



Fact Sheet 2025-26

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Website for exchange students	http://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange	

Academic calendar	Autumn semester: September - January Spring semester: February - June/ July Detailed information: https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/academic_calender/
Nomination deadlines	Autumn semester: 1 May Spring semester: 1 October
Nomination procedure	You will receive a link to our nomination portal in Mobility Online, via which you can nominate your students.
Entry requirements	Exchange students need to major in either Psychology, Sociology or Pedagogical/ Educational Sciences at their home university. Bachelor exchange students are <u>strongly</u> advised to have completed <u>the first two years</u> of their degree programme before the start of the exchange programme.
Language requirements	English B2 for Bachelor-level courses and C1 for Master-level courses. For proof of English language proficiency see: https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/how_to_apply/language-requirements
Application procedure and deadlines	Autumn semester: EU/ EEA citizens – 1 June Non-EU/ EEA citizens – 15 May Spring semester: EU/EEA citizens – 1 November Non-EU/ EEA citizens – 15 October Once the nomination is accepted in our system students will receive an email requesting them to register and complete their application. Information on the application requirements can be found here: https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/how_to_apply/
Expected arrival date	Autumn semester: last week of August Spring semester: last week of January
Courses	Exchange students can freely choose from the BSS course units open to exchange students and according to their level of studies. Students who want to follow Master-level courses need to have completed a Bachelor's degree and need to have sufficient academic background knowledge. There is no guarantee an exchange student from the Faculty BSS can be placed in a course given at another faculty! Guidelines for the selection of courses: https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/course_information/course-offer

	Please note: Courses in the fields of Sociology and Pedagogical/ Educational Sciences are only offered to exchange students in the first semester (autumn semester) of each academic year!
Exams	In general: 1 exam + 1 resit exam Please note: The resit exams for semester 1b are scheduled in April. If a student cannot come back to Groningen to take part in the resit, mind that those students only have one chance, there are no other possibilities/ no individual assignments to pass a course. BSS exams can only be taken at the UG, not at the home university.
Credit points	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) 1 EC = 28 hours Normal workload: 15 EC per block/30 EC per semester
Visa/ residence permit	After being accepted for the exchange programme, students will be contacted by the University of Groningen Immigration Service Desk with instructions for the visa procedure. More information: https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/visa-and-immigration/
Housing	The University of Groningen is not a campus university and therefore does not offer campus accommodation. However, through third parties there are many (student) houses and apartments available. We advise exchange students to book accommodation via SSH, an organization that is specialized in international student housing, especially short stay rentals (1 or 2 semesters): https://www.sshxl.nl/en After nomination, students will be provided with detailed information on how to book a room via SSH. As student rooms usually fill up quickly, we advise exchange students to arrange accommodation as early as possible after being admitted to the exchange programme! More housing options for students: www.athomeingroningen.com
Insurance	Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period at the University of Groningen. Information about health insurance in the Netherlands: https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-exchange-students We highly advise students to also take out travel insurance (incl. repatriation clause) as well as third-party liability.