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Welcome to Groningen!

Dear students at our partner universities worldwide,

We are honored that each year we can welcome around 400 exchange students from all over the world to our Faculty!

Our Faculty offers a broad range of programmes in the fields of economics and business. In our bachelor's and master's degree programmes we offer research driven education, based on the research of our academic staff. And we are proud to be ranked among the 1% of the world's business schools that are both AACSB and EQUIS accredited..

Our courses offer a fine combination of academic knowledge and the development of professional skills. Furthermore, our Faculty offers excellent facilities for students. You can meet up or study in the student plaza, wireless internet access is available throughout the faculty and you can enjoy excellent sport facilities.

In this guide you will find the most essential information about our exchange programme. You can find more detailed information on our website: www.rug.nl/feb/exchange-incoming or get in touch with our FEB Exchange Office team, who will gladly answer your questions.

I look forward to welcoming you in Groningen.

Drs. Rieks Bos
Director of International Affairs



FEB Exchange Office team: Bertien, Ina, and Keren



“Our graduates are known to be strong team workers, flexible and internationally oriented.”

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Why choose the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Groningen?

Choosing FEB for your study abroad destination means choosing for an inspiring international academic community. We are renowned for:

- **Our quality:** Quality is our leading principle, as proven by our national and international accreditations (AACSB, EQUIS, NVAO, etc). Our educational programmes, academic staff and research score highly on major global rankings. We strive to maintain the highest standards of excellence in our teaching, research and outreach activities.
- **Our ambition:** We challenge all staff, students and alumni to flourish in *Adding Personal Value*. We stimulate every member of our academic community to develop their personal skills and fulfill their ambitions. Our academics provide top-quality education and contribute to science and society through their research.
- **Our identity:** We are best described as being **open, personal, ambitious and down to earth**.



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We have more than 150 exchange partners, so you can meet fellow students from all over the world.



www.rug.nl/feb/exchange-partners

Groningen: small city, full of life

The city of Groningen:

- is an attractive destination: it is one of the best student cities in the Netherlands. As the economic and cultural capital of the region, Groningen enjoys a bustling reputation, while retaining the character of a safe community.
- is unique and different: a colourful and compact city where everything is within walking or cycling distance. The city has an intimate, friendly and vibrant atmosphere with cinemas, restaurants, theatres, pubs, museums and shopping streets.
- Groningen is also a city with a very young population. Every fifth person in the city is a student, and over half of its 200,000 inhabitants are younger than 35. This has resulted in a wide range of facilities catering for just about every taste in sport, culture and recreation – and at a reasonable price too.
- is located in the heart of Europe: in the north of the Netherlands, close to the German border and the Scandinavian countries. A direct train takes only two hours to reach Amsterdam or Amsterdam Airport Schiphol.



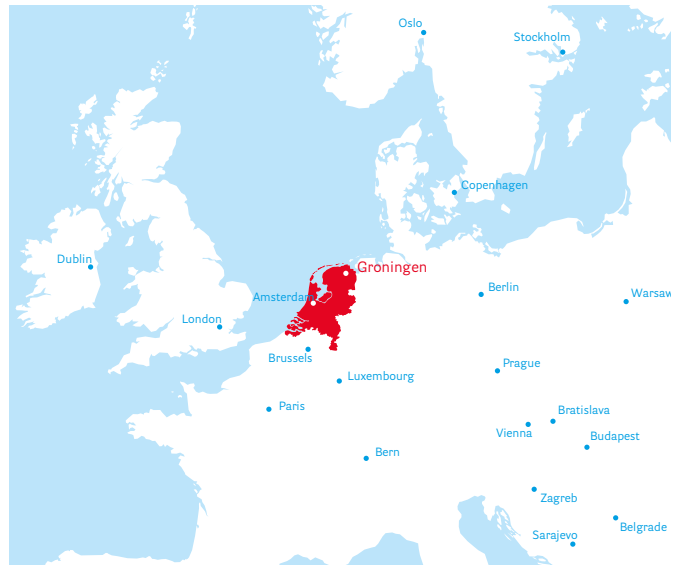
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Cost of living

The latest Worldwide Cost of Living Survey shows that the cost of living in the Netherlands is modest compared to cities such as Munich, Oslo and Copenhagen. In fact, it still has one of the lowest cost-of-living rankings in Europe.

