



Factsheet

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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.

skills), IELTS 7 (minimum of 6,5 for each section), CEF C1 or Cambridge C1 Advanced.

For the department of English Language and Culture the requirements are TOEFL 110 (minimum of 25 for writing skills), IELTS 8 (minimum of 7,5 for each section), CEF C1, Cambridge C1 Advanced.

English

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

- CEF B2/C1,
- IELTS 6,5
(with a minimum of 6.0 for each section)
or
- TOEFL iBT 90
(with a minimum of 21 for each section)

One of the problems many students from non-English speaking countries encounter, is the required level of English when they attend courses taught in English. In the Netherlands, the level of English proficiency is high, and lecturers expect all students in their class to have adequate language skills to participate in their course.

Students who want to enroll in MA courses and all courses taught by the American Studies department must have a level of proficiency of TOEFL 100 (minimum of 25 for writing

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 CEF B2/C1.

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

[Language certificates we accept](#)

Exchange application procedure

1. Nomination*

Nominate your student before the nomination deadline on exchange.in.arts@rug.nl (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 online; [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)

4. Letter of acceptance

Student receives the 'Letter of acceptance' and is registered as a student at the University of Groningen;

5. Course selection assessment

The study adviser for exchange students contacts the student about admission to courses. The Office for Student Affairs takes care of all course enrolments.

The required documents to upload in 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.

Nomination deadlines:

For starting in September:

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

Application deadlines:

For starting in September:

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

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

Courses & Student 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 your student needs basic knowledge in that field of study. This must be supported by your student's transcript of records.
- *Advanced* means that your student can only be admitted to the course if his/her degree programme or major is in that field of study.
- *MA/master* means that your student needs a Bachelor's degree in that field of study. Your student cannot apply unless he/she has a BA in the relevant field of study. The study adviser will always discuss your 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. Have a look at the website [At home in Groningen](#) as well.

SSH

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: www.sshxl.nl/en

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 your student 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 your student about studying and student life at the Faculty of Arts.

Personal appointments

In addition to the fun introduction events, your student will have to finalise his/her course registration, find out his/her timetable and register for seminar groups. During the introduction week, we will organise personal (online) appointments for these matters. Your student will receive an official invitation from us.

Academic Skills: Q&A

During the Introduction Week all exchange students at the Faculty of Arts attend our mandatory Academic Skills Q&A lecture. In this interactive lecture we'll tell your student about the skills he/she needs in order to be successful in his/her studies here.

Learning Agreement

The Learning Agreement/Before, During or After Mobility Form of your student can be emailed to exchange.in.arts@rug.nl.

Coronavirus

Due to the coronavirus most introduction activities will be offered online. More information about the coronavirus and what it means for your student's exchange programme in Groningen can be found on [this website](#).

Important links:

[Introduction calendar](#)
[Fall semester 2021-2022](#)

[Academic calendar 2021-2022](#)

Transcript of Records

Your student's Transcript of Record will be automatically provided when all his/her final grades have been registered in our system. It will be sent to your student's email and to his/her home university automatically.

Dutch Grading System

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



Annex to Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement

Institutional Factsheet

Faculty of Science and Engineering

1. Institutional Information

1.1. Institutional details

Name of the institution	University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE)
Erasmus Code	NL GRONING01
ECHE	29015-LA-1-2014-1-NL-E4AKA1-ECHE
Institution website	http://www.rug.nl/education/exchange-programmes/
Programme information	http://www.rug.nl/fwn/fse-programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/

1.2. Main contacts

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2. Detailed requirements and additional information (section C – F institutional agreement)

C. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

Receiving Institution	Student Mobility for Studies	Staff Mobility for Teaching
NL GRONING01	B2 / C1	C1 / C2

The language certificate is considered a required application document and has to reach the receiving institution before the start of the exchange period.

For more details on the language proficiency recommendations and which language tests are accepted by the University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering, please go to the following webpage: <http://www.rug.nl/fse/programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/english-language-proficiency>

D. Additional requirements/information

The Language Courses, taken at the University of Groningen, might be included in the Student Learning Agreements but its marks will not be part of the Regular Transcript of Records that each Faculty/School will send to the partner at the end of the stay of the student. An additional document should be provided by the specific Department.

Incoming Erasmus students should select preferably the course units in their Learning Agreement from study programs at the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Exchange students have limited access to course units from other faculties even though included in FSE degree programs. Exchange students can select 1 or 2 courses per semester up to a maximum of 30% of the total study program, depending on the approval of the other faculty.

The University of Groningen welcomes students and staff with disabilities, providing information and assistance. Further information is available at:

<http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/studying-with-disability/>

E. Calendar

Nomination deadlines

Nominations of students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving Institution	Winter Term (month)	Summer Term (month)
NL GRONING01	15 th of April	15 th of October

Application deadlines

All required application documents (including language certificate) of the nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving Institution	Winter Term (month)	Summer Term (month)
NL GRONING01	1 st of May	1 st of November

The application portal will open one month before the deadline.

Decision Response

Nominated students who completed the online application form, will receive an Acceptance Letter and additional information within 5 weeks after the deadline has passed. Applications of students who have not been nominated will not be accepted.

Transcripts of Records

A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.

F. Additional information

Grading system

A student's workload is measured in ECTS credits. According to Dutch law, one credit represents 28 hours of work and 60 credits represents one year of full-time study. The academic year lasts 42 weeks.

The grading system used in the Netherlands is on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 10 (outstanding). The lowest passing grade is 6; 9s are seldom given and 10s are extremely rare. Grades 1-3 are hardly ever used.

