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This is your own personalized information magazine about the University of Groningen, its programmes, the City of Groningen and student life. Enjoy reading it and we hope you like it! All URLs in this magazine are clickable so if you're interested, click on the URL and you will find more information on the University website.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us. You can find all the contact information on the last page of this Magazine.

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A word from the Rector Magnificus



Thank you for considering us for your studies. Studying at the University of Groningen will provide you with a truly international experience, which will broaden your horizon.

The global outlook we will provide you with will give you a competitive advantage in realizing your future career plans. All this takes place in the City of Talent: Groningen – a city where distances are small and possibilities are endless!

We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Prof. dr. Elmer Sterken
Rector Magnificus

**Rankings
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#56
ESI Citations Impact
most productive
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#92
**Academic Ranking of
World Universities**
worldwide

#97
QS
Worldwide

#98
**Times Higher
Education**
Worldwide

**Top 100
University**

The University of Groningen

Founded in 1614, the University of Groningen is one of the oldest universities in Europe. It is characterized by a modern, student-oriented vision on education and it enjoys an international reputation as one of the leading research universities.

An International Community: Passion and Performance

The University of Groningen realizes that knowledge has no borders and knows no boundaries – it is universal. Already in the 17th century, close to half of the students and lecturers came from outside the Netherlands. Today, close to 50% of our 1,500 PhD students are international students. By attracting genuine talent, irrespective of the country of origin, we ensure the quality of teaching and research.

Leading Research University: Facilitating Excellence

We belong to the top three percent of European Research Universities in the fields of:

- > Nanoscience
- > Ecology/Biology
- > Materials Sciences
- > Chemistry
- > Physics

Other strong research groups are *Molecular Biology, Medical Sciences, Neurosciences, Sociology, Marketing, Philosophy, Theology, Archeology* and *Arts & Humanities*.

All awarded degrees have been accredited by the Dutch Government and are internationally acknowledged.

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FACTS & FIGURES

- > 28,000 students
- > 3,500 international students
- > 9 Faculties & 9 Graduate Schools
- > Bachelor, Master and PhD
- > 103 English-taught degree programmes
- > 15 Double Degree programmes
- > 8 Erasmus Mundus programmes

FAMOUS GRADUATES & SCIENTISTS

- > Aletta Jacobs, first female student in the Netherlands
- > Wim Duisenberg, first president of the European Bank
- > Several members of the Royal Family
- > Jacob Cornelius Kapteyn, discoverer of evidence of galactic rotation
- > Frits Zernike, Nobel Prize Physics 1953
- > Ben Feringa, Spinoza Award Nanotechnology

Teaching and the Educational System

With a degree from the University of Groningen, you can be confident that you have the required skills and theoretical background to pursue your future career.

Teaching style

Study programmes are carefully defined and highly structured. Independence and individual opinions are highly valued in Dutch education. Our system might be different though from the educational system you are used to. To help and guide you, the University of Groningen offers several student support facilities.

Teaching methods

Most of your courses will employ a mixture of two or more of the teaching methods mentioned below.

- > **Lecture:** large group of students, listening to a professor, less interaction
- > **Seminar:** small group, a lot of interaction, active participation is expected
- > **Work/project group:** a group of 3-5 students conducting their own research, active participation is expected, guidance from the professor when needed
- > **Independent study:** independent research projects, guidance from the professor when needed

ECTS and Grading

ECTS is an EU standardized system for measuring study load as a way to facilitate international mobility.

1 ECTS = 28 hours of study (incl. contact hours, reading, exam preparation, etc.)

60 ECTS = one year

Grading

The Dutch grading scale runs from 1 (lowest grade) to 10 (highest grade). As an indication, 5,5 is a passing grade. Please be aware that grades 9, 10 and all grades lower than 3 are highly exceptional and are therefore rarely given.

Dutch Education

The Netherlands has two types of universities: Universities of Applied Sciences and Research Universities. The first are more career-oriented and offer 4 year Bachelors (B) and 1-2 year Masters (M), while they do not offer PhD degrees. Research Universities are more research-oriented, offer 3 year Bachelor degrees (BA, BSc, LLB), 1-2 year Masters (MA, MSc, LLM) and do offer PhD degrees. Depending on your future career wishes, you should be very aware of the difference between these two types of universities.



The University of Groningen is the only Dutch higher education institution to have an ECTS label and a Diploma Supplement label, awarded and recognized by the European Commission

MSc Behavioural and Social Sciences (Research Master)

KEY FACTS

- › Start programme: 1 September
- › Duration: 24 months
- › Tuition fees EU / non-EU: approx. €1,906 / €13,400

COURSES

- › Reflecting on Science
- › Applied Statistics
- › Literature Studies & Traineeship



GENERAL INFORMATION

Which mechanisms are involved in the maintenance of mental disorders? What is the influence of family and neighbourhoods on the development of behaviour among youth? What are the effects of new approaches in junior education? Which method of analysis is most appropriate to which data problem?