- Housing: € 350-500 per month
- Food and drinks: € 150 – 250 per month
- Spending money: € 75 per month
- Insurance: € 100-120 per month
- Travel expenses: € 50 on average
- Bicycle: € 45-110 (good quality used bicycle)
- ACLO Sports centre: € 60 per year



The Netherlands

The Netherlands is small in size but has extensive international trade links and high standards of education, health care and social equality. As one of the founding members of the EU and with other European capitals only a short distance away, the Netherlands is at the heart of Europe. Our merchant past is still evident today in both the historic architecture and the international outlook of the population. Although Dutch is the main language, English is widely spoken. Our climate is characterised by moderate summers and changeable winters.

“I had a
great time in
Groningen”

“I instantly fell in love with the city and especially with the university. Everything was so beautiful: the nature, the campus and the city itself. What is more important, I liked the subjects I chose and learnt a lot. Other students were very friendly, so I was able to both study and go out with them!”

**Arseniy Braslavskiy, HSE Higher School of
Economics – Russia**

Our exchange opportunities and learning environment

Courses for exchange students

The Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) has many of its courses open for exchange students and this means that as an exchange student you will participate in courses alongside regular degree (Bachelor of Science and Master of Science) students. This will enhance your academic learning experience and give you a wide selection of courses to choose from. Our degree students are motivated to perform well in their courses and they will expect the same from you.

It also means that the entry requirements are the same as those we set for our degree students, regarding both your academic qualifications and your level of English language proficiency.

The majority of courses open to exchange students are part of our bachelor's (undergraduate) programmes. Some master's (graduate) courses are also open to exchange students who have completed a bachelor's degree programme.

Extra courses

Besides our FEB economics and business courses, exchange students can take:

- *Dutch Studies courses*
The Faculty of Arts of the University of Groningen allows FEB exchange students to participate in a Dutch Studies programme. The courses offered are for those students who are interested in courses on literature and history within a European perspective.
- *Language courses*
The Language Centre of the University of Groningen offers -against payment of a fee- a variety of language courses, including Dutch courses.

For an extensive and up-to-date list of FEB courses open to exchange students see:



www.rug.nl/feb/exchange-courses



Learning environment FEB: strong link between research and teaching

From our experience we know that many exchange students find the educational environment here different from what they are used to, but well-motivated students adapt quickly.

The Faculty of Economics and Business offers **research driven education**. This means that our education focuses on the independent practice of research-oriented work in an academic setting.

Interactive and student-centred teaching

Our teaching style is interactive and student-centred, providing you with the attention and freedom you need to develop your own opinions and creativity whilst applying your newly acquired knowledge. It centres on students working together as a team and on self-study and self-discipline. The teacher acts as a facilitator and guide in the learning process. Interaction in class is highly appreciated by our lecturers. You are expected to think about the knowledge that is presented to you and develop and express your own opinion. You are free to ask questions, be critical of what lecturers or fellow students say and use your own creativity to apply your newly-gained knowledge.

Tutorial meetings

In weekly tutorial meetings, students present textbook material as well as prepare assignments and give presentations. The tutorials are supported by a number of lectures, some given by guest lecturers, which illustrate the course literature and explain critical views on organisational change.

Students of FEB Facts & figures

Total number
of degree students



Nationalities among
degree students



Percentage of
international
students



“One of the best
decisions I made
in my life”

“My study in the Faculty of Economics and Business is very intensive but fulfilling. I have to study all the materials of one course in 7 weeks instead of 14 weeks at my home university, which forces me to absorb new concepts quicker and learn more efficiently. The university also organises the Careers week and Master’s week, allowing me to gain more insights into my future career and master study.”

Hanwen Zheng, Corvinus University of Budapest - Hungary



Application and admission

All of FEB's partner universities (universities that have an ERASMUS or bilateral exchange agreement with us) can nominate students. You can choose to study in semester 1 (fall), in semester 2 (spring) or stay for an entire year which means studying from September until July.