<http://www.rug.nl/education/find-out-more/studying-at-university/workload>

For each degree programme at the University of Groningen the ECTS grading table is available. *The grading table for the field(s) of study/ subject Area(s) under B. may be added (ProGRESS).*

Visa

Our institution will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk : isd@rug.nl	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/

Insurance

Our institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

We will inform incoming students/staff of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	International Service Desk : isd@rug.nl	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance

Housing

Our institution will guide incoming student/staff in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Receiving Institution	Contact details	Website for information
NL GRONING01	Faculty contact person SSH: Henriëtte Mulder & Arlette van Berkel exchange.science@rug.nl	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/accommodation www.sshxl.nl

Academic Calendar Faculty of Science and Engineering 2018-2019

Week Nr.	Start & end date	Life Science degree programmes	Non-life Science degree programmes	Remarks
36	mo. 03-09-18 - fri. 07-09-18	L1	L1	
37	mo. 10-09-18 - fri. 14-09-18	L2	L2	
38	mo. 17-09-18 - fri. 21-09-18	L3/E	L3	L3/E: lectures & exams
39	mo. 24-09-18 - fri. 28-09-18	L4	L4	
40	mo. 01-10-18 - fri. 05-10-18	L5	L5	
41	mo. 08-10-18 - fri. 12-10-18	L6/E	L6	
42	mo. 15-10-18 - fri. 19-10-18	L7	L7	
43	mo. 22-10-18 - fri. 26-10-18	L8	L8	
44	mo. 29-10-18 - fri. 02-11-18	L9/E	Examinations 1.1	
45	mo. 05-11-18 - fri. 09-11-18	Resits 1.1		
46	mo. 12-11-18 - fri. 16-11-18	L1	L1	
47	mo. 19-11-18 - fri. 23-11-18	L2	L2	
48	mo. 26-11-18 - fri. 30-11-18	L3/E	L3/R**	L3/R: lectures & resits > 17:00 h
49	mo. 03-12-18 - fri. 07-12-18	L4	L4/R**	
50	mo. 10-12-18 - fri. 14-12-18	L5	L5/R**	
51	mo. 17-12-18 - fri. 21-12-18	L6/E	L6	
52-1	mo. 24-12-18 - fri. 04-01-19	Vacation	Vacation	Christmas and New Year
2	mo. 07-01-19 - fri. 11-01-19	L7	L7	
3	mo. 14-01-19 - fri. 18-01-19	L8	L8 (Resits AI*)	
4	mo. 21-01-19 - fri. 25-01-19	L9/E	Examinations 1.2	
5	mo. 28-01-19 - fri. 01-02-19	Resits 1.2	Resits 1.1**	
6	mo. 04-02-19 - fri. 08-02-19	L1	L1 (Resits***)	
7	mo. 11-02-19 - fri. 15-02-19	L2	L2	
8	mo. 18-02-19 - fri. 22-02-19	L3/E	L3/R**	
9	mo. 25-02-19 - fri. 01-03-19	L4	L4/R**	
10	mo. 04-03-19 - fri. 08-03-19	L5	L5/R**	
11	mo. 11-03-19 - fri. 15-03-19	L6/E	L6	
12	mo. 18-03-19 - fri. 22-03-19	L7	L7	
13	mo. 25-03-19 - fri. 29-03-19	L8	L8 (Resits AI*)	
14	mo. 01-04-19 - fri. 05-04-19	L9/E	Examinations 2.1	
15	mo. 08-04-19 - fri. 12-04-19	Resits 2.1	Resits 1.2**	
16	mo. 15-04-19 - th. 18-04-19	L1	L1 (Resits***)	Fri. 19-04 Good Friday
17	tue. 23-04-19 - fri. 26-04-19	L2	L2	Mo. 22-04 Easter Monday Sat. 27-04 Kings Day
18	mo. 29-04-19 - fri. 03-05-19	L3	L3/R**	Sun. 05-05 Liberation Day
19	mo. 06-05-19 - fri. 10-05-19	L4/E	L4/R**	
20	mo. 13-05-19 - fri. 17-05-19	L5	L5/R**	
21	mo. 20-05-19 - fri. 24-05-19	L6	L6	
22	mo. 27-05-19 - fri. 31-05-19	L7/E	L7	Th. 30-05 Ascension Day
23	mo. 03-06-19 - fri. 07-06-19	L8	L8	
24	tue. 11-06-19 - fri. 14-06-19	L9	L9 (Resits AI*)	Mo. 10-06 Whit Monday
25	mo. 17-06-19 - fri. 21-06-19	L10	Examinations 2.2	
26	mo. 24-06-19 - fri. 28-06-19	L11/E/R	Resits 2.1**	
27	mo. 01-07-19 - fri. 05-07-19	Resits 2.2	-	
28	mo. 08-07-19 - fri. 12-07-19		Resits 2.2.	
29-35	mo. 15-07-19 - fri. 30-08-19	Vacation		Summer holidays

L : lectures E : exams R : resits;

* For Artificial Intelligence courses the resits are scheduled in the last week of the following block.

**For Computing Science courses the resits are scheduled either in week 3, 4, 5 of the following block or at the end of the next exam period.

*** For some Non-Life Sciences courses the resits will take place in the first lecture week of the following block.

Termination of the agreement

This agreement is valid for the period mentioned in the heading. In case both parties agree to modify or terminate the agreement before it officially comes to an end, they are free to do so. In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 20XX will only take effect as of 1 September 20XX+1.

[Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.]