



university of
 groningen

faculty of philosophy

University of Groningen

- 400 Years of Passion & Performance -

Founded in 1614

UP Olomouc, 15 March 2017





11 Faculties

- > Arts
- > Behavioural & Social Sciences
- > Economics & Business
- > Law
- > Medical Sciences
- > **Philosophy**
- > Science and Engineering
- > Spatial Sciences
- > Theology & Religious Studies
- > University College Groningen
- > Campus Fryslan





One of the Best Philosophy Faculties in Europe

- > Research assessment 2005/2012,
with committee members from Oxford,
Cambridge and Berlin: **World Class.**
- > Ranked number 1 Elsevier Higher Education Ranking multiple
times
- > Regular publications in the most prestigious journals in our
discipline and with the most renowned academic presses.





Three departments

- > History of Philosophy
- > Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy
- > Theoretical Philosophy





Facts and Figures 2016/2017

- > 10 (full) professors
- > 28 permanent staff (10 international)
- > 25 PhD students (8 international)
- > 350 BA students
- > 50 MA students (14 international)





Education

3-year BA programme in Philosophy (in Dutch; courses in English)

1-year BA in Philosophy of a Specific Discipline (in English)
(combined study programme 2+1)

1-year MA Philosophy & Society (Dutch)

1-year MA in Philosophy (English)

1-year MA in Philosophy of a Specific Discipline (English, 1+1)

1-year MSc in Philosophy, Politics & Economics (English,
from Sept 2017)

2-year Research Master (English)





Education - mobility

BA programme in Philosophy

Incoming mobility:

- courses in English - at least 30 ECTS per semester

Outgoing mobility:

- minor in 5th semester, wide range of options to go abroad

Master programmes in Philosophy

Incoming:

- master programmes in English

Outgoing:

- ReMa: obligatory 3rd semester abroad





Research

4-year PhD programme, or
2-year ReMa + 3-year PhD programme

Groningen Research Institute of Philosophy (GRIPh)
6 Double Doctorates

High rate of success in obtaining Dutch and international
research grants

4 funded PhD positions each year





External funding

- > High number of external grants, esp. from Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO); in 2016 5 out of 5 VENI applications were selected for funding
- > High rate of success in obtaining research grants
- > At present, 13 externally funded projects
- > Spinoza prize (NWO) in 2016





International profile

- > 37% of the permanent staff is international
- > A third of the PhD students is international
- > Nationalities include: German, British, Italian, Canadian, Australian, Brazilian
- > 25% of master students is international
- > Growing number of incoming exchange students





International orientation

- › 3 Master programmes taught in English (as from Sept. 2017)
- › Summer and Winter Schools
- › Conferences and workshops with invited guests
- › Close cooperation with Toronto, Harvard & HU Berlin (History of Philosophy)





Exchange partners

- > Erasmus+ exchange with LMU Munich, Humboldt Berlin, Wurzburg (all D), St Andrews, Durham (UK), CEU (HU), UP Olomouc (CZ), KU Leuven and Ghent (B), Ca' Foscari Venice (I), and expanding
- > Through Erasmus+: possible mobility with National Research University HSE, St. Petersburg State University
- > Participant in Multi Faculty exchange agreements (e.g. VU Wellington, University of South Carolina, McGill University, etc.)
- > New partnerships are being established





Why Groningen?

- › Safe; student city; friendly atmosphere
- › Relatively cheap compared to the West of NL
- › Welcome ceremony at the start of each semester
- › Well organised student services (e.g. visa support, counselling)
- › Excellent sports' and cultural facilities
- › Good opportunities to pursue an academic career





Why the Faculty of Philosophy at UG?

- › Small scale; friendly, informal atmosphere
- › Very easy to approach teaching staff
- › High quality teaching; dedicated (international) teaching staff
- › Networks all over the world

- › Active student association (STUFF), incorporating all international students in activities
- › Student mentors for international students
- › Possibility to become teaching assistant

- › Scholarships for non-EU students (talent grant, HSP)
- › Opportunities to continue in research (PhD positions)

- › Seminars, workshops, and other events/activities (with guests from abroad) almost every week



Summary

- › One of the best Philosophy departments in Europe
- › Fair amount of international staff and students
- › Students and staff are part of an active, international education and research community
- › Attractive Masters' programmes:
PPE and Research Master
- › 4 PhD positions each year





Děkujeme Vám za pozornost !

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