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Religion and Culture

Exchange programme at the Faculty of Theology and
 Religious Studies

University of Groningen, The Netherlands



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Are you interested in religion and the way it influences society, culture and politics? Do you want to learn more about this phenomenon, which affects the everyday lives of so many people around the world? Would you like to study abroad for a time to experience a different way of life? If you answer yes to these questions, then the University of Groningen Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies in the Netherlands is the place to be!

In Groningen you are welcome to follow the Bachelor's exchange programme in *Religion and Culture*. This programme trains you to understand the cultural and social dynamics of religion and religious phenomena. Since the programme has a focus on contemporary events and case studies, you will learn to link academic theory to political and religious events as they unfold around you.

Tailor-made programme

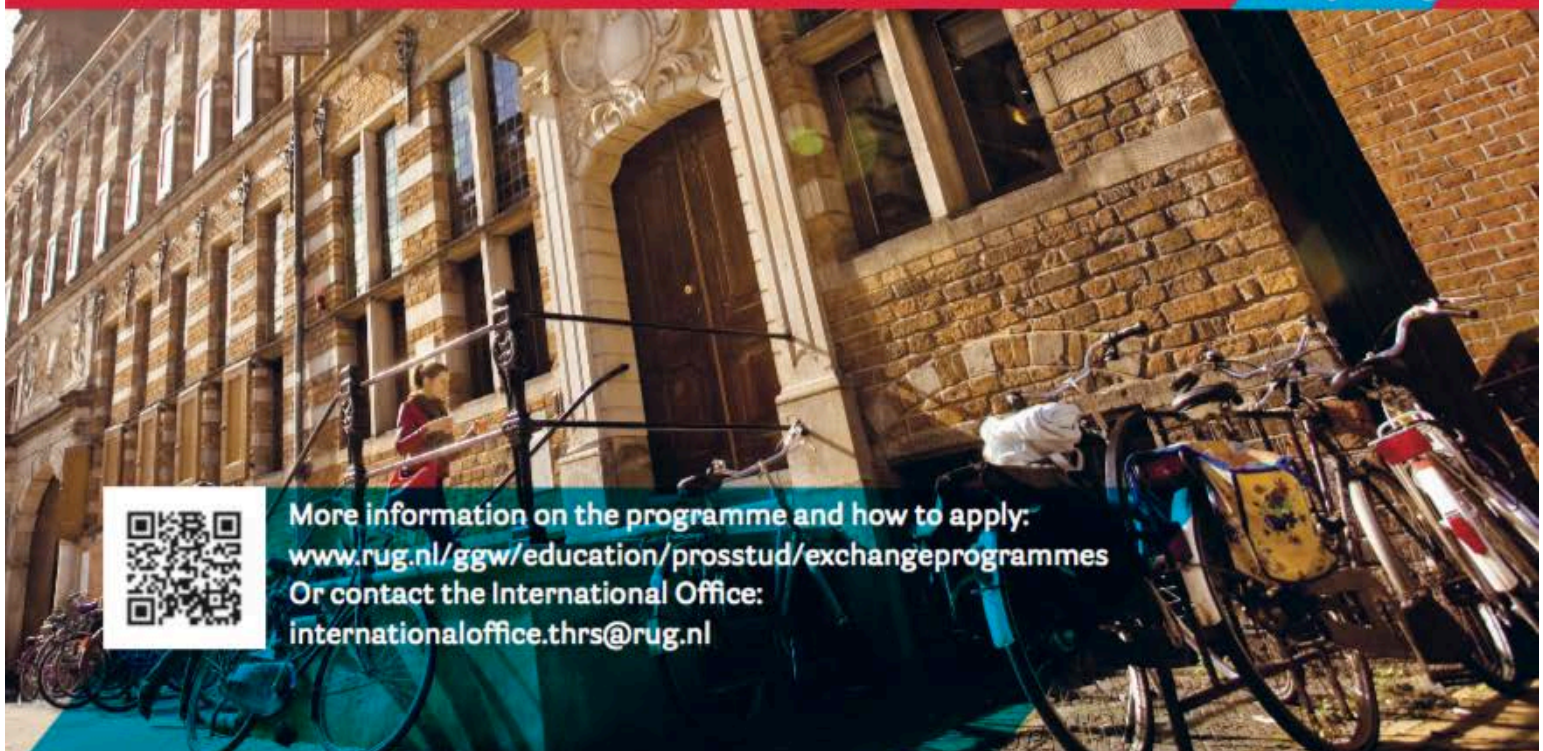
The programme is tailor-made. You can choose from various courses which link to your educational background. If you have no background in religious studies, you can start with introductory course units. If you have already followed course units on religion or anthropology at your home university, you can follow specific thematic course units.

- Choose from a total of 20 course units to design your own programme (up to 120 ECTS in total)
- All course units are taught in English
- The programme is offered in Semester I (Sept – January) and Semester II (February – July)

Faculty building



More information on the programme and how to apply:
www.rug.nl/ggw/education/prostud/exchangeprogrammes
Or contact the International Office:
internationaloffice.thrs@rug.nl





Why study in Groningen?

Because the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies:

- is one of the best faculties in Europe on themes of Theology and Religious Studies
- offers the best education in Theology and Religious Studies in the Netherlands
- is internationally recognised for the high quality of staff and research
- provides excellent interaction between teaching and research
- puts great emphasis on the development of research skills
- allows an open, critical study of religion in its historical and present-day forms
- offers teaching at a small scale and interdisciplinary training

Because the University of Groningen:

- is among the top universities in Europe
- has a rich history and an excellent reputation
- has strong international connections
- participates in several exchange programmes as Erasmus Mundus and Freemover

Because the city of Groningen:

- is a vibrant student city and a safe place to live
- has a great deal to offer in terms of cultural activities
- has a highly educated population and almost everyone speaks English





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Karen Almonte, UNAM (Mexico), 2018

I very much enjoyed my time at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies. My experience of the professors has been very enjoyable; they are experts in so many fields and are very good at transmitting their knowledge creatively. One of the things I really liked about being an exchange student is the opportunity for personal growth. I was originally nervous about leaving a comfort zone and entering unfamiliar situations, but it has really been worth it!

Emma Mäkinen, Turku University (Finland), 2017

I was very impressed by the large number of interesting courses taught in English. The faculty is very well set up for international students, it's really welcoming and during classes I felt like I had been studying at Groningen all along!



John Gay, Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany), 2017

The teaching quality is excellent; with very small classes, direct contact with professors and lively debate with other students. It is easy to make friends with both international and Dutch students and the mentor programme at the faculty is very helpful in making sure you get off to a good start in Groningen. I'll miss the city of Groningen, it has an uncountable number of lovely small cafes and I've not been able to visit them all!