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- discover and master your talents -

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International Relations

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Groningen, The Netherlands





Groningen – City of Talent

- › 180,000 inhabitants
- › best inner-city of the Netherlands; city of bicycles!
- › best student city of the Netherlands (see ISB 2011)
- › lively with a safe community character
- › cultural and economic capital of the north

- › RUG was ranked by researchers as “best place to work in academia”





9 Faculties

- › Arts
- › Behavioural & Social Sciences
- › Economics & Business
- › Law
- › Mathematics & Natural Sciences
- › Medical Sciences
- › Philosophy
- › Spatial Sciences
- › Theology & Religious Studies





Education – Facts & figures 2012

- › 60 Bachelor's degree programmes
- › 115 Master's degree programmes

- › 8 International Bachelor's degree programmes
(additional 10 in Sciences from Sept. 2013)

- › 90 International Master's degree programmes
 - 15 Double degree programmes,
of which 8 Erasmus Mundus
Master programmes





Research - Taking the lead

- › Top 3 of European Research Universities in the fields:
 - Material Sciences (ZIAM)
 - Biology/Ecology
 - Nanoscience
 - Chemistry
 - Astronomy
- › Other strong research groups:
 - Molecular Biology
 - Medical Sciences
 - Neurosciences
 - Sociology
 - Philosophy
 - Theology
 - Archaeology
 - Linguistics
 - Cultural Studies



Bologna agenda

- › ECTS & DS Labels since 2008
- › Three cycle structure, however various lengths in 2nd cycle (Master): 60, 90, 120 or 180 ECTS
- › Bachelor: 180 ECTS always
- › QA: Netherlands-Flemish Accreditation Committee (NVAO)
- › Lisbon Treaty has been ratified





ERASMUS MUNDUS

EMA1

- › 8 joint master programmes, of which 3 are coordinated by Groningen
- › 1 joint doctorate

EMA2

- › at present 2 projects coordinated by Groningen (Argentina and South Africa)
- › Participation in projects with Russia, BMU&Caucasus, Asia, India, Africa and Latin America (11 projects in total)



STUDENT SERVICES

- › International Service Desk, isd@rug.nl
- › Mobility and Scholarship Desk, msd@rug.nl
- › Visa and residence permit applications (isd)
- › Assistance with registration for accommodation (student houses or private, arranged through Housing Office, www.housingoffice.nl)
- › Welcoming Ceremony 1st and 2nd semester
- › Excellent sports and cultural facilities
- › Student counseling (academic, psychological)
- › ESN, international student societies



International Student Barometer 2011

- › Why students choose to study with us:
 - international reputation
 - quality of teaching and research; course content
 - reputation of Groningen as a safe, friendly, and relatively inexpensive city

- › Rated best in the Netherlands:
 - official Welcoming Ceremony
 - social activities organised for international students
 - sports facilities

- › Highly valued:
 - contact with lecturers
 - International Service Desk and faculty International Offices
 - library and study facilities
 - Dutch/Groningen host culture





Thank you for your attention

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