



Dear student,

We welcome you to the Bachelor of Psychology Programme at the University of Groningen! Through this letter we would like to inform you about several matters relevant to your studies.

Study start week

In the first week of the academic year, you will receive all the information you need to have a successful start. For instance, you will hear about the study programme, regulations within the programme, and the Academic Learning Communities. In addition, a student advisor will tell you about relevant practices at the UG, available resources and lastly, study association VIP and the student section from NIP (the Dutch institution for professionals in Psychology), will be sharing information. So make sure you're there!

Meeting	Date	Location
Welcome Information study programme and regulations	Monday 2 September 13:00 -15:00 hrs	Faculty of Medical Sciences (UMCG) Room 61 Antonius Deusinglaan 1
Introduction Academic Learning Communities	Wednesday 4 September 9.00 - 11:00 hrs	Aletta Jacobs Hall Lecture Hall 0055 Blauwborgje 4
Study advice Study association VIP, SPS-NIP	Wednesday 4 september 11:00 - 13:00 hrs	Aletta Jacobs Hall Lecture Hall 0055 Blauwborgje 4

Practical information

All the information you need prior to and throughout your study can be found (after enrolment) on [Brightspace](#), the digital learning environment of the University of Groningen. Under the tab [Study Info](#) you will find various relevant information as well as a link to UG tools, where you can access:

- The [course catalogue](#) - Ocasys (already available)
- [Registration for courses](#) - Progress
- The [course schedule](#) (already available)

The [study startpage](#) provides information on topics relevant to the start of your study. Specifically, we would like to draw your attention to the To-do list, which informs you on what needs to be arranged before you start, such as:

- Payment of tuition fees
- Activating your RUG-student account
- Uploading a photo for your RUG card
- Ordering your books (with a discount through the study association VIP starting in mid-July)

Through the [Student Portal](#), you can also see which steps you still need to complete before your enrolment can be finalised.

Course registration

As soon as you are fully enrolled, the Student Service Desk will register you for courses of block 1a. You will receive more information about this in mid-August.

Academic Learning Communities

Engagement and social interaction have a positive effect on the educational quality and student and teacher contentment. Learning Communities, small groups of students and faculty, are therefore an important part of our first-year program. For example, in the Academic Skills course, group members discuss, collaborate, share their experiences and knowledge, and collaboratively build their academic skills, guided by a team of a faculty mentor and a student mentor.

We would like all students to fully benefit from these Learning Communities. Therefore, we will ask for your input and feedback at a later stage in the programme. We hope that you will respond!

In the week of 2 September, you will be informed in which group you have been placed, it is not possible to transfer to another group.

Study association VIP

VIP is the study association for Psychology students at the University of Groningen. They organise study and career-related events as well as social activities. As a VIP-member, you receive a discount on study books as well as a discount on VIP activities. For more information see their [website](#).

Buddy Project

We hope the information in this letter answers most of your questions. However, if you still have questions left, or would like to receive some personal information or support, you can join the Buddy Project. This project matches new students with current psychology students, who can answer all of your questions and help you find your way at the University before you arrive in Groningen and during your first months here. The Buddy Project also organises social activities, workshops and several events about Dutch culture and life in the Netherlands.

If you would like more information, or want to sign up, click [here](#) or contactbssbuddyprojects@rug.nl.

Please note: the deadline for enrolment in the Buddy Project is 15 July!

Questions?

Please have a look at our [FAQ](#) page with frequently asked questions. If you haven't found the answer there, please contact

- [Student Information and Administration](#)
(a.o. application, Studielink, enrolment, tuition fees, university card)
- [Student Service Desk](#) at the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences
(a.o. study programme, course registration, exemptions, appointment with a student advisor)

We hope you enjoy all the preparations and wish you good luck during your studies. Looking forward to meeting you on 2 September!

With kind regards,

Also on behalf of the Programme Director, prof. dr. B.M. Wisse,



Dr. D.C. Rus
Bachelor coordinator Psychology

P.S. If you have decided not to study psychology after all, please withdraw via [Studielink](#).