



**Fact Sheet 2014-2015**  
**Faculty of Law – University of Groningen**

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Enquiries	All questions regarding an exchange period in Groningen can be sent to: <a href="mailto:exchangelaw@rug.nl">exchangelaw@rug.nl</a>
Application deadlines	<b>1 June</b> – for Fall semester and academic year <b>1 November</b> – for Spring semester  <b>Application file should be sent to:</b> University of Groningen Faculty of Law, International Office Attn.: <b>Ms. Mary van Dijk</b> – secretary PO box 716 9700 AS Groningen The Netherlands

Accommodation in Groningen	<p>Via Application form for accommodation on the website of the Housing Office: <a href="http://www.housingoffice.nl">www.housingoffice.nl</a></p> <p>► Please indicate the name of your law contact person (A.E. van Dort) and send in the form (click on “submit”).</p>
<p><b>Mandatory University introduction on 26 and 27 August 2014</b> &amp; <b>Faculty introduction + Meet-and-Greet on 27 August 2014</b></p>	<p>The <b>university introduction</b> will take place in the last week of August, and in the last week of January (for Spring semester students). All incoming students are expected to participate in this welcoming event.</p> <p>The <b>Faculty introduction</b> and informal <b>meet-and-greet for Law students</b> will take place on the day before or after the university introduction.</p> <p>More information (exact dates, programme) will be sent to the incoming students by e-mail before the start of their studyperiod in Groningen. See also Academic Calendar.</p>
Law courses for exchange students	<p>Usually in June, the new list of law courses for the coming year will come available. This list is sent to all incoming exchange students. See for current course list: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/courses/">http://www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/courses/</a></p>

<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b></p> <p><b>THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2014-2015 WILL CHANGE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be four teaching blocks, separated by three exam weeks.</li> <li>• Bachelor courses (level B2 and B3) will be worth either 5 european credits (ECTS) or 10 ECTS.</li> <li>• In 2014-2015, master courses (M4 and M5) will keep the same credit value as in 2013-2014.</li> <li>• In 2015-2016, M4 and M5 courses will also change into courses worth either 5 ECTS or 10 ECTS.</li> </ul>	<b>2014-2015</b>
	<p><b>Block 1</b> 1 September – 17 October 2014      lecture period 20 October – 7 November 2014      exam period Block 1</p> <p><b>Block 2</b> 10 November 2013 – 9 January 2015      lecture period 22 December 2013 – 2 January 2015      Christmas holiday 5 January – 9 January 2015      last lecture week Block 2 12 January – 30 January 2015      exam period Block 2 &amp; resit exams Block 1</p> <p><b>Block 3</b> 2 February – 20 March 2015      lecture period 23 March – 10 April 2015      exam period Block 3 &amp; resit exams Block 2 13 April – 24 April 2015      extra exam period (evening exams) for Master level courses</p> <p><b>Block 4</b> 13 April – 5 June 2015      lecture period 8 June – 19 June 2015      exam period Block 4 22 June – 10 July 2015      resit exams Block 3 &amp; 4</p> <p><b>No lectures will be given on:</b> 3 April 2015 (Good Friday) and 6 April 2015 (Easter Monday) 27 April 2015 – King’s Day (national celebration of King Willem Alexander’s birthday) 5 May 2015 – Liberation Day 14 May (Ascension Day) and 15 May 2015 25 May 2015 (Whitsun Monday)</p>

<p>Visas</p>	<p>Information on visa / residence permits can be found via:  <a href="http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents/information/visalmmigration">www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents/information/visalmmigration</a></p> <p>Or on the site of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)  <a href="http://www.ind.nl/EN/index.asp">http://www.ind.nl/EN/index.asp</a></p> <p>Detailed visa information can also be obtained from the university's central student desk: <a href="mailto:usd@rug.nl">usd@rug.nl</a></p>
<p>Health insurance</p> <p>Health insurance for international students</p>	<p>It is compulsory in the Netherlands to have medical insurance. All foreign student have to arrange for their own health insurance, third-party liability insurance and/or baggage insurance.</p> <p>For more information see the website of the University of Groningen:  <a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance/">http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/health-insurance/</a></p> <p>It is possible for foreign students to arrange a good and fairly cheap insurance via  <a href="http://www.students-insurance.eu">http:// www.students-insurance.eu</a></p>
<p>Language of instruction:</p> <p>English</p>	<p>The language of instruction is <b>English</b>.</p> <p>Students who speak Dutch can also take a number of law courses in the Dutch language (to be discussed upon arrival).</p>
<p>Language assessment / required level of English</p>	<p>Students are expected to have a command of the English language suitable for the level of study, and the Law Faculty/International Office reserves the right to deny admission into courses if the language level might impede progress for other students. We rely heavily on the partner institutions nominating students with the required level of English language competence.</p> <p><b>Additional remarks</b> for students whose native language is not English:  -The Faculty of Law-Groningen wants to emphasize that a level of English similar to <b>B2</b> is the <i>minimum requirement</i> if students want to follow law courses and pass exams.  We expect incoming exchange students to have at least this B2 level, and we ask their home university to confirm the student's level.</p> <p><b>Information on the required level of English for law courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ for bachelor level courses in Law (indicated by B2 and B3):  minimum level is B2 (CEFR)  or score 82 for the TOEFL  or score 6.0 in the IELTS</li> <li>▶ for master level courses in Law (indicated by M4 and M5):  required level is C1 (CEFR)  or score 92 for the TOEFL  or score 6.5 in the IELTS</li> </ul> <p>▶ <b>Native speakers are exempt from this requirement.</b></p> <p>CEFR= Common European Framework of Reference for Languages; this system is often used in Europe  TOEFL=Test of English as a Foreign Language  IELTS= International English Language Testing System</p>

