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Fact Sheet Incoming Exchange UCG 2022 / 2023

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UCG organizes welcome activities for all international students, including a UCG programme Introduction Week & a University of Groningen Welcoming Ceremony. Exact dates will be communicated upon acceptance to the programme.

Students should arrive in Groningen one week before the start of the Academic Programme.

Academic Calendar

Academic year 2022/2023:

5 Sept 2022 - 7 July 2023

Introduction Week:

29 Aug - 2 Sept 2022

Fall 2022 (Block 1a & 1b):

5 Sept 2022 - 3 Feb 2023

Christmas break:

24 Dec 2022 - 8 January 2023

Spring 2023 (Block 2a & 2b):

6 Feb 2023 - 7 July 2023



Deadlines

Nomination

Fall: 1 April

Spring: 1 October

Application

Fall: 1 May

Spring: 1 November

Letter of Acceptance

Fall: Mid-May

Spring: Mid-November

At UCG, the BA/BSc in [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) has tracks in Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences.

The language of instruction for the whole programme is English.



Eligibility criteria

Minimum requirements to study at UCG for a semester are:

- Degree seeking student at one of the UCG/ University of Groningen partner universities
- Year 3 or 4 student during the mobility period
- Good academic standing
- English language proficiency*:
 - ◊ IELTS (Academic): 6.5 (no section less than 6)
 - ◊ TOEFL: 92 (IBT), 237 (CBT), 580 (PBT)
 - ◊ Cambridge: Certificate of Advanced English
 - ◊ An official letter from the home university if the degree program is taught in English

* Waived for students from universities in the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland

Nomination process

Students will be nominated for exchange to UCG by our partner universities' International Offices.

By the nomination deadline the UCG International Office expects to receive the Mobility Online nomination forms. The nomination form is sent out beforehand to the partners via Mobility Online.

The nominees will be directly informed about their application process by the UCG International Officer and will be expected to follow the steps from the Mobility Online platform.

Education

Credits: International exchange students enroll in UCG as full time students, which means they will complete a minimum of 3 courses per block, and 6 per semester (or courses equivalent to **30 ECTS** in total, 1 ECTS = 28 study hours), unless their home universities allow less credits.

Course offering: Incoming exchange students can choose courses from the [UCG Catalogue](#) (choose the correct academic year):

- Year 1, 2, & 3 Major and Research & Methodology courses at UCG (subject to prerequisites)
- [Other faculties](#): Only courses open to exchange students (subject to prerequisites)

Tutor: Incoming exchange students will be allocated a UCG [tutor](#) who will be their academic advisor in preparation and during their stay in Groningen.

Transcript of records: The student's transcript of records will be sent to the home university's International Office within 2 months of the end of the semester.

Language courses: The University of Groningen's [Language Centre](#) offers additional (non-credit) courses in Dutch, Intercultural Competences and other European and modern foreign languages (course fees are not included in the exchange agreement).

Enrollment process

Upon receiving the student's formal application, the UCG International Office will start the enrollment of the students. For any questions, please contact exchange.ucg@rug.nl.

Course enrollment: The incoming exchange student will request suitable courses and can consult with his/her UCG tutor. The International Office will subsequently enroll the student in the most suitable and available courses (which are all subject to prerequisites (e.g. capacity)).

Costs: Please find an overview of all costs for UCG students [here](#). As incoming exchange students, however, the tuition fee will be waived. We urge you to take the costs of your visa application and flights into consideration.

Housing: UCG offers a residential programme, so housing on the UCG campus is possible through [SSH](#). You will receive information about signing up for a student room in your acceptance package.

Students need to be aware that housing is for a full semester. Students who opt to leave early are still responsible for paying for the full semester. Transcripts will be held until all bills are paid. **NB:** students require a credit card to make a reservation.

Students studying in block 1b who plan to return to their home institution before the end of the block must make prior arrangements with their instructors (either by email or in person) for any course elements (such as final exams). Should students not do this before the published drop-date for the course, then they will be held accountable for any missing course elements.



Visa: The UCG International Office will apply for the student's [MMV visa and/or residence permit](#). Do note that the costs for applying for a visa will be the student's responsibility.

Health Insurance: All students at the University of Groningen need an EU Health Insurance. More information will be found [here](#).