If you want to be an exchange student, you need to:

- study a bachelor's programme in the field of economics and/or business;
- have taken a minimum of 10-12 courses (60 ECTS credit points) in the field of economics and business;
- should have covered subjects such as statistics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, (financial) accounting and research methods;
- have a sufficient English language proficiency;
- (for MSc exchange only) need to supply a photocopy of your bachelor's degree.



Recommended course workload

An academic year (60 ECTS credit points) consists of two semesters (30 ECTS credit points each), and a semester is divided into two blocks (15 ECTS credit points each). Exchange students are advised to choose courses worth a total of 10-15 ECTS credit points for a block and a total of 20-30 ECTS credit points for a semester. This will ensure a balanced study load.

Academic calendar

The academic year at FEB is divided into two semesters, which in turn are divided into two blocks.

September	Beginning of February	end of June/mid-July	
Academic Year (60 ECTS credit points)			
Semester 1 (30 ECTS)		Semester 2 (30 ECTS)	
Block 1 (15 ECTS)		Block 3 (15 ECTS)	
Block 2 (15 ECTS)		Block 4 (15 ECTS)	
Courses (8 weeks)	Exams (2 weeks)	Courses (8 weeks)	Exams and resits (3 weeks)
Courses (8 weeks)	Exams (3 weeks)	Courses (8 weeks)	Exams and resits (5 weeks)

A block (a half semester) is indicated by semester and block number (e.g. 1b the first semester, second block). Courses are offered once a year, and most are half semester courses (5 ECTS credit points).

For the exact dates of the current academic year see: www.rug.nl/feb/exchange-calendar

Available courses

These are the courses that are currently available to exchange students. You can set up your exchange program with the courses below. Bachelor's students can only choose from 2nd or 3rd year bachelor's courses. Master exchange students can also choose from both bachelor's and master's courses. You can find extensive descriptions of all courses in Ocasys.

 www.rug.nl/ocasys/rug/main/browsebyfaculty

Courses open to Exchange Students (BSc), year 2, without limited access

yr	sem	course title	code	EC	V/K	lang
2	1.1	Finance and Risk Management for IB	EBB631B05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Foreign Dir. Investment, Trade & Geogr.	EBB037A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Information Systems Management	EBB632A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Macroeconomics for EOR	EBB027B05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Matrices, Graphs and Convexity	EBB073A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Matrix Analysis and Optimization	EBB066A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Monetary Macroeconomics	EBB130A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Statistical Inference	EBB075A05	5	K	EN
2	1.1	Trade Policy and Economic Integration	EBB125A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	CrossCultural Management	EBB036A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Difference- & Differential Equations	EBB812A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Global Business History	EBB038B05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Global Development Studies	EBB921B05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Intermediate Mathematics	EBB933B05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	International Business Strategy for IE&B	EBB023B05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Introduction to Operations Research	EBB829A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Linear Models in Statistics	EBB072A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Management Accounting for BE	EBB846C05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Microeconomics - Industrial Organization	EBB067A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Operations and Logistics Management	EBB068A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Public Finance	EBB861A05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Statistics II for IB	EBB682B05	5	K	EN
2	1.2	Topical Themes in Development Studies	EBB922A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Capital Structure and Financial Planning	EBB060A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Comparative Country Studies	EBB686A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Growth, Institutions and Business	EBB022A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Human Resource Management for BE	EBB065A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Innovation Management in Multinationals	EBB034A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Introduction to Actuarial Science	EBB827A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Introduction to Econometrics	EBB828A05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Qualitative Research Methods for IB	EBB633B05	5	K	EN
2	2.1	Queueing Theory and Simulation	EBB074A05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Design and Planning of Production	EBB058B05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Dynamic Econometrics	EBB813A05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Economics of Banking	EBB062A05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Ethics and International Business	EBB608B05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Global Political Economy	EBB039B05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	International Business Law for IB	EBB635C05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Introduction to Mathematical Economics	EBB830A05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Management of Product Innovation	EBB652B05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Risk Insurance	EBB863A05	5	K	EN
2	2.2	Strategic Management B&M	EBB649C05	5	K	EN

