




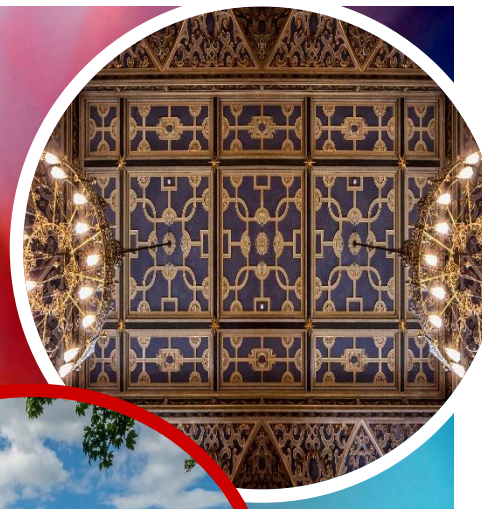
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A photograph of a grand, multi-story brick building with Gothic architectural features, including arched windows and a balcony. A flag is flying on a pole in the foreground. People are visible walking on the steps of the building.

Winter School

for Teachers

30 January - 1 February 2024



Welcome to the
*Winter School for Academic
Teachers!* We offer several
workshops and activities to help
you prepare for your teaching job.

Please feel free to pick and choose
the activities that suit your needs,
interests and calendar!

Crash Course: Fundamentals of University Teaching

Are you new to teaching and do you want to enhance your teaching skills? Join the Fundamentals of University Teaching course!

This course is designed specifically for teachers who are starting their career in education. The programme includes an introduction to academic teaching, preparation of lessons and didactic skills. You are provided with tools to engage and motivate students. Also, you will be able to practice your teaching skills and receive feedback from your peers and trainer in a micro-teaching session. Moreover, you are introduced to best practices for giving feedback and assessing assignments and exams.



Learning Outcomes

- After following this course you will be able to:
- describe the design of your course, including the learning objectives, and the teaching and assessment methods;
 - prepare for your lessons and create a lesson plan;
 - deliver interactive lectures and tutorials;
 - create an inclusive classroom environment;
 - provide students with constructive feedback and compare different assessment methods.

When & Where

This 2,5-day course will be held in Groningen city centre* on:

- Tuesday, January 30th from 09:00 to 16:30
- Wednesday, January 31st from 09:00 to 16:00
- Thursday, February 1st from 13:00 to 17:00

Requirements

- English language skills at a sufficient level to present and to participate in discussions with peers;
- assigned teaching duties for the teaching block preferably directly following this crash course, like teaching a full course or at least a significant part of a course.

Workshop: Introduction to

Accessible and Inclusive Teaching

As educators, we strive to create an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all our students. But what does inclusion truly entail, and how can you ensure that every student feels welcomed and empowered in your classroom?

In this session, we offer a short introduction to accessible and inclusive teaching methods, with an emphasis on you as the teacher thinking about what methods you can employ for teaching in your own context. We will facilitate this within a broader discussion of inclusivity and accessibility, including some possible approaches, methods, practical tools, and the support available at the UG.

**The participants of the Crash Course will join this workshop as a part of the course.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing this workshop, you will be able to:

- understand some foundational principles and approaches to inclusive and accessible teaching
- compare methods that could be applied to your (future) teaching practice and course design
- locate tools and support for inclusive and accessible teaching across the UG

When & Where?

This workshop will be held in Groningen city centre on: Tuesday, January 30th from 13:30 to 16:30.



Workshop: Introduction to

UG Educational Support Systems

Within the University of Groningen there are several tools and programs that can support your teaching. In this workshop we will introduce the tools and work alongside you to provide support with practicing with the tools.

You will learn more about the Learning Management System (LMS) Brightspace, the UG e-learning tools, the digital exams tooling, the different video tools at the university, the student information system and the scheduling tool. You will learn more about the basic functionality of Brightspace and get to explore yourself what the other different tools have to offer.

Learning Outcomes

After following this course, you will be able to:

- find the most important tools for education (Brightspace, Progress and Ocasys) and use them in their basic form;
- identify all the educational support that is available for teachers and will know who to turn to during the academic year.

When & Where?

This workshop will be held in Groningen city centre on:
Thursday, February 1st from 09:00 to 12:00.



Discover Groningen: Guided City Tour

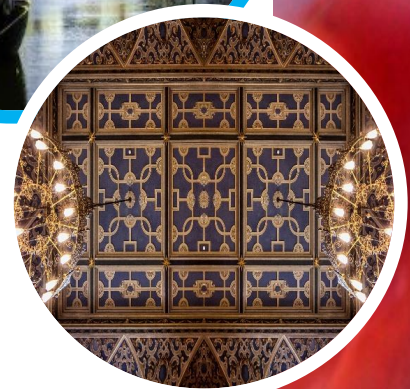
A chance to learn more about the fascinating, medieval city and its university!

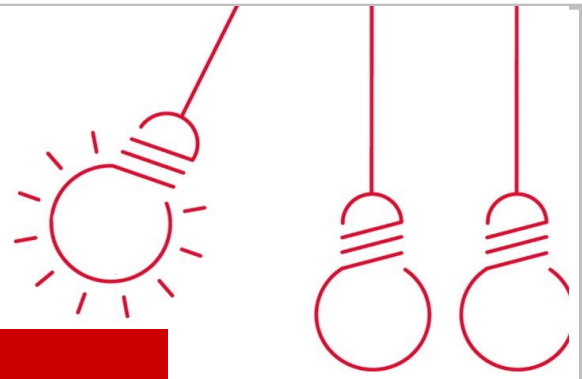
The tour will cover how the UG has influenced not only the intellectual life of Groningen, but also its history, urban planning, expansion and atmosphere.

