

## **Basic information**

Hanze University of Applied Sciences (Hanze UAS), Groningen, has establishments in Groningen, Assen, Leeuwarden and Amsterdam with approximately 26000 students and 3000 staff members. The name Hanze UAS relates to a once driving force in terms of business and trade. Many years ago, the Hanseatic League was essential for international trade, cooperation and contacts. This was the case in the Netherlands and many other countries, such as Germany and Scandinavia. The Netherlands had many Hanseatic cities, including Groningen.

#### Language

Dutch, a Germanic language, is spoken everywhere in the country. In addition, there are few dialects spoken throughout the country. A lot of people on the Netherlands speak at least two foreign languages and nearly everyone understands and speaks English.

Useful links

- <u>https://www.hanze.nl/eng</u> school website
- <u>http://www.mzv.cz/hague/en/index.html</u> Embassy of the Czech Republic in The Hague

# Transport

Nowadays, there is a contactless smart-card system, the OV-chipkaart, for all public transport in the Netherlands. There are two types of cards: anonymous one, which you can buy from the OVchipkaart machines, or personal one, which you need to arrange online or by mail. Your card can be loaded from one of the OV-chipkaart machines strategically placed at train stations and metro stations.

- 1. The centre of Groningen is partly closed off for cars, so it is a very safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and bikers;
- 2. Only two hours away from Utrecht, two-and-a-half from Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport, and three hours from The Hague and Rotterdam;

- 3. Groningen is located very close to the German border. It's only two hours away from Bremen, and three hours from Hamburg;
- 4. There are direct buses between Groningen and Bremen airport, run by Publicexpress (<u>www.publicexpress.de</u>). From Bremen Airport you can fly with Ryaniar to many destinations in Europe at a very low price (Milan, Malaga, Barcelona, London, Oslo, Stockholm).

### Courses

https://www.hanze.nl/eng/study-at-hanze/programme-information/exchange-courses

# Application

Partner institutions have to send a nomination email to **their contact person at ISD (see fact sheet)** including the **name of the student(s)** and the **proposed exchange programme**. Students can then proceed to apply for an exchange semester, using our <u>online</u> <u>application</u>. Students need to register first before able to log into the system and fill out the online application form.

Students need to upload the following documents before submitting your online application:

- Transcript of Records (your most recent grade list in English)
- Copy of Passport/ID (front + back, readable copy, make sure it is valid on the period of your exchange)
- *Optional* Learning Agreement. You can download a <u>custom Learning Agreement</u> or hand in the learning Agreement from your university. Students applying for the **International Business School** need to fill out their learning agreement after acceptance.
- Art Students Only Portfolio or url to online portfolio

The deadline for nomination is: Winter semester: 15 May Spring semester: 15 October

The deadline to complete the application is: Winter semester: 1 June Spring semester: 1 November

Only complete and submitted online applications will be processed. We do not need paper copies by post or email.

See "Practical Information" under the top menu above for additonal preparation for a stay in Groningen.

## Housing and cost of living

https://www.hanze.nl/eng/study-at-hanze/practical-information/housing

https://www.hanze.nl/eng/study-at-hanze/finance/costs-living

#### **Holidays**

1 January New Year's Day variable Easter 27 April King's Day 5 May Liberation Day (not a national holiday – not required by law) variable Ascension Day (40 days after Easter) variable Pentecost / Whitmonday (7 weeks after Easter) 5 December Saint Nicholas' Eve 25 – 26 December Christmas Day and Boxing Day In addition to these public holidays, there are several days off at the university – Autumn holiday, Christmas holiday, Spring holiday, May Holiday, Summer holiday – check exact days at Study Guide or contact the university

### Adress

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#### **International Service Desk**

For questions about studying at Hanze UAS, please contact our International Service Desk

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Opening hours International Service Desk: Monday – Friday 10.00 – 14.00 hrs

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