<p>Level of law courses in English for incoming students</p>	<p><b>The faculty offers law courses at three main levels:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Bachelor level</b> – mainly for 3rd year law students;</li> <li>-<b>M4 level</b> – for (end of) 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and 4<sup>th</sup> year law students;</li> <li>-<b>M5 level</b> – for advanced law students; at master level.</li> </ul> <p>Because the law faculty offers very few courses at 2<sup>nd</sup> year bachelor level, we ask our partner universities to only send students on exchange who have <i>finished at least two years of law studies</i> when they arrive in Groningen.</p> <p>Some of the law courses on offer do not require a specific law background, and are therefore also open to non-law exchange students (=a limited list). Other law courses have specified prerequisites which must be met. E.g. students who want to take specialised courses in International law or European law are expected to already have done a basic course in these law fields.</p>
<p>Learning, Teaching, and (types of) Examinations</p>	<p>Most courses consist of lectures and/or working groups. Some courses are offered in the form of a seminar.</p> <p>Assessment is done either by <b>written exams, oral exams</b> or a <b>paper</b>, and sometimes a paper in combination with a <b>presentation in class</b>.</p> <p>Detailed information is given in the (digital) study and information guide for international students, and also during the first lecture of a course.</p> <p>See also (for the current year):</p> <p><a href="http://www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/courses">www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/courses</a></p>
<p>Language Centre</p>	<p>In August and in January an intensive language course in Dutch will be given by the University's Language Centre. More information on application and costs can be found on: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/languagecentre">www.rug.nl/languagecentre</a></p> <p>E-mail address: <a href="mailto:talencentrum@rug.nl">talencentrum@rug.nl</a></p> <p>The Language Centre also offers courses in other languages.</p> <p>Location: Harmonie building, first floor.</p>
<p>Information package</p> <p>Groningen student card</p> <p>Groningen email account</p>	<p>Upon arrival all students will receive an information package from the International Office. This will include a.o. the RuG student card, information on exam regulations and exam dates, course schedule of the first semester, information on the law library, a map of the city, and other useful information.</p> <p>The Groningen/RuG <b>e-mail address, initial password</b> and <b>student number</b> will be sent digitally to the incoming exchange student, so that the student can immediately use the Groningen student account once it is activated.</p> <p>Students will also receive instructions (by e-mail) on how to <b>upload their photograph</b> for their <b>Groningen student card</b>, so that their card is ready upon arrival.</p> <p>We urge students to upload their photograph immediately after receiving the instruction email.</p> <p>The Groningen/RuG student card can be used for student identification, for printing, copying, coffee, etc.</p> <p>► <b>Once students are in Groningen, the Faculty of Law will only use the Groningen email account for communication with the students.</b></p>

<p>Other practical matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For more information on practical matters and to prepare your stay in Groningen, see: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/">www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/</a></li> <li>▶ For more information on facilities for studying with disabilities, see: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/studying-with-disability/">www.rug.nl/education/international-students/studying-with-disability/</a></li> </ul> <p>Students and staff with disabilities are welcome to Groningen University. Arrangements for the exchange have to be agreed on before nomination. The sending institution is responsible for covering all extra costs in connection with the exchange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For more information on the exchange programme of the Groningen Faculty of Law, see: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/">www.rug.nl/rechten/education/international-programmes/exchange/</a></li> </ul> <p>▶ for more information on the ECTS and diploma supplement label, the ECTS user's guide, etc, see: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/news-and-events/news/archief2013/nieuwsberichten/university-of-groningen-awarded-with-ects-and-diploma-supplement-labels">http://www.rug.nl/news-and-events/news/archief2013/nieuwsberichten/university-of-groningen-awarded-with-ects-and-diploma-supplement-labels</a></p>
<p>How to get to Groningen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Information on how to get to the University is available via: <a href="http://www.rug.nl/corporate/universiteit/wiewatwaar/route">http://www.rug.nl/corporate/universiteit/wiewatwaar/route</a></li> <li>▶ The nearest airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and from there you can take a direct train to Groningen. This trip will take about two-and-a-half hours.</li> </ul> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b></p> <p>Please inform the student manager of your student residence of your date and approximate time of arrival. After arrival in Groningen students can first go to their accommodation and get settled; they can report to the International Office later that day (until 17.00 hrs), or on the next working day.</p>

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