The five specializations represent the research programmes that are consistently evaluated as among the best in the Netherlands. Each specialization emphasizes the integration of basic and applied research:

› *Social and Organizational Psychology*

Combines and integrates Personality, Social, and Organizational Psychology

› *Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology*

The program teaches how to apply theoretical and methodological knowledge and advanced research methods in the area of psychopathology and clinical neuropsychology and consists of two streams: clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology

› *Sociology*

Focus on areas such as research in organizations, sociology of education, intercultural integration, social stratification or households

› *Education and Development*

Focus on the effectiveness of education and improvement of developmental processes

› *Psychometrics and Statistics*

Focus on the application of advanced statistical data analysis methods and their relationship with other methods

Together with your personal supervisor, you determine the focus of your own individual programme of study. The programme is associated with the Graduate School for Behavioural and Social Sciences in which additional PhD training is organized.

Career prospects

The programme is designed primarily for highly talented, motivated and ambitious students who are interested in pursuing a career in scientific research.

- › Conduct fundamental and applied research in the social and behavioural sciences
- › Further study and training for a PhD thesis
- › Employment in the public or private sector

More information

Programme website

www.rug.nl/gmw/rema

www.rug.nl/gmw/masters_programmes

Questions?

www.rug.nl/gmw/questionandanswer

WHY CHOOSE US?

- › Highest student ranked Research Master's programme
- › Work one-on-one with internationally acknowledged researchers
- › Suit the programme to your own ambitions and interests

Application

You can apply online, please go to

www.rug.nl/howtoapply

Application deadline EU: 1 May

Application deadline non-EU: 1 March

Admission

- › Bachelor degree in Psychology, Sociology, Pedagogical or Educational Sciences or related field
 - › TOEFL: 600/250/100 or IELTS: 7.0
- Please visit our [website](#) for detailed information.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship, the application deadline is 2 months before the scholarship deadline

Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences is a centre of knowledge focussing on individuals and society.

We study issues ranging from:

- › the functioning of the human brain
- › the relationships between people
- › large-scale processes in society

This includes the study of how people function under normal circumstances, but also of the problems encountered by individuals or groups and how these can be resolved or prevented.

The faculty has a twofold task: research and teaching. Thanks to its research activities, the faculty has become a leading centre in research-driven education in the behavioural and social sciences. The faculty stimulates students' drive for new knowledge, and to develop the skills that enable them to acquire and assess knowledge independently.

In terms of research, we excel through a number of programmes that lead the field worldwide. Research of the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences is embedded in three Research Institutes:

The Heymans Institute for Psychological Research
The Nieuwenhuis Institute for Educational Research
The Groningen Centre for Social Science Research

We have an extensive international network within the professional field, in particular through the research we carry out and the advice we provide for companies and organizations in society.

Striving for excellence: Honours streams

Our mission is to conduct high-level research and provide high-quality teaching based on research. We offer teaching and research of the highest quality and our students and staff are recognized for their potential and encouraged to excel. In terms of education, this is embedded in:

- › our Honours Bachelor Programmes
- › our Honours Master Programmes focussing on leadership
- › our two-year Research Master Programme

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Preparing for Groningen

Once you are accepted by a programme, the ISD or the faculty contact person will assist you in applying for a visa, dealing with immigration authorities, arranging insurance and registering at the university.

Admission and registration

Our admission requirements vary per programme and each application is assessed on an individual basis. Admission procedures are managed by the faculty, the Graduate School your programme is part of, or in some cases by the Central Admissions Office.

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Visa and residence permit

It depends on your nationality whether you need a residence permit or visa (MVV). You have to apply for an entry visa (MVV) before departure and upon arrival you have to apply for a residence permit. The University will assist you with all these applications.

Below it shows if you need a residence permit and/or an entry visa.

Nationality	Residence permit	Entry visa (MVV)
EU/Schengen countries, Bulgaria, Romania	No	No
Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, United States, Vatican City	Yes	No
All other internationals	Yes	Yes

MVV applicants must prove to be able to finance the study and cost of living. Dutch Immigration authorities determine the annually needed amount: 2011–2012: appr. EUR 1000 per month.

www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents/information/visaImmigration

Health insurance

Medical costs can be very high, especially if they include a stay in a hospital. You must arrange your health insurance yourself, either before coming to the Netherlands or upon arrival.

www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents/information/healthInsurance



