 7.5 for each section) or
- Cambridge C1 Advanced

## English

Students should have a level of English Proficiency of at least:

- CEFR B2/C1 or
- IELTS 6,5 (with a minimum of 6.0 for each section) or
- TOEFL iBT 92 (with a minimum of 21 for each section) or
- Cambridge C1 Advanced

## Master courses

Students who want to enroll in Master courses taught by the departments of Linguistics, Journalism, and American Studies must have a level of proficiency of:

- CEFR C1 or
- TOEFL 100 (minimum of 25 for writing skills) or
- IELTS 7 (with a minimum of 6.5 for each section) or
- Cambridge C1 Advanced

## Other languages

If students wish to enroll in courses not taught in English but in another language that is not their mother tongue, they need to send a certificate or statement from the language instructor at the home university indicating their (CEFR) level of proficiency in that language. If students wish to enroll in courses taught in Dutch, their level needs to be at least CEFR B2/C1.

Most proficiency courses in other languages are sadly not open to exchange students, but the enrolment officer can try to place you. Keep in mind that placement is not guaranteed.

*How to inform us about your level of English?*

# Exchange application procedure

1. Nomination	Nominate your student before <a href="#">the nomination deadline</a> through <a href="#">Mobility Online</a> (include name, email address, field of study, level during exchange and period of exchange);
2. Provisional acceptance	Student receives information from the Office for Student Affairs of the Faculty of Arts on how to apply for accommodation, dates and other practical matters;
3. Application procedure	Student applies in <a href="#">Mobility Online</a> , before the deadline (see next page)
4. Letter of invitation	Student downloads the 'Letter of invitation' in <a href="#">Mobility Online</a> and will be registered as student at the University of Groningen;
5. Visa application	If applicable, student <a href="#">applies for visa</a> : a mvv (long-term multiple entry visa) and/or residence permit
6. Course selection assessment	The coordinator contacts the student about admission to courses. The Office for Student Affairs takes care of all course enrolments.

## **The required documents to upload in the Mobility Online application are:**

### **For all exchange students:**

- Official academic transcript, in English, showing credits and grades so far;
- English language certificate ([see Language requirements](#));
- Motivation letter in English (300 words);
- Copy of passport or EU identity card (valid on the start date of exchange);
- Study Skills overview\* (provided by University of Groningen);

### **If applicable:**

- Language test results for other languages\*;
- Copy of bachelor's degree\*.

*\* upload under 'other documents' in Mobility Online*

# Deadlines

## Nomination deadlines

### For starting in September:

- **1 May** for students from Australia, Canada, EU/EEA countries, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, UK, Vatican City, United States of America, South Korea
- **15 April** for students from all other nationalities

### For starting in February:

- **1 October** for students from Australia, Canada, EU/EEA countries, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, UK, Vatican City, United States of America, South Korea
- **15 September** for students from all other nationalities

*Please note: we process nominations from mid-February (semester 1) and mid-September (semester 2). After this, nominated students will receive information about their application.*

## Application deadlines

### For starting in September:

- **1 June** for students from Australia, Canada, EU/EEA countries, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, UK, Vatican City, United States of America, South Korea
- **1 May** for students from all other nationalities

### For starting in February:

- **1 November** for students from Australia, Canada, EU/EEA countries, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, UK, Vatican City, United States of America, South Korea
- **1 October** for students from all other nationalities

*Please note: if an exchange is cancelled after nomination, please inform us of this cancellation as soon as possible, to avoid unnecessary email communication.*





# Courses & Housing

## Courses

On our [website](#) you can find the courses that are open to exchange students. The courses are listed by semester and by level:

- *Introductory* means that there are no specific entry requirements, no previous knowledge in that field of study is required.
- *Intermediate* means that students need basic knowledge in that field of study. This must be supported by the student's transcript of records.
- *Advanced* means that students can only be admitted to the course if their degree programme or major is in that field of study.
- *MA/master* means that students need a Bachelor's degree in that field of study. Students cannot apply unless they have a BA in the relevant field of study. The enrolment officer will always discuss the student's admittance with the department..

## Registration for courses

Students cannot register themselves for courses, they will be registered by the Office for Student Affairs after assessment of their file and course selection.

## Student Housing

The University of Groningen is located in various parts of the city and is not a campus university. Students have to find their own accommodation, but the housing situation in Groningen can be difficult for international students.

The University of Groningen has reserved accommodation with SSH. SSH offers basic furnished rooms in international student houses. The [website of SSH](#) contains more detailed information about the types of accommodation on offer, the rental conditions, and the procedure. Have a look at the website [At home in Groningen](#) as well. The Municipality of Groningen has recently also started a collaboration with [Hospi Housing](#), which connects students with verified local hosts and guest families.

# When in Groningen



A good start is essential for study success and enjoying time as an exchange student in Groningen.

## Welcoming Ceremony

Attending [the Welcoming Ceremony](#) for all new international students at the University of Groningen will help students arrange a lot of practical and legal matters in one day.

## Faculty Introduction Week

The Faculty of Arts organizes its own introduction week and welcoming event especially for exchange students of the Faculty of Arts. We will inform students about studying and student life at the Faculty of Arts.

## Academic Skills Lecture

During the Introduction Week all exchange students at the Faculty of Arts attend our mandatory Academic Skills lecture. In this interactive lecture we'll tell students about the skills they need in order to be successful in their studies here.

## Important links:

[Faculty Introduction Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendar](#)

## Learning Agreement

Learning Agreements Before, During and After the Mobility can be approved via online platforms like OLA or EWP. If a university is not using an online platform (yet), we can also sign a pdf file via [exchange.in.arts@rug.nl](mailto:exchange.in.arts@rug.nl).

## Transcript of Records

The students Transcript of Record will be automatically provided when all their final grades have been registered in our system. They can download it in Mobility Online.

## Dutch Grading System

Learn about [our grading system](#) and how grades will be translated.