

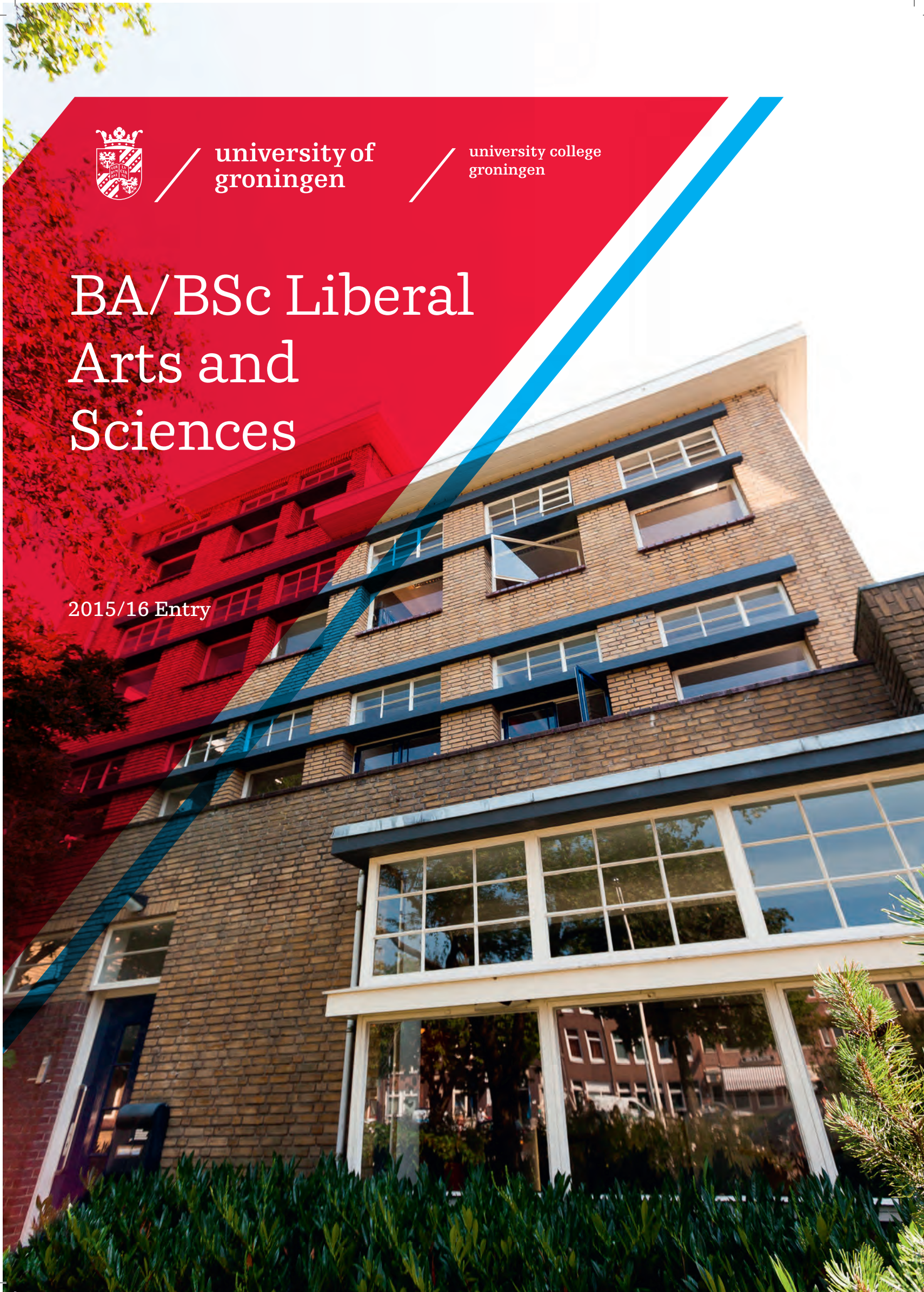


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BA/BSc Liberal Arts and Sciences

2015/16 Entry





WELCOME

>> University College Groningen opened in September 2014 and is the newest faculty of the University of Groningen, one of the world's top 100 universities. UCG has been developed to allow students to broaden their horizons and engage with complex societal issues in the setting of the university's focus areas of Sustainable Society, Healthy Ageing and Energy.