Finances

Cost of living

> Housing	€ 350–500 per month
> Administration costs housing	€ 300
> Security deposit	€ 325 (refundable)
> Food	€ 200 per month
> Health insurance	€ 75–100 per month
> Bicycle	€ 45–110
> Language course	€ 100–450 per course
> Books	€ 300 per semester
Estimated costs for one year Excluding travel costs and tuition fees	Approx. €10,000–12,000
Tuition fees EU/EER nationals	Approx. € 1,850 per year
Tuition fees non-EU nationals	Approx. € 10,500– 13,000 per year

www.rug.nl/prospectiveStudents/scholarships/pricesGron

Working in the Netherlands

Many students want to have a job while going to university to cover for the expenses. However, this might be very difficult in the Netherlands. International students may only work 8 hours a week maximum, plus most jobs available require that you speak Dutch.

www.rug.nl/prospectiveStudents/information/workPermit

Tuition fees

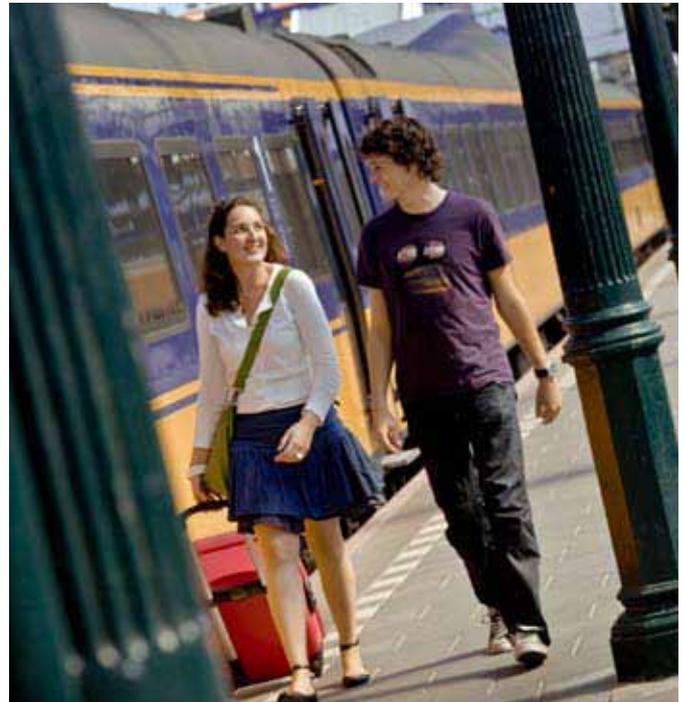
Higher education in the Netherlands is subsidized to uphold its high academic standards. As a result, tuition fees are kept low for all EU students, while due to taxation reasons non-EU students pay higher fees. If you are an EU student, already in possession of a Dutch Bachelor's or Master's degree, please check the website for more information on tuition fees.

www.rug.nl/insandouts

Scholarships: The University of Groningen Talent Grants

The university is committed to recognizing excellence in academic achievement by offering a number of scholarships, the University of Groningen Talent Grants, for international students and researchers.

www.rug.nl/grantfinder



The City of Groningen: culture, excitement, and safety

Groningen is the economic and cultural capital of the northern Netherlands. The city's history of almost a thousand years is evident in its architecture and historic sites. Home to a large number of students, Groningen has a vibrant atmosphere that is perfectly suited to the dynamic lifestyle of young people.

The many international students coming to Groningen greatly contribute to our culturally and ethnically diverse character, bringing the Dutch international tradition to full expression. For students coming to the Netherlands, Groningen offers a combination of excitement and variety with a very safe environment. In the inner city, everything you need is nearby and conveniently reachable by the Dutch number 1 mode of transportation: the bicycle.

Due to Groningen's strategic location and excellent infrastructure, the city functions as a gateway to Europe. From Groningen, it is very easy to visit most European capitals including Paris, Brussels, London and Berlin. Come to Groningen and you will find that the distances are small, and the possibilities are endless!

Groningen: City of Talent

- > 190,000 inhabitants (50,000 students)
- > Best city of the Netherlands 2010
- > Best student city in the Netherlands 2006
- > Ranked by its inhabitants as the European city with the highest quality of life 2006
- > Lively with a safe community character