Courses open to Exchange Students (BSc), year 3, with limited access

yr	sem	course title	code	EC	V/K	lang
3	1.2	Digital Marketing Analytics	EBB105B05	5	K	EN

Courses open to Exchange Students (BSc), year 3, without limited access

yr	sem	course title	code	EC	V/K	lang
3	1.1	Asset Pricing for Pre-MSc & Minor Finance	EBB133A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Behavioural Corporate Finance	EBB087A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Behavioural Decision Making	EBB104A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Culture and Economics	EBB090A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Development Finance	EBB091A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Empirical Research Project for IB	EBB044A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Finance Theory and Modelling	EBB825A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Globalization - Topics and Methods	EBB093A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Health Economics	EBB120A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	International Strategic Management	EBB628A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Junior Business Research and Consulting	EBB123A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Marketing Analytics	EBB114A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Microeconometrics	EBB880C05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Purchasing & Supply Chain Management	EBB742B05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Success Factors of Econ. Growth in Korea	EBB122A05	5	K	EN
3	1.1	Teamwork - Theories, Design and Dynamics	EBB110A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Applied Operations Research	EBB888B05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Behavioural and Experimental Economics	EBB086A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Corporate Finance for Minor Finance	EBB134A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Corporate Financial Restructuring	EBB088A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Corporate Governance for E&BE	EBB089A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Empirical Econometrics	EBB113A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Environmental and Resource Economics	EBB898B05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Generalized Linear Models	EBB883B05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Innovation and Productivity	EBB094A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Innovation Management B&M	EBB107A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	International Business Theories	EBB108A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	International Financial Management	EBB627A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Junior Business Research and Consulting	EBB123A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Managing Intern. Bus. Organizations Game	EBB638B05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Operations Strategy and Technology	EBB109A05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Organizational Change for Pre-MSc	EBB634B05	5	K	EN
3	1.2	Sports Economics	EBB920A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Empirical Research Project for IB	EBB044A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Ethics in Business and Management	EBB100A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Globalization - The Great Unbundlings	EBB083A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Intermediate Asset Pricing	EBB084A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	International Bus.& Supply Chain Market.	EBB609B05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	International Financial Markets	EBB131A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	International Strategic Management	EBB628A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Junior Business Research and Consulting	EBB123A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Labour Economics	EBB840A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Marketing Research for E&BE	EBB085A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Numerical Methods for EOR	EBB115A05	5	K	EN
3	2.1	Stochastic Models	EBB878A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Contemporary Theories on B&M	EBB098A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Financial Statement Analysis for E&BE	EBB081A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Game Theory	EBB872A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Globalization - MNEs & Institutions	EBB082A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Growth and Development Economics	EBB811B05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	History of Economic Thought	EBB934A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Intermediate Corporate Finance	EBB079B05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Intermediate Microeconomics	EBB852B05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	International Financial Management	EBB627A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Junior Business Research and Consulting	EBB123A05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Managing Intern. Bus. Organizations Game	EBB638B05	5	K	EN
3	2.2	Political Economics	EBB886B05	5	K	EN

Master courses

Courses open to Exchange Students (MSc), year 1, with limited access

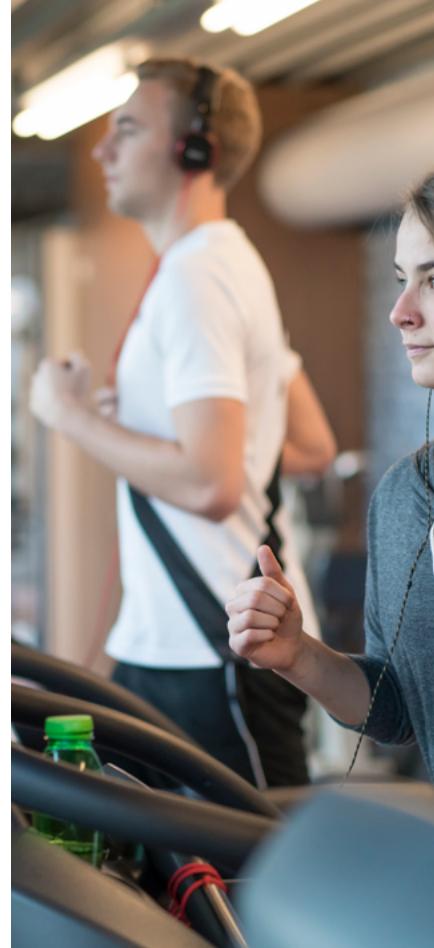
NB Please note that to follow Master courses you need to have completed your Bachelor's degree.

