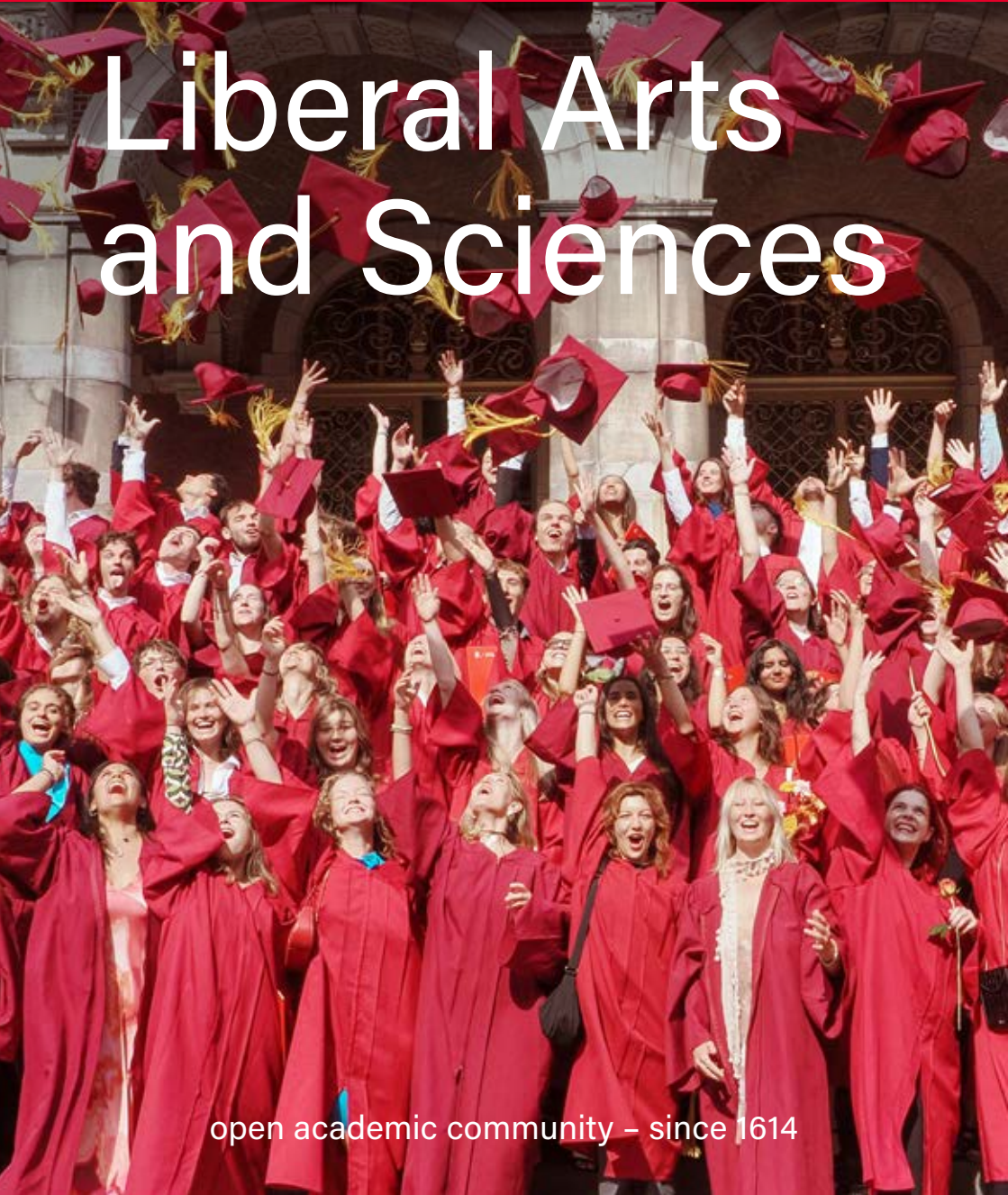




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Liberal Arts and Sciences



open academic community – since 1614

Liberal Arts and Sciences at UCG

University College Groningen (UCG) was established in 2014 as a selective, independent Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty within the University of Groningen. Students explore their passions through an **interdisciplinary, project-based** and **community-oriented** educational experience.

