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On the [Student Portal](#) you will find all digital information we provide our student regarding (the organization of) our programme.

E.g. planning your programme, info on Programme Committee, request form for the Board of Examiners.

Hint: bookmark these two pages so you can easily find this information.

# LST NEWSLETTER

## Start of 2023-2024

Welcome to the first Life Science & Technology newsletter of 2023/2024!

In September, we started with our new cohort of 67 LST students. This is comparable to the amount of first year students we welcomed last year and we are happy with these stable numbers.

We hope you will all be able to find your way around campus with the help of your mentors, and have a good first semester.

## Update on previous cohorts

We currently have 37 LST students who have started their second year, and 34 students who have started their third year.

In October, we will have the first diploma ceremony for LST students who started in the new curriculum.

This cohort started in September 2020 under difficult circumstances, with both a COVID-19 lockdown and a whole new curriculum being rolled out. 11 students of that first cohort have managed to graduate within three years, and we wish them luck in their future studies. We hope LST has prepared them well!

Not all these 11 students have remained at the University of Groningen, and the ones who have started their master programme here show the different options you have with LST. There are LST students continuing in Biology, Biomolecular Sciences, Medical Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physics, and even Nanoscience.

More information on Master Orientation, including information on the specialization packages is available on the [Student Portal](#).

## Programme updates

As of September 2023, we have changed a few things in our schedule:

Year 2:

- *Bioinorganic Chemistry* will move from 1A to 1B
- *Linear Algebra* will move from 1B to 1A

[General overview year 1](#) – including holidays

[Detailed schedule year 1](#) – available for semester 1

[General overview year 2](#) – including holidays

[Detailed schedule year 2](#) – available for semester 2

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## Mentorate

Like all bachelor programmes, Life Science & Technology has mentor students who help the first year students find their way at the start of the year. The groupings are [available here](#) on the Student Portal.

But we also have separate mentor groups for second year students in order to help them choose a specialization and master programme. Those groupings are [available here](#). If you are a second or third year student who is not in a mentor group but would like to be, please contact [the academic advisor](#).

If you were in a mentor group last year, either for first years or second years, and you have tips about this mentorate or things you think are essential to keep, please contact the academic advisor and let her know.

## News from the Programme committee

The [Programme Committee](#) for LST has kept a close eye on the courses and the curriculum as a whole, and on the information available for students.

If you are curious how courses were evaluated last year, you can see [a brief summary](#) available on the Student Portal. Note that not all courses have a summary available yet. If a course ran in period 2B, the PC has not yet had a chance to look at the course evaluation.

First year courses get evaluated every year, while second year courses usually get evaluated every three years, unless there is a big change such as a change in course coordinator. The PC is always open to feedback from staff and students outside of the course evaluations.

Please email [bsc.lst@rug.nl](mailto:bsc.lst@rug.nl) (programme secretariat) or [pclst@rug.nl](mailto:pclst@rug.nl) (student members) for feedback. All student feedback will remain anonymous. You can also check the [Student Portal page](#) to see who is in the Programme Committee and approach them personally to talk about something.

## Course of the Year

GLV Idun organized a Course of the Year for the LST curriculum before the summer break. They set up a poll so that LST students could vote for a Course of the Year from both the first and second year.

The winners were:

*Organic Chemistry for Life Science 1 – course coordinator Adri Minnaard*

*Practical Microbiology – course coordinator Julia Kamenz*

Congratulations to the lecturers and TA's involved in these two courses!