



## University of Groningen - Fact sheet 2019/2020

### Contact information

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Website for exchange students	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/">http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/</a>

### General information

Meet the University of Groningen	The University of Groningen (founded in 1614) is an international place of knowledge that attracts students and staff from all over the world. Located in the heart of Europe, we are rooted in the tradition and history of a city which is widely regarded as the City of Talent.  Our university offers a great variety of English-taught degree programmes and is continually scouting talented students, providing them the opportunity to excel.
Website with practical information for exchange students	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/">http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/</a>
Academic year	September – August
Fall semester	First week of September – mid January



Spring semester	First week of February – mid July
Academic calendar	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/academic-calendar?lang=en">https://www.rug.nl/education/academic-calendar?lang=en</a>
Welcoming Ceremony	Takes place before the start of the new semester. Students will receive a formal invitation. <a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/welcoming-ceremony">http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/welcoming-ceremony</a>

### Nomination/Application Process

Nomination deadline	Fall semester: April 15 <sup>th</sup> Spring semester: September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Application deadline	Fall semester: May 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring semester: October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nomination process	All students must be nominated to the MSD before the nomination deadline. Please send the following information of your nominated student to <a href="mailto:msd@rug.nl">msd@rug.nl</a> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• E-mail address</li> <li>• Faculty of interest at the University of Groningen</li> </ul>
Application process	Please send your nominated students the following link to our online application page: <a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/multifaculty-exchange-incoming-application-form">https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/multifaculty-exchange-incoming-application-form</a>  Our office will receive the filled out application form once your student has completed this. We will make sure that the relevant faculty will get this application.  IMPORTANT: Students will be asked to fill out one other online application form by the faculty of their choice. It is therefore important that students apply before our deadline.
Application documents	Students are asked to upload the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official academic transcript of records, in English</li> <li>• English language test results (if applicable)</li> <li>• Nomination letter Home University</li> </ul>



	IMPORTANT: Because students have to apply twice, it might be possible that they are asked to upload the same document again.
English language requirements	Toefl (internet based): 92 (with a minimum of 20 per section) IETLS: 6.5 (with a minimum of 6 per section)

### Practical matters

Immigration requirements	All non-EU students must either have a residence permit or an MVV visa and a residence permit in order to study in The Netherlands. Our International Students Desk will accompany this process. <a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/">http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/</a>
Financial requirements	In order to get a residence permit or an MVV and residence permit combined, students must show sufficient financial means: One semester €4500,- Full year starting in September: €9000,- Full year starting in February: 10800,-
Health insurance	<a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance/">http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance/</a>
Housing	Students will receive information from the international office of their faculty to apply for housing with the housing office: <a href="http://www.sshxl.nl">www.sshxl.nl</a>
Additional information	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/discover-groningen/">https://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/discover-groningen/</a>

### Courses at the University of Groningen

Online course catalogue	<a href="https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/">https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/</a>
ECTS and grading system	The Netherlands higher education institutions adopted the ECTS system officially in 2002. One ECTS credit represents 28 hours of full-time study (including contact hours, reading, independent study, preparation for exams etc.), and 60 ECTS credits represent one year. The Dutch grading scale runs from 10 (highest mark) to 1 (lowest mark), in which 5.5 is the minimum pass mark. Grades 9 and 10 are rarely



	awarded.
Transcript	By the end of the semester, students will receive information from the faculty on how to apply for a transcript. Students must instruct the faculty to send the transcript to the international office of their home institution. Please be aware that many faculty only send out digital transcripts.