Some of the most beautiful as well as hidden spots in town will be visited including the Prinsentuin, Peppergasthuis, Hoge der A and famous architectural surprises like the Rem Koolhuis public bathroom, and the only building in Groningen on the UNESCO 100 most important buildings in the Netherlands list.

When & Where?

This tour will take place in Groningen city center on: Wednesday, January 31st, from 16:00 to 17:30.





Networking event

You are cordially invited to the networking event. After a welcome speech, you will have a chance to have an informal discussion and learn more about the TAG and the teaching community of the University of Groningen.

When & Where?

This session will be held on Thursday, February 1st from 17:00-18:00 in Groningen city centre.

About the Teaching Academy Groningen

The TAG is a platform to share good practices and develop knowledge in order to enhance innovative education at the University of Groningen. With the expertise of our current TAG members and other stakeholders, we form a dynamic community of practice, providing a platform for interdisciplinary and innovative teaching powered by research and practice. TAG is structured around five Communities of Practice (CoPs): Blended Learning, Well-being, Interdisciplinary Education, Research into Higher Education, and newly established CoP A.I. in Education.

Community of Practice

Our Community of Practice is a professional, social space in which people participate in shared practices and learn together through participation in common activities. We give our participants the opportunity to come together, both virtually and face to face, to exchange knowledge and experiences, to learn from and with each other, and to produce new knowledge and shared understandings through educational research. As a platform for exchange and development of knowledge, we stimulate participants to build activities together. In that way, the TAG is something we co-design and consequently 'make happen'.

For more information, please visit our [website](#)
or contact us through: tag@rug.nl

Additional Programmes for Teachers

The Winter School for Teachers is part of a broader programme to support our teachers throughout their career at the University of Groningen. Throughout the year we also offer the following programmes.

Peer Consultancy Group

Would you like to meet regularly with colleagues from various faculties to discuss your teaching experiences and share best practices, resources, and answers? Then a peer consultancy group under supervision of an experienced teacher might be something for you. Peer consultancy is a structured way of learning from peers in order to improve your expertise as a teacher and deepen and enrich your knowledge. For more information please contact tag@rug.nl.

University Teaching Qualification

After you have given a few lessons you might wish to receive support with developing and validating your teaching skills. The University Teaching Qualification (UTQ or in Dutch, BKO) is a proof of pedagogic competence for teachers in academic education. Because of the flexibility of the UTQ programme you can not only choose which module to start with, but can also decide in what period of time you would like to complete it. Hence the program is individually adjustable to previous experience, individual needs and the constraints of your new teaching job. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for an intake meeting.

MicroLabs

MicroLabs are short, hands-on courses about a specific educational topic. You will first work on some small activities in Brightspace at your own pace and in your own time before moving on to the on-site workshop part of the MicroLab. . During the workshop, there is time to discuss, share ideas, and exchange feedback. To conclude the MicroLab, you can choose to go for a proof of competence which results in a concrete output that you can use in your own teaching context. Interested? Have a look at the courses offered by the Educational Support and Innovation department [here](#).

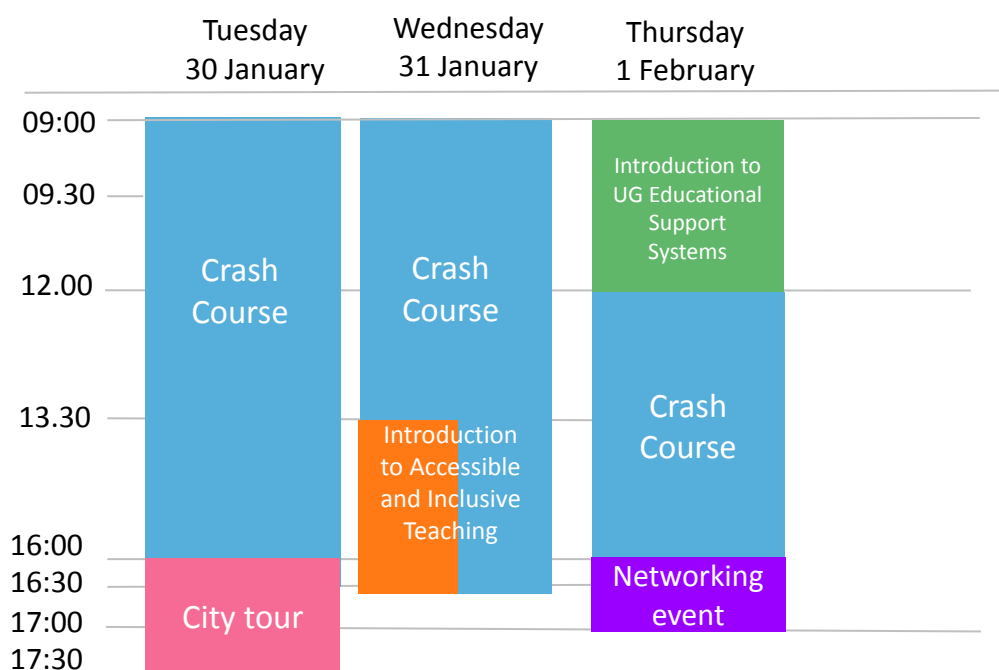


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PROGRAMME

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HOW TO SIGN UP

Please use the button below to sign up for our Summer School. Registration deadline: 19 January 2023. **Spaces are limited! Therefore, we kindly ask you to attend the activities you register for.**

[Sign up!](#)

For more information or questions, please feel free to contact us through tag@rug.nl