At UCG students follow an innovative Liberal Arts and Sciences programme that will provide them with a broad yet highly integrated interdisciplinary bachelors degree. The programme allows students to explore their talents in many directions and push the boundaries of their ambitions, while developing focus in a discipline that they are passionate about. They learn to apply creativity and interdisciplinary methods in order to successfully combine the breadth and depth of their knowledge. All this occurs in the context of the lively community environment of the campus building, in which collaborative learning, student participation and engagement with the community are strongly encouraged.

The programme is attracting curious, ambitious, highly motivated students from around the globe. They are keen to discover the world of research yet also has a genuine interest in issues facing society today and in the coming years. Their classroom is international and facilitates diverse perspectives on the subjects at hand. We feel that open yet coherent curriculum, small-scale intensive teaching and vibrant learning community will allow students to reach their full potential, and make a meaningful contribution to addressing societal problems.

All of this combined with living in Groningen, one of the happiest and most innovative cities in Europe*, provides an ideal environment for students to learn, and, more than that, thrive.

I look forward to welcoming you in September 2015.<<

*European Commission Research



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Prof. Dr. Hans van Ees >
Dean of University College Groningen

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CREATE A DIFFERENCE

>> Studying a Liberal Arts and Sciences degree allows you to study from a broad academic perspective, with specific scientific programmes in medical and natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. By studying all of the disciplines you will have the academic background to select a major that will help you achieve your ambitions. At UCG you can choose a major in one of the following fields:

- >> Health and Life Sciences
- >> Cognition and Behaviour
- >> Reflecting on Culture: History and Criticism
- >> Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- >> Physics of Energy

Our curriculum emphasises the integration of knowledge from different disciplines to address complex societal problems, especially those within the fields of Healthy Ageing, Sustainable Society and Energy. We employ creativity and interdisciplinary methods to help you generate original insights and contribute to scientific innovation. You'll be part of an active and dynamic learning community where students take ownership of their own learning path.

FACTS	
Degree	Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Language of Instruction	English
Duration	3 years
Teaching	Full time
Number of places for 2015 entry	100
Current Student Body	66% Dutch 24% European 10% Non-EU

>>> You'll need to attain all 60 credits each year to pass the programme.



>> Surfing on the website of the University of Groningen, I saw this programme. It triggered my interest because I had never heard of Liberal Arts and Sciences before. The description made me enthusiastic immediately. It's new, unusual, small-scale and appeals to your creativity and ability to innovate. <<

Yuejie Wang > 19 > Chinese

SEE DIFFERENTLY. THINK DIFFERENTLY. STUDY DIFFERENTLY.

>> At the heart of the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme is the 'IC2I learning line'. IC2I stands for Imagination, Creation, Invention, and Innovation, which summarises the founding UCG philosophy. You'll be taught to ask original, bold questions, and to deliver creative and impactful responses to them.

Running throughout the three years of your degree, IC2I provides you with a basis to discover, integrate and apply knowledge and expertise from diverse disciplinary domains to address complex problems. This learning line has a strong focus on creativity and you'll learn to combine and integrate existing knowledge in innovative ways. In addition you will learn to understand and reflect on your individual development and contribution to the community.

>> IC2I is a very special learning line, unique to UCG, focusing on using creative methods to integrate academic knowledge and create impact beyond the university. I see it adding substantial value to the LAS degree programme because of its integrative focus. By learning to consider and synthesise approaches from different academic disciplines and societal perspectives our students are really able to get the most out of the breadth that a Liberal Arts and Sciences approach offers. In this way IC2I is our calling card and makes UCG a very unique university college which will produce truly interdisciplinary scholars.<< Dr. Marian Counihan, IC2I tutor



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Dr. Marian Counihan > IC2I tutor

YOUR FIRST YEAR AT UCG

>> The first year of study has been designed to allow you to study all of the academic disciplines; this will provide you with a more comprehensive and coherent breadth than is common in other Liberal Arts and Sciences programmes. Continuous elements are the IC2I course and the research and methodology course, both of which help you to reflect on and integrate what you learn in the disciplinary subjects. Every student studies the same curriculum in year 1. This not only enables you to make an informed decision on your major, it also contributes to community spirit in the College.