yr	sem	course title	code	EC	V/K	lang
1	1.1	Behavioural Operations Management	EBM032A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Retail & Omnichannel Marketing	EBM880B05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Work Design and Team Processes	EBM012A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	International Corporate Finance	EBM098A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	International Risk Analysis and Research	EBM099B05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Leadership	EBM072A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Strategic Decision-making in Marketing	EBM169B05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Marketing Communication	EBM078A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Process Improvement and Change	EBM036B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	B2B Marketing	EBM808B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Behavioural Finance & Personal Investing	EBM806B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Behavioural Perspectives on Corp. Gov.	EBM023A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Consumer Psychology	EBM074A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Inclusive Finance	EBM069B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Strategic Supply Chain Management	EBM039A05	5	K	EN

Courses open to Exchange Students (MSc), year 1, without limited access

NB Please note that to follow Master courses you need to have completed your Bachelor's degree.

yr	sem	course title	code	EC	V/K	lang
1	1.1	Advanced Industrial Organization	EBM826A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Business Ethics	EBM043A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Business Research and Consulting	EBM151A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Dependence & Extremes in Risk Management	EBM113A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Developing for Markets	EBM062A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Econometric Theory and Methods	EBM835B05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Emerging Markets (MSc)	EBM085A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Financial Reporting and Risk Management	EBM168A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Innovation in Healthcare Organizations	EBM047A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	International Banking and Finance	EBM096A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	International Business Strategy (MSc)	EBM088A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	IT Governance	EBM048A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Organization Design (MSc)	EBM049A05	5	K	EN
1	1.1	Stochastic Programming	EBM853A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Business Process Innovation and Change	EBM044A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Business Research and Consulting	EBM151A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Comparative Environmental Analysis	EBM084B05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Econometric Inference	EBM021A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Economic Growth in History	EBM101A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Energy & Finance	EBM166A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Financial Econometrics	EBM820A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Global Finance and Growth	EBM150A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Healthcare Purchasing	EBM193A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Health Economics and Policy	EBM195A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	International Financial Reporting	EBM045B05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	International Strategic Alliances	EBM090A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Maintenance Planning and Optimization	EBM170A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Models for Short Term Risk Management	EBM114A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Money, Finance and the Economy	EBM164A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Operations Management in Proc. Industry	EBM725C05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Personnel Economics	EBM678A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Responsible Finance and Investing	EBM071A05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Strategic Management of Inf. Technology	EBM051B05	5	K	EN
1	1.2	Trade, Environment and Growth	EBM097A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Applied Microeconomics	EBM110A05	5	K	EN





1	2.1	Asset and Liability Management	EBM111A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Business Research and Consulting	EBM151A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Comparative Corporate Governance	EBM083A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Country Studies	EBM093A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Economic Evaluation in Healthcare	EBM196A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Economic Geography	EBM094A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Energy Transition & Innovation	EBM167A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Fin. & Econ. Org. of Healthcare Markets	EBM194A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	International Business Strategy (MSc)	EBM088A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Korea in the East Asian Region	EBM162A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Microeconomics of Household Behaviour	EBM106A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Monetary Policy and Financial Regulation	EBM107A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	OR Analysis of Complex Systems	EBM115A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Personnel Economics	EBM678A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Policies for a Dynamic Economy	EBM065A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Purchasing	EBM037A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Supply Chain Optimization	EBM117A05	5	K	EN
1	2.1	Working Capital Management	EBM645A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Business Research and Consulting	EBM151A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Comparative Environmental Analysis	EBM084B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Corporate Soc.Resp. & Global Value Chain	EBM149A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Economics of Regulating Markets	EBM148A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Franchising	EBM046A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	HRM & International Labour Law	EBM733A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Innovation & Entrepreneurship	EBM621A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	International Entrepreneurship	EBM089A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	International Financial Reporting	EBM045B05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Inventory Management	EBM026A05	5	K	EN
1	2.2	Quantitative Finance	EBM161A05	5	K	EN

The application and registration process

You can find more information on how to apply for an exchange semester on our website:



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before

Make sure that you study a major in economics and/or business and are enrolled at a partner university of the Faculty of Economics and Business.

