university of groningen / language centre

Express yourself

understand the world

We want to make it possible for everyone to develop themselves and connect with others, regardless of linguistic and cultural background.

‘After my first year of being director of the Language Centre, I am even prouder than I was before. The Language Centre is fully committed to language teaching and, with its expert and dedicated teaching staff, contributes to greater mutual understanding in this world. With great enthusiasm, we work on innovations and exchange knowledge and experiences with our European colleagues through the NUT and CercleS networks. I am proud to state that, in this national and international context, we are known for being multifaceted, collaborative, and innovative — values to which we are fully committed and which we will continue to uphold in the years to come!’

Niels Rambags, Director

Facts & figures

- 37 years of expertise in language and culture
- 13 languages
- 600 training courses per year
- 970 translation and editing projects
- 80 dedicated staff members







Language Centre

We are *the* leading provider of language and culture courses for everyone, from students to professionals, civic integration candidates, private individuals, institutions, and businesses.

- ✓ Language courses
- ✓ Writing coaching for professional and academic purposes
- ✓ In-company tailor-made training courses
- ✓ Intercultural competence training
- ✓ Language tests and assessments, including TOEFL
- ✓ NT2 teacher-training programme
- ✓ UG Translation Agency

Our languages

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dutch
- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish

Participants give an average score of **8,4!**

Clients & partnerships

IKEA, NOM, Hanze, gasunie, NHL Stenden hogeschool, Avebe, rijksuniversiteit groningen, Martini Ziekenhuis een santeon ziekenhuis, umcg, Rijksoverheid, noorderlink, Gemeente Groningen, provincie groningen

Innovations & projects for 2025

Writing Centre

At the beginning of 2025, we launched the Writing Centre — a place where all UG students can receive free writing coaching for their academic texts.

300,000 participants

After 10 years, our free online Dutch beginners’ course (Massive Open Online Course, MOOC) has reached the impressive milestone of 300,000 participants!

AI in language teaching

AI is also making its way into our language teaching. We successfully offer workshops on Writing with AI for professionals and are running a pilot for personalized language courses using AI and guided by a language teacher.

Receptive Dutch

We have started offering courses in Receptive Dutch for international members of consultative participation bodies at the University of Groningen. In this course, we will make use of Lingua Receptiva: communicating in two different languages in a way that allows mutual understanding.



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