Partner Information Sheet

Institutional Information

Institutional details

Name of the institution	**University of Groningen, Faculty of Mathematics & Natural Sciences (FMNS)**
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/fmns-programme/exchanges-and-short-stay/

Main contacts

Contact person	Regine van Groningen
Responsibility	Erasmus Institutional Coordinator
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Contact person	Henriëtte Mulder
Responsibility	Faculty Exchange Coordinator
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	0031 50 363 3927

Contact person	Arlette van Berkel
Responsibility	Faculty Exchange Officer
Contact details	Exchange.science@rug.nl
Telephone	0031 50 363 2171

Calendar

Nomination deadlines

Nominations must be sent by email to exchange.science@rug.nl The nominated student will be approached directly by us for the required documents.

Nominations of students must reach the receiving institution by:

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

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	15th of May	15th of November

Academic Calender link: http://www.rug.nl/fwn/roosters/2015/jaarindeling

Detailed requirements

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 by the application deadlines.

For more details on the language proficiency recommendations, see:

http://www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/englishproficiency?lang=en

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.

Course Selection

Incoming Erasmus students should select 100% of the course units in their Learning Agreement from study programs at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Course units from other faculties even though included in FMNS degree programs, are **not** open for exchange students. Minor exceptions will only be possible for IEM (Industrial Engineering & Management) exchange students.

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/

Decision Response

Nominated students who submitted by e-mail a fully completed & signed application package, will receive an Acceptance Letter and additional information within 5 weeks after the deadline has passed. Application packages 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.

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."]

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

Course information and registration

For additional information about the courses and programs: https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/

Course enrollment: When the student wants to attend a course, note that registration in Progress (https://progresswww.nl/rug/) is compulsory for each course. Deadline: at least one calendar month before the course starts.

Exam enrollment: When the student wants to sit for an exam or re-sit, you have to register separately in Progress. Deadline: at the latest, 7 days before the exam.

Cost of living

Study costs	Textbooks, readers, photocopies	**around € 650 per year**
Housing	Rent (incl. energy and other costs, for example ISP bills, excl. administration costs and security deposit of approximately 1 month rent)	**€ 350 to € 500 per month**
Food and drinks	Meals, drinks, etc.	**€ 150 to € 250 per month**
Bikes	Price based on a decent second-hand bike	**€ 45 to € 110**
Travel expenses	For students who do not have a dutch OV-travelcard	**€ 50 per month on average**
Insurance	Health care, third-party, fire and theft insurance	**€ 100 to € 120 per month**
Language courses	Summary of language courses	**On average between € 160 - € 310 per course**
Additional costs	Clothes, hairdresser, cinema	**€ 75 per month**

Banking

When you live in the Netherlands for a period over 6 months, you will need a current Dutch bank account to manage your day-to-day finances. Non-EU/EER guests of the university will be informed by the International Service Desk about opening a Dutch bank account.

When you have a EU/EER nationality, you probably already have a bank account with an IBAN. The SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area) system enables you to make international financial transfers within the EU/EER countries. If you do not have an IBAN, you can open a bank account at one of the banks in the Netherlands.

Required documents for opening a bank account are a valid passport and an address in the Netherlands (i.e. a rental agreement).

Academic Year 2015-2016

Introduction

Although academic year 2015/2016 officially has a two-semester setup, the year is in fact divided into four teaching periods. The first two periods, **Ia** and **Ib ,** together make up semester **I** and the second two periods, **IIa** and **IIb** , form semester **II** . We use the term 'period' to avoid confusion with the 'quarters' in a calendar year. Each period consists of about 8 teaching weeks and about 3 examination weeks.
The week numbers in the timetable match the calendar week numbers.

Degree programmes: Biology, Pharmacy and Life Science & Technology

Date	Week	Aim	Period	
31 Aug. - 30 Oct.	36-44	Lecture period	Ia	
2 Nov. - 6 Nov.	45	Resit week		
9 Nov. - 18 Dec.	46-51	Lecture period	Ib	'Sinterklaasavond'
21 Dec. - 1 Jan.	52-1	Kerstvakantie		
4Jan. - 22 Jan.	1-3	Lecture period	Ib	
25 Jan. - 29 Jan.	4	Resit week		
1 Feb. - 5 Apr.	5-13	Lecture period	IIa	Good Friday, Easter Monday
6 Apr. - 11 Apr.	14	Resit week		
12 Apr. - 20 Jun.	15-24	Lecture period	IIb	Kings's Day, Liberation Day, Ascension Day, Whit Monday
27 Jun. - 1 Jul.	27	Resit week		
13 Jul. - 28 Aug.	29-35	Holidays		

Degree programmes: Computing Science, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Industrial Engineering & Management and Mathematics.
Artificial Intelligence follows its own timetable, which is a combination of those of GMW and FWN.

Date	**Week**	**Aim**	**Period**	
31 Aug. - 23 Oct.	36-43	Lecture period	Ia	
26 Oct. - 6 Nov.	44, 45	Exam period		
9 Nov. - 18 Dec.	46-51	Lecture period	Ib	'Sinterklaasavond'
21 Dec. - 1 Jan.	52-53	Kerstvakantie		
4 Jan. - 15 Jan.	1,2	Lecture period	Ib	
18 Jan. - 29 Jan.	3, 4	Exam period		
1 Feb. - 25 Mar.	5-12	Lecture period	IIa	Good Friday
28 mar. - 8 Apr.	13, 14	Exam period		Easter Monday
11 Apr. - 10 Jun.	15-23	Lecture period	IIb	Liberation Day, Kings's Day, Ascension Day, Whit Monday
13 Jun. - 17 Jun.	24	Exam period		
20 Jun. - 24 Jun.	25	Resit week		
4 Jul. - 8 Jul.	27	Resit week		
11 Jul. - 2 Sept.	28-35	Holidays		

The buildings will be closed on the following days:

- (Saturday 5 December 2015 from 4 p.m.: Sinterklaas)
- Thursday 24 December 2015 from 4 p.m. until Friday 1 January 2016: Christmas and New Year's Day
- Friday 25 March 2016: Good Friday
- Monday 28 March 2016: Easter Monday
- Wednesday 27 April 2016: Kings's Day
- Thursday 5 May 2016: Liberation Day
- Thursday 5 May 2016: Ascension Day
- Monday 25 May 2016: Whit Monday