We create a learning environment that addresses the **complex, societal challenges** of the 21st century and serve as a laboratory for the cultivation of **internationally-minded** students who will become innovators in our rapidly changing world.

You will join Dutch students and students from more than 35 countries in one of the Netherland's top rated bachelor programmes.



Admissions

UCG uses a **holistic admissions process** which balances academics with motivation and your personal experiences. Our approach means that we look at the big picture regarding your application: who you are, what you have accomplished and what you want to do in the future.

We review applications on a **rolling basis**. Decisions will be made and communicated as soon as possible until available spots are filled. Students are required to have successfully obtained a secondary school diploma which allows entry to a research university. Therefore, students need to obtain a Dutch VWO diploma or international equivalent before gaining entry to the programme.



Guidance

We encourage students to take ownership of their education. They can build their programme in line with their own interests and ambitions in order to become **independent** and **self-determined** young professionals. To support our students, UCG provides a dedicated guidance team consisting of **Academic Advisors**.

Students are also paired with a Student Mentor, who will help with a student's transition to UCG. This personalised guidance system helps students to reflect on their study plans and course choices, offers advice in personal and academic matters, and encourages inspiration and curiosity.



Sybe van den Top - Class of 2023

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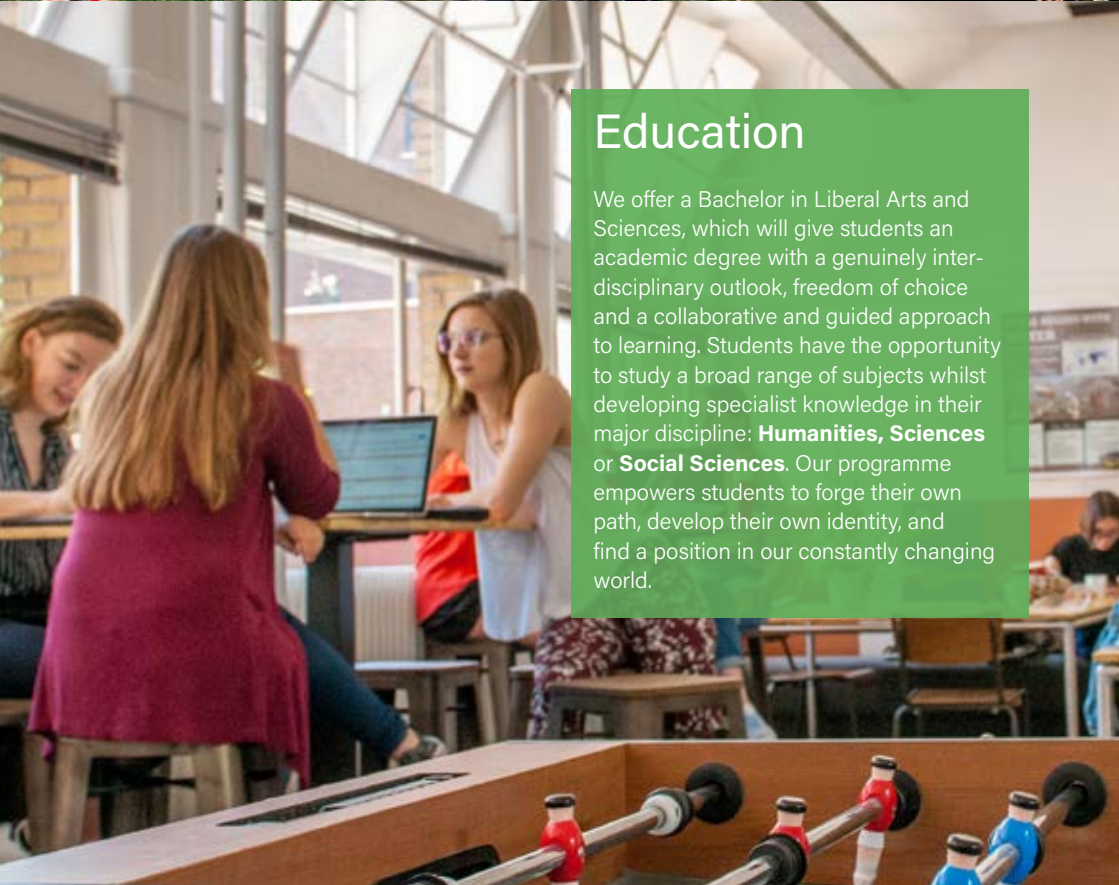
I've always had very broad interests, ranging from economics to philosophy and psychology. I did not want to limit myself to only studying one discipline, and when I heard that at University College Groningen (UCG) I did not have to, I was sold. Studying at UCG means frequently working together in interdisciplinary group-projects, an element that I really enjoy. Coming from a small town in the Netherlands, I was looking to broaden my horizon after high school. This is what attracted me to the culturally diverse environment at UCG. After experiencing an international and welcoming community first-hand during an open day, I knew that this was the place for me! Living together in the student housing creates a very tight-knit group of students; everyone knows each other, which is a lot of fun. I can't imagine any other university that makes me feel this at home.