	Block 1 (15 EC) Week 1 – 10	Block 2 (15 EC) Week 11 – 20	Block 3 (15 EC) Week 21 – 30	Block 4 (15 EC) Week 31 – 40
Year 1 Creating Horizon	IC2I: Creating Horizon (Core, 10 EC)			
	Exploring the Challenges of Modern Society (Core, 10 EC)	Exploring Social Sciences (Core, 10 EC)	Exploring Science and Medical Science (Core, 10 EC)	Exploring Humanities (Core, 10 EC)
	R&M: Logic, Argumentation, Calculus and Philosophy of Science and Method (Core 10 EC)			

Exploring the Challenges of Modern Society

>> Exploring Challenges of Modern Society approaches the great challenges of the 21st Century from several disciplinary perspectives. Problems such as the financial and economic crisis, use of natural resources, hunger and obesity will be addressed in lectures, study group seminars and debates with guest speakers. Each student writes seven argumentative essays addressing a self-chosen aspect of the challenges using the theoretical context provided in the study groups. To prepare for the essay writing and lectures, there are three academic writing workshops and one academic discussion and debate workshop incorporated in the course.

Exploring Social Sciences

>> The objective of this course is twofold. First, it gives an introduction to the modern view on the structure of matter through the theory of relativity and quantum mechanics. Secondly, it gives an introduction to health and life sciences, in particular focusing on DNA and the role of genetics in health.

Exploring Science and Medical Science

>> The course provides an integrative overview of the Social Sciences and its empirical methods. Material will be covered from the perspectives of politics, economics, cognitive and social psychology, and neuroscience.

Exploring Humanities

>> This is a broad course focusing on the historical and critical dimensions of the humanities and the arts (including perspectives from philosophy, history, and cultural theory).

IC2I: Creating Horizons

>> This is a project-based course for developing skills and competencies in interdisciplinary and creativity. In the first year much attention is given to identifying and mapping complex problems, and generating original research approaches. Input not only from academic sources but also from artistic and creative practitioners is essential for developing these skills. At the end of the year you'll have compiled a dossier of academic results and a creative complement of these in a format such as a film, a website, or an exhibition.

Research and Methodology

>> In this course you'll learn and reflect on standard academic methods. In the first year there is a special focus on calculus, logic and philosophy of science, to be followed up by discipline-specific methods in the second and third year.

YOUR SECOND YEAR AT UCG

>> At the end of your first year you'll select your major direction, and choose relevant courses for this, with the support of your IC2I tutor. Studying a Liberal Arts and Sciences degree provides you with the freedom to shape your own programme and we encourage you to do so to your fullest capacity.

You'll gain expertise in the field of your major, and will have the opportunity to create your own supplementary mini-courses in the form of colloquium units. Throughout the year you'll be considering where you would like to study abroad in your fifth semester (in year three) and select a partner university that will compliment the courses you are studying.

	Block 1 (15 EC) Week 1 – 10	Block 2 (15 EC) Week 11 – 20	Block 3 (15 EC) Week 21 – 30	Block 4 (15 EC) Week 31 – 40
Year 2	IC2I: Creating Scholarship (Major, 15EC)			
Creating Scholarship	Major Courses (Major, 30 EC)			
	R&M: Disciplinary Research and Methodology (Major, 15 EC)			

IC2I: Creating Scholarship

>> An analytic approach is encouraged in IC2I as you learn to apply the scientific notions from your major orientation in interdisciplinary projects and learn to convert grand ideas and designs into coherent and theoretically robust solutions. Communication and collaboration skills are further developed and tuned.

Research and Methodology

>> In the second year of the research and methodology learning line, you'll focus on discipline-specific methods, such as statistics for the medical and social sciences, literary criticism in the humanities etc...

Major	Required Courses	Elective Courses (examples)	
Reflecting on Culture: History and Criticism	Cultural History Philosophy of Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >History of Philosophy >Perspectives on History >Sociology of Arts >Theory of Culture >Sources and methods of Cultural History >Thinking of arts >Theory of History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Migration and Minorities >Art History >Mobility, Migration, Transculturation >Transmedial Narration >Arts in Society >Shakespeare and Early Modern English Literature >The Long 19th Century English Literature >Modernism and Beyond: English Literature
Cognition & Behaviour	History & Philosophy of Mind And Society Social Environment and Behaviour Cognitive Psychology and Neuroscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Thinking and Decision Making >Gerontology >Perception >Learning: Theory and Practice >Clinical Neuropsychology >School Neuropsychology >Cognition and Attention >Developments Neuropsychology >Cognitive Neuroscience >Current Topics in Organisational Psychology >Strategic Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >The Social Psychology of Communication >Interpersonal Relations >Consumer and Economic Psychology >Social Influence >Organisational Change >Social Cognition and Effect >Diversity in Organisations >Psychology in the Workplace >Neurosciences Research >Neurophysics >Introduction Intelligent
Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Introduction to International Politics Macroeconomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >History of Philosophy >Introduction to Ethics >Ethics and Economics >Philosophy of Science >Political Philosophy >Finance >International Economics >Public Finance >History of Economic Thought >Microeconomics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Politics, State and Society >Theory of International Relations >Politics and Government in the EU >Justice and Injustice in >International Law >Political Science
Physics of Energy	Electricity and Magnetism Mechanics and Relativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Quantum Physics >Practicum >Structure of Matter >Solid State Physics >Thermodynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Statistical Physics >Waves and Optics >Solar Cells >Energy
Health & Life Sciences	Human Body, Structure and Function Living Cell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Molecular Ageing and Regeneration >Clinical Ageing >Infections & Immunity >Oncology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Neurodegeneration >Food & Metabolism >Personalised Genomics

