



Factsheet

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University of Groningen

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Faculty of Arts

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Your exchange team

at the Faculty of Arts

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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 the nomination deadline through Mobility Online (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 Mobility Online , before the deadline (see next page)
4. Letter of invitation	Student downloads the 'Letter of invitation' in Mobility Online and will be registered as student at the University of Groningen;
5. Visa application	If applicable, student applies for visa : 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.

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.