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Housing

UCG **guarantees** city centre housing for all first-year students, offering a vibrant environment that fosters friendships and a strong academic community. While living with fellow students can enrich both your social and academic experience, it's not mandatory. Whether you choose to live within the UCG community or seek housing elsewhere, you'll have the flexibility to make the choice that best suits your needs.



Education

We offer a Bachelor in Liberal Arts and Sciences, which will give students an academic degree with a genuinely interdisciplinary outlook, freedom of choice and a collaborative and guided approach to learning. Students have the opportunity to study a broad range of subjects whilst developing specialist knowledge in their major discipline: **Humanities, Sciences** or **Social Sciences**. Our programme empowers students to forge their own path, develop their own identity, and find a position in our constantly changing world.

Groningen

Groningen is a real student city. With two universities, there are **a lot** of students living in this vibrant city. Groningen has a population of 243,000 people, of which almost 25% are students. This makes Groningen not only the city in the Netherlands with the highest student population density, but also the youngest city in the country (and one of the **youngest** in Europe!). Groningen is also enormously diverse, more than 120 different nationalities call this city home.



Interactive and Small-scale Learning Environments

We want our students to integrate and further develop knowledge, rather than just store it. In pursuit of this goal, we promise a small-scale and interactive learning environment. In our small classes, we go beyond lectures, and require students to think along with the instructor and fellow students. This means that students are active in their own learning, through discussions, critical writing, and presentations. These methods encourage interactive and deep learning rather than the passive and superficial memorisation of facts. An important aim is to develop skills to present convincing reasons and evidence in support of conclusions, and to correctly and fairly assess counter-arguments to one's view.

Does this sound like you?

- You are passionate
- You want the ability to make choices and have autonomy
- You want the ability to be adaptive and resilient in a changing career market
- You are inquisitive, ambitious, collaborative and creative
- You respect diversity across individuals

If it does, we welcome you to our community!

Liberal Arts and Sciences

35+ nationalities

Student body: **17%** Non-EU,
53% EU and **30%** Dutch

Average class size: **19**

Guaranteed housing in the
centre of Groningen

Intake per year: **150** students

University of Groningen:
Top 80 Ranking in the
ARWU Shanghai ranking
and the THE World University
Rankings

Student to lecturer ratio:
12 to 1

Top Rated Programme 2024

Graduate with a **Bachelor of Arts**
or a **Bachelor of Science**

3-year, full-time
bachelor's degree

Taught in English

Two Starting Dates:
1 February and
1 September

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