YOUR THIRD YEAR AT UCG

>> In your third year of study you have the opportunity to shape a minor with 30EC. Many students will take advantage of the study abroad partners to spend a semester on exchange. You may also of course choose to stay in Groningen. In your final semester you'll work individually on your bachelor's thesis project under the guidance of an academic expert in your chosen field.

	Block 1 (15 EC) Week 1 – 10	Block 2 (15 EC) Week 11 – 20	Block 3 (15 EC) Week 21 – 30	Block 4 (15 EC) Week 31 – 40
Year 3	Minor Courses (Minor, 30 EC)		IC2I: Creating Leadership (Thesis) (Major, 15 EC)	
Creating Leadership			Major Courses (Major, 15 EC)	

IC2I: Creating Leadership

>> In the third year of IC2I, you'll work in groups to translate theoretically sound research plans into impactful projects. Groups are challenged to develop a creative and innovative product or outcome based on your previous two years of imagination, analysis and research. At the end of the third year, a jury of external experts and business leaders will assess the projects. The success of the innovation in the wider society will partly determine the evaluation of the project.



YOUR FUTURE AFTER UCG

>> On successful completion of the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme you will graduate with either a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts degree. Both degrees reflect the same level; it is the content of the academic field that you have chosen which determines the difference between the two degrees.

You will have broad knowledge and understanding of the spectrum of academic disciplines combined with specialised knowledge in the field of your major. You will gain valuable experience in working on interdisciplinary problems and develop strong competencies in addressing complex societal issues in the fields of Healthy Ageing, Energy and Sustainable Society. There is strong and growing interest in excellent Liberal Arts and Science graduates, and you can work with your tutor to ensure you select relevant subjects to strengthen your application to the Masters programme of your choice.



YOUR CAMPUS. YOUR HOME.

>> University College Groningen is based in a beautifully renovated building, situated in downtown Groningen, a stone's throw away from the city centre. You'll be based in a student community in which you are given every opportunity to develop and complete the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme successfully. Facilities include:

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| >> Self catering kitchen | >> International Classroom |
| >> Modern coffee corner | >> Scenario Labs including touch screen tables |
| >> Lounge | >> Lecture rooms |
| >> Library | >> Creative studios |



Accommodation

Being a student at UCG means you'll be part of a community and it is compulsory to live at UCG accommodation for the first two years of study. UCG have houses dispersed throughout the city and living in this accommodation will allow you to integrate within the local community while living with a diverse group of UCG students from around the world. Living in UCG accommodation will help you to develop life skills, learn how to live with and respect others and also understand international habits.



>> I'm glad I've got my own (gorgeous) room; I really need to be on my own every now and then. But I can be myself, all students are really nice and overall, it's just 'gezellig' <<

Emma van Wezenbeek > 18 > Dutch.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN YOU?

>> To be considered for admission to the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme you must first meet the minimum entry requirements, including a minimum grade in mathematics. This is followed by our selection procedure.

