

# University of Groningen Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="#">Go on Exchange @BSS!   Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences   University of Groningen (rug.nl)</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	September to January
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	February to June/July
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University of Groningen is among the world's top universities.</li> <li>• It has a 'Top 100' ranking in the ARWU Shanghai Ranking and the THE World University Rankings, among others.</li> <li>• Founded in 1614</li> <li>• 11 faculties (1 in the Frisian capital of Leeuwarden)</li> <li>• 6,400 fte staff (including University Medical Centre Groningen, UMCG) (25% international)</li> <li>• More than 120 nationalities</li> <li>• 140,000 alumni</li> </ul>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>There is <b>no guarantee</b> an exchange student from the Faculty BSS can be placed in a course given at another faculty!</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the selection of courses:</b>  <a href="https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/course_information/course-offer">https://www.rug.nl/gmw/exchange/course_information/course-offer</a></p> <p><b>University Calendar:</b>  <a href="#">Academic Calendar   Study Related Information   University of Groningen (rug.nl)</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> (or equivalent) and the student.</b></p>	

<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The University of Groningen advises exchange students to book accommodation via SSH, an organization that is specialized in international student housing, especially short stay rentals (1 or 2 semesters): <a href="https://www.sshxl.nl/en">https://www.sshxl.nl/en</a></p> <p>Usually after nomination, students will be provided with detailed information on how to book a room via SSH.</p> <p>As student rooms usually fill up quickly, they advise exchange students to arrange accommodation as early as possible after being admitted to the exchange programme!</p> <p>More housing options for students: <a href="http://www.athomeingroningen.com">www.athomeingroningen.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period at the University of Groningen.</p> <p>Information about health insurance in the Netherlands: <a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-exchange-students">https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/financial-matters/health-insurance-for-exchange-students</a></p> <p>You can apply for an <a href="#">EHIC/GHIC card</a> which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. You will find details on how to apply for one on the <a href="#">practical arrangements</a> webpage.</p>
<p><b>Travel Insurance</b></p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. after reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<p><b>Visas &amp; Permits</b></p>	<p>When travelling to Netherlands you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at Groningen University. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Netherlands, and the purpose of your stay in Netherlands amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up to date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>After being accepted for the exchange programme, students are normally contacted by the University of Groningen Immigration Service Desk with instructions for the visa procedure. More</p>

	<p>information: <a href="https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/visa-and-immigration/">https://www.rug.nl/education/exchange/visa-and-immigration/</a></p> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel Advice on Netherlands</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>	
<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• VISA application fees if applicable</li> <li>• Insurance if applicable</li> <li>• Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>• Textbooks and stationery</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated living expenses:</b> Please visit <a href="#">Estimated Monthly Living and Studying Costs</a> to find an example of the living costs.</p>	
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b> Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b> If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b> You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Campus Facilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library (with computer area)</li> <li>• Worship facilities</li> <li>• Language centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online workspace</li> <li>• Wireless Internet</li> <li>• Printing Facilities</li> <li>• Restaurant &amp; C-bar</li> </ul>