The exchange office of your home university will know whether we have an exchange contract. Please be aware that we do not accept any free movers.

Step 1. Nominations and deadlines

Please report to the Exchange Coordinator of your home university, who nominates the candidates. The deadline by which the coordinator must send us the nominations is 1 May (first semester, fall) and 1 October (second semester, spring).

Step 2. Receiving registration information

Once we have received the nomination(s), we will reply by sending you information on how you, as a nominated student, can register online.

Step 3. Registering as a FEB exchange student

The deadline for online registration is 1 June (first semester) and 1 November (second semester).

When registering online, you will need to upload the following documents:

- proof of English language proficiency*
- photocopy of your bachelor's transcripts in English
- For master/graduate students: a photocopy of your Bachelor's degree certificate in the field of economics and/or business
- photocopy of your passport (ID card for EU)

FEB's digital office

The FEB exchange office aims to work efficiently and in an environmentally friendly way. In order to do so we keep digital files and also send out documents by email. Consequently, we would like to receive documents by email, too. It also means that we will send out acceptance letters and transcripts as PDF files, by email. Some partners request the 'original transcripts', which usually means a request for a 'paper copy'. Please note that the hardcopy document we send you would be no different from the PDF document. So, please use the PDF document for your official records and help us meet our goal of working in a more environmentally friendly manner.

* English language proficiency

You need to provide the FEB Exchange Office with proof of your level of English language proficiency. Please note that the requirements for participation in master's courses are stricter than for bachelor's courses.

Step 4. Your acceptance

Once your application is completed and the entry requirements have been fulfilled, the FEB Exchange Office will send you an acceptance letter by e-mail.



Step 5. Housing

The University of Groningen is not a campus university and therefore does not offer campus accommodation. However, through third parties there are many (student)houses and apartments available, which are spread all over town. Most of your courses will take place at Zernike campus which is located north west of the city centre. Furthermore, we would like to stress that student housing is scarce in Groningen and we advise all our students to book their accommodation as soon as they have received their acceptance letter and by 15 May for semester one (fall) or by 15 October for semester two (spring). To know your arrival/departure date, please make sure to study the academic calendar. Also, keep in mind that the introduction events always take place in the week before courses start.



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/practical-information/accommodation

Step 6. Visa and deadlines (if applicable)

If you are a non-EU student, you will need a visa and/or residence permit for your study abroad in the Netherlands. The Immigration Service Desk (ISD) takes care of the visa and residence permit applications of all university students and staff. In fact, exchange students cannot request their visa or residence permit themselves. Several weeks after you have received your acceptance letter from the FEB Exchange Office and after we have generated your student number, the ISD will approach you. They will then provide you with your visa/residence permit application documents and detailed information about the visa/residence permit application process. Please make sure to arrange the following things before the ISD approaches you:

- Valid passport
- for Chinese students only: Nuffic certificate; does not apply to nationals from Hong Kong (SAR), Macau (SAR) and Taiwan (ROC); please consult the link below for information on the Nuffic certificate
- How to arrange you visa and residence permit
- How to arrange your residence permit if you don't need visa

Proof of financial means

In order to obtain a visa/residence permit, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will check whether you have sufficient financial resources to support yourself during your stay in the Netherlands.

To give you an estimation: about € 900 per month (which is about € 5000 for a semester) is considered sufficient by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The ISD will inform you about the exact amount and also your options to prove you have adequate financial means.

Please do not contact the ISD – we would like to kindly ask you to wait until the ISD contacts you.

The website of the ISD offers detailed information on visas and residence permits. There students can also find information on whether they need a visa or residence permit in order to spend their semester abroad in the Netherlands.