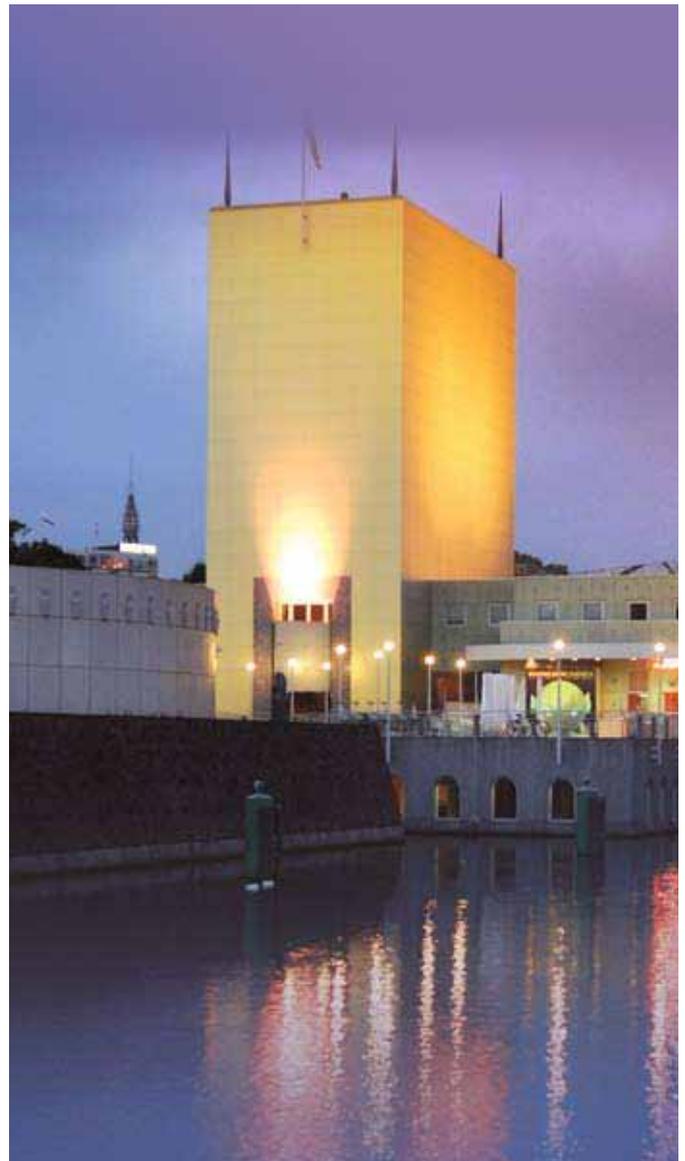
www.cityoftalent.nl

Culture and Fun

Cinemas, theatres, galleries, festivals and more cater to all cultural tastes. Matching the Groningen way of life, these venues, large and small, can be found all over the city.

- > Arthouse films in cinema 'Images'
- > Concerts in the 'Oosterpoort'
- > Theatre at the historic 'Schouwburg'
- > Live music, late-night jazz, funk and blues-rock cafés
- > Music festivals like Noorderzon, Eurosonic, Noorderslag and Swinging Groningen
- > The Groningen Museum is the most high profile museum in the Netherlands, not only due to its striking design, but also because of its various exhibitions

www.groningenlife.com
www.groningen.nl



The Netherlands: small in size, internationally oriented

Although small in size, the Netherlands has a tradition of thinking globally. Situated in the heart of Europe, we are one of the founding members of the European Union. Just as people from the Netherlands can be found all over the world, people from all over the world can be found in the Netherlands.

The Dutch people's international orientation is reflected in our widespread, generally high level command of the English language, worldwide trade connections, businesses and much more. Our welcoming atmosphere, high standards of education, health care, work ethic and social equality are some of the important factors that make the Netherlands such an attractive country to live, work and study in.

The Netherlands in a nutshell

- > Official name: Kingdom of the Netherlands, commonly referred to as Holland or the Netherlands
- > Head of State: The hereditary monarch, currently Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands
- > Head of Government: The prime minister, currently Mr. M. Rutte
- > Capital City: Amsterdam
- > Seat of Government: The Hague
- > Currency: 1 Euro= approximately 1.30 US Dollar (September 2012)
- > Main airport: Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (the fourth largest airport in Europe)

The Dutch Landscape

- > 16,5 million people living in an area of 41,526 km²
- > Extremely flat landscape
- > Water everywhere: lakes, rivers, ports and canals
- > Half of the country lies below sea level
- > Broad sandy beaches and dunes

Famous Dutch People and Brands

- > Rembrandt
- > Van Gogh
- > DJ Tiësto
- > Armin van Buuren
- > Johan Cruyff
- > Anne Frank
- > Royal Dutch Shell
- > Heineken International



Contact info and important web addresses

In case you have any questions or requests for further information:

- Contact the Admissions Office or Officer of the programme of your choice
- Visit our website: www.rug.nl/internationalstudents
- Email us at prospectives@rug.nl

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Scholarships
www.rug.nl/grantfinder

Application information
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Tess Horsley, Australia

Groningen is the perfect place for a great study experience. You don't need a car because you can ride your bike everywhere. There are lots of cheap places to hang out and the city is beautiful. People are very nice and will go out of their way to help, even when your Dutch language skills are severely lacking. From Groningen it is also very easy to go to other places in Europe, everything is so close.

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