	Qualification	Grade	Specifics
Netherlands	VWO	Avg Grade 7.0 or higher	Maths A/B/D Grade 7.0
Germany	Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur)	Abitur 2.0 or higher	Maths Grade 2.0
England	A-Levels	Avg Grade BBB or higher	Maths Grade B
United States	Advanced Placement Tests	Grade 4 or higher	Calculus or Statistics Grade 4
International Baccalaureate	Diploma	32 points or higher	Standard Level Maths Grade 5 or Higher Level Maths Grade 4

Do you have a different qualification? Get in touch with your details and we will assess your suitability on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to meeting the minimum admission requirements you must demonstrate that you fit the specific profile UCG is looking for. That profile can be described in five traits:

- >> You are bright and curious
- >> You have an interest in a broad learning environment
- >> You are creative and like to think out-of-the-box
- >> You have great communication skills
- >> You have an interest in research



>> I chose University College Groningen so I could be a part of the first group of students ever to do the programme. Being able to help create the college really interested me and we need future students with the same attitude to make UCG the best it can be <<

Cynthia Wieringa > 18 > Dutch.

HOW DO WE SELECT OUR STUDENTS?

>> Our selection procedure allows us to assess how well you will fit the programme.

Apply through Studielink

Complete an online profile and provide us with your personal information, educational background and CV.

Create a Video of Motivation

If you meet the minimum entry requirements we would like you to submit a short video so that we can get to know you better. In this video we would like you to tell us a bit about yourself, your motivation to study at UCG and what inspires you. The video should be a maximum of three minutes long.

Academic Assessment

Liberal Arts and Sciences is not all about tests and grades. However, we need to understand your academic capability in several disciplines such as English and Mathematics, as well as your ability to work both independently and collaboratively.

Matching Interview

We conduct interviews in person or via Skype. This is an opportunity for you to meet UCG and for UCG to meet you. We will have a discussion about your application and your ambitions at UCG, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions of us.

Offer of a place at UCG

If you have been successful with your application you will be offered a place. You will need to accept within 28 days of being offered it. Due to the demand for the programme we cannot hold your offer any longer.

>>> **Rolling admissions** - It is advised to apply as soon as possible, once the programme is full we will stop accepting applications. Due to visa timings Non-EU students must apply before the 1st May 2015.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

>> UCG has been accredited as an excellent teaching provider and therefore the tuition fees are higher than for regular Dutch university programmes. The extra investment ensures small teaching groups and the opportunity to customise your degree, both of which provide you with an enhanced learning experience.

	EU	Non-EU
Tuition Fee 2015	€4,000	€12,000

Living Costs Item		Indicative Cost Per Month
Accommodation*	Private unfurnished room Gas, water, electricity, internet	€400
Study Items*	Books, Laptop Stationary	€50
Food and Drink*	Weekly shopping Dining out & Social activities	€250
Insurances and taxes*	Health care Third Party, Fire and Theft	€125
Additional Costs*	Clothing Hairdressers & Cinema etc...	€100
Study Association*	Sports, Cultural Workshops & Events	€70 - one off cost

Optional Costs Item		Cost
Rental Furniture*	Bed, Wardrobe, Desk, Chair	€75 per month
Bike*		€50

**Dependent on personal circumstances*

We understand that the journey of attaining a Bachelor degree is a costly one. Therefore we would like to help you find your way in finding (partial) funding for your academic career.

Student Finance

EU students can apply for a tuition fee loan and attain a grant if you work for a certain amount of hours per month. Visit www.duo.nl for further information.

Scholarships

If you are a Non-EU student and are academically gifted you may be able to apply for a UCG scholarship. For further information please visit: www.rug.nl/ucg/scholarship

>>> *All costs stated in this brochure are subject to change without notice. We have made every effort to provide you the most accurate, up-to-date information however it is recommended to check on the website for the latest pricing.*

A TRUE STUDENT CITY - GRONINGEN

>> Situated in the north of the Netherlands, Groningen has a population of almost 200,000 people, with a fifth of these being students. As Groningen is situated away from the capital Amsterdam, the city has its own cultural scene and due to the large number of students it's a very lively one! Cultural events and festivals such as Eurosonic and Noorderzon attract thousands of people to the city to experience music, art and theatre, and Groningen's well-known live music venue, Vera, was recently voted the best in the country.

Although it has many of the benefits of a large city, Groningen has the feel of a small town; it is safe, accessible, and very friendly. The city has many bars, restaurants, theatres, museums and sports facilities, so you'll never be bored. But if you do feel like leaving the vibrant city life, the countryside is a mere ten minutes' cycle away. Clear your head and get invigorated by a visit to the World Heritage Site, the 'Wadden Sea', or make a daytrip to one of the nearby Wadden Islands.



>> Groningen is amazing. Everything is close to you and the atmosphere is relaxed.<<

Hrafnkatla Agnarsdóttir > 21 > Iceland.





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