More information about the visa procedure and residence permit:



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/practical-information/visa



Score	For BSc/undergraduate exchange			For MSc/graduate exchange		
	overall	speaking	writing	overall	speaking	writing
IELTS Academic	6	6	5.5	6.5	6	6.5
TOEFL internet-based (iBT)	80	19	19	90	20	24
Cambridge Advanced English (C1 Advanced)	169			180		
Cambridge Proficiency (C2 Proficiency)	169			180		
From our EU partners: CEFR test	B2/C1	B2	B2	C1	C1	C1

For a complete overview, please go to:



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/english-proficiency

Step 7. Registering for courses (before arrival)

The Faculty of Economics and Business requires exchange students to register online for courses before their arrival in Groningen. You will be supplied with a student number and password and can apply online for the courses.

Access to all IT facilities

All exchange students are allocated an University e-mail address, student number, and a user account to enable them to access the University IT facilities, like the online course registration. Furthermore these include the grade registration system, the university's student intranet and university e-mail. In the months before your arrival in Groningen, you will receive an e-mail from the central student administration and it includes your student number and a password to login.



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/courses-exams

When in Groningen:

Step 8. Participate in 'Get Started' Events

We want to ensure that international students get off to a successful start in Groningen and therefore ask them to participate in the Study Start Events. In the week before courses start, the university organises various activities that will help you arranging practical matters and finding your way around the university and the city. We expect all students to attend these compulsory events. During the Get Started Event at the faculty, you will receive your welcome kit which includes your student card, map, practical information guide and more. Also, we will provide you with a lot of practical information about studying at FEB such as course and exam regulations. Finally, you will receive a campus tour by one of our current students. During the campus tour, you will be shown our facilities and where to go for what.



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/before/get-started-events

- **Practical matters: 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. During the Get Started Events, you will be informed about opening a Dutch bank account.

- **Practical matters: Health insurance**

The Netherlands has a high standard of medical care. It is very important to be properly insured, since medical costs can be very high, especially if they include a stay in a hospital. Students at institutes of higher education are not automatically insured for medical expenses abroad. All international students in the Netherlands must have health insurance. The health insurance that applies to you depends on your country of origin, age, length of stay, etc.

More information about health insurance, additional insurance and the EU health insurance card can be found here:



www.rug.nl/feb/education/exchange/incoming/practical-information/health-insurance





Student Services

Student Support Desk

If you have any questions about courses, course enrolment, exams etc, personal circumstances, your stay in Groningen or anything else, visit either the FEB Student Support Desk in the Plaza of the Duisenberg building or the online FEB Student Support Desk, see:

 www.rug.nl/feb/studentsupport

Immigration Service Desk

The University's ISD is specialised in Dutch immigration law. The ISD applies for (MVV) visas and residence permits of all prospective international and exchange students. Moreover, the ISD provides practical information about insurance, medical care, housing, university facilities and everyday matters. The ISD is located in the university's main building, the Academy Building.

 www.rug.nl/education/contact/information-services/immigration-service-desk

University Sports Centre

The University Sports Centre (ACLO) is next to FEB and is open 15 hours a day, almost every day of the year. The ACLO caters for every need and offers excellent sports facilities and a number of courses in which students can become acquainted with various sports, from aerobics and fitness to sailing and water skiing.

 www.aclosport.nl

International (student) associations

The international associations engage in a number of activities ranging from providing useful information and offering fun activities for international students to organising international congresses (i.e. on a unified Europe or the United Nations).

The Faculty's student association is EBF. EBF organises conferences, lectures, social events and offers a discount on (bachelor's) books.

In Groningen, there are student associations for Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian, Indonesian, African and British and Irish students.

ESN Groningen is the biggest ESN association in Europe:

 www.esn-groningen.nl

EBF: Economic and Business student Faculty association:

 www.ebfg groningen.nl

Facebook group for FEB exchange

We created a Facebook group for our incoming and outgoing exchange students. The members of the group are former, current and future incoming and outgoing exchange students. If you would like to share your study abroad experiences, tips and advice with others, and maybe strike up some valuable friendships, then join the group on Facebook:

 [Exchange students@FEB](https://www.facebook.com/Exchangestudents@FEB)





See you in Groningen

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