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Factsheet 2018-2019 – Faculty of Philosophy

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Website	www.rug.nl/filosofie
Course Catalogue	www.rug.nl/ocasys
ISCED code Philosophy	0223
Courses at other faculties	Incoming exchange students will take the majority of the courses at our faculty (20 ECTS). Besides, it is possible to follow courses at other UG faculties. Admission requirements differ per faculty; the student should contact the exchange officer at Philosophy first.
Other relevant courses	www.rug.nl/let/dutchstudies
Academic Calendar	http://www.rug.nl/education/academic-calendar more information is provided below
Number of credits per semester (full workload)	30 ECTS credits (1 ECTS credit = 28 hours of work)
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Student services at the university	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/student-services/student-service-centre
Living expenses	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/living-expenses
Housing	http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/accommodation And also see below

Requirements for exchange students

Level of studies	Students should be in their second year of study and/or have gained a minimum of 60 ECTS (or equivalent) in Philosophy courses.
Language requirements (English)	<p>Students should have a level of English Proficiency of at least CEFR B2/C1, IELTS 6,5 (with a minimum of 6.0 for each section) or TOEFL iBT 92 (with a minimum of 20 for each section) (paper based 580).</p> <p>Language requirements do not apply to students from a UK partner university or students whose mother tongue is English.</p> <p>NB. Students from Erasmus+ KA103 partner universities are not required to submit a TOEFL, IELTS or CAE certificate. All other incoming students are obliged to present an official certificate to proof their English language proficiency.</p>

Exchange application procedure

Nomination	<p>Nominate your students by sending an email to: phil.international@rug.nl (include name, email address, field of study, level during exchange and period of exchange)</p> <p>Nomination deadline semester I & academic year: 1 April Nomination deadline semester II: 15 October</p>
Application	<p>The student receives an email from the exchange coordinator, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the application form - practical information on housing and visa procedures (if applicable) <p>Application deadline semester I & academic year: 1 May Application deadline semester II: 10 November</p>
Application documents	<p>For all exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application form, incl. proposed course programme (Course Catalogue: www.rug.nl/ocasys)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Official academic transcript, in English, showing credits and grades so far - English language certificate or other proof of language proficiency (see requirements above) - Copy of passport or EU identity card - Digital passport photograph <p>Additional documents for Erasmus+ students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Agreement/Before Mobility Form (provided by your home university) <p>If applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of your bachelor's degree (applicable to all master students)
Registration	Upon acceptance, the student is registered as an exchange student at the University of Groningen.
Course selection assessment	The study advisor confirms course selection or suggests alternatives (all on the basis of the Transcript of Records previously submitted), and registers the student for the selected courses.

Courses for exchange students

Course catalogue	www.rug.nl/ocasys
Available courses	<p>Courses for exchange students can be found on www.rug.nl/ocasys</p> <p>Categories of courses for exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English-taught modules - “Dutch Studies” programme - Courses in Dutch - (Dutch) Language Courses at the Language Centre
Registration for course	Students cannot register for courses themselves, they will be registered by the student adviser after assessment of their file and course selection
Restrictions to courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Master courses are only open to students who have completed a Bachelor - Some Research Master courses are not open to exchange students

Grading system

Dutch grading system	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">10 = outstanding</td> <td style="width: 50%;">5 = almost satisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 = very good</td> <td>4 = unsatisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8 = good</td> <td>3 = very unsatisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 = more than satisfactory</td> <td>2 = poor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 = satisfactory</td> <td>1 = very poor</td> </tr> </table> <p>See also: http://www.rug.nl/education/find-out-more/studying-at-university/the-ects-grading-table</p>	10 = outstanding	5 = almost satisfactory	9 = very good	4 = unsatisfactory	8 = good	3 = very unsatisfactory	7 = more than satisfactory	2 = poor	6 = satisfactory	1 = very poor
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Grading tables

grade	Bachelor programme	Master programme	Research Master
10	1,08%	1,13%	1,48%
9	11,67%	17,25%	17,39%
8	32,28%	45,45%	46,92%
7	34,78%	30,61%	28,25%
6	20,19%	5,56%	5,96 %

Student Housing

Recommended organisation	<p>https://www.sshxl.nl/en</p> <p>The University of Groningen is not a campus university, students have to find their own accommodation somewhere in town. International students can get assistance in finding accommodation from SSH.</p> <p>SSH does not have capacity to accommodate all international students and SSH is fully booked every semester. Students are advised to apply as early as possible.</p>
Other options	<p>If students do not wish to make use of the accommodation offered by SSH and want to try find housing on their own, they should take the following into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make sure to do this through official websites or companies that can be traced; * Do not go to a viewing alone; * Do not pay anything before having everything in writing; * Always ask for a payment receipt; * A rent that is too low for the location or type of housing as well as unclear photos of the location may indicate fraudulent practices; * Avoid identity theft: never send a passport copy to strangers. <p>For more information about accommodation possibilities: http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/accommodation</p>

Academic year 2018-2019

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Introduction days exchange students	29 & 30 August 2018 (UG general); 31 August 2018 (faculty)	31 January 2019 (general UG) & 1 February 2019 (faculty) – <i>both dates preliminary</i>
Semester dates	Monday 3 September 2018 – Friday 1 February 2019	Monday 4 February 2019 – Friday 21 June 2019 Last exams: 12 July 2019
Holidays	Christmas vacation:	Good Friday: 19 April 2019 Easter: 21 & 22 April 2019

	24 December 2018 – 1 January 2019	King's Birthday: 27 April 2019 Liberation Day: 5 May 2019 Ascension Thursday: 30 May 2019 Whitsun: 9 & 10 June 2019 Summer holidays (school holidays): 13 July – 25 August 2019
<i>Note: Exam periods are fixed and it is not possible to change exam dates</i>		

Welcoming events

Scheduled	During the week preceding the start of each semester. All students are expected to attend both University and Faculty welcoming events.
Movin' to Groningen	Prior to the start of welcoming events, students from UG will welcome international guests at Schiphol airport. They will offer help in purchasing tickets and finding the right train to Groningen. The airport initiative will take place on the Tuesday immediately preceding the official welcome events. Please encourage students to let us know when they're arriving at Schiphol airport, using the following link: http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/moving-to-groningen/
Welcoming Ceremony	General welcoming of all international students, incl. ESN sign-up, university information market, etc. http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/getting-started/welcoming-ceremony The Welcoming Ceremony for students starting in September 2018 will take places on Thursday 30 August 2018; for 2 nd semester arrivals on Thursday 31 January 2019.
Non-EU registration day	Registration for non-EU students, including visa arrangements, residence permit pick-up, bank arrangements, etc. This day takes place the day before the welcoming ceremony.
Faculty welcome event	Academic year 2018/2019: Friday 31 August 2018 and Friday 1 February for 2 nd semester arrivals