



Dear First Year Design Student,

We look forward to meeting you at Minerva Art Academy in August! We want you to know that we are committed to providing you with the best art education possible and we hope to see you at the beginning of this exciting journey.

We are optimistic that we can start the programme with all classes at the academy and in our studios, though some classes might be online. Of course, we also take into account the possibility we need to start the programme under COVID-19 restrictions, in which case there will be a combination of online and on-site education. So, we expect you to come to Groningen before August 30th and we are looking forward to be welcoming you at the Academy.

If you are absolutely unable to come to the Netherlands, please inform us as soon as possible by sending an email to j.vegter@pl.hanze.nl

Start meetings and start lessons First year:

A new study and perhaps a new city to live in, we know this is an exciting time. For new students in the propaedeutic phase, we will organize an introduction moment, 'Design Day', in Elp on Monday 30 August. For international student there will be an online welcoming day organised by immigration department on Friday! Make sure to write down these dates in your calendar.

During the 'Design Day' kick-off meeting in Elp, you will be informed about the curriculum, you will meet some teachers and of course other first year student and you will receive information about other relevant matters. But we also organize fun activities and eat together to start the year with all those present! Unfortunately, spending the night together on the campsite is not yet an option due to the Corona rules of Hanze UAS.

You will be informed by e-mail of the departure time and place and the necessary measures regarding corona. For example; wearing a face mask on the bus or showing a corona access pass via the '[coronacheckapp](#)'.

Startweek: block in your calendar

Introduction day in Elp 'Design Day':	30 Augustus
Virtual Welcome Day (international students)	3 September
Start lessons:	6 September

PLEASE NOTE: We would like to know if you will be present on the start day in Elp regarding the reservation of the bus and the diner*. If you do not indicate (on time) whether you will be present and you decide later to come along, there may be no more room on the bus.

Fill out the [formdeskform](https://www.formdesk.com/hanzehogeschoolgroningen/Design-Day-Elp) (https://www.formdesk.com/hanzehogeschoolgroningen/Design-Day-Elp) before 09 August 2021!

Explore Groningen virtually

In this game, you can already experience what it is like to be a student in Groningen. Discover the streets of the city centre, see how students in Groningen live, explore the Zernike campus and enjoy Groningen's vibrant nightlife. You will even learn some typical Groningen words, recipes and facts on the way. Before you know it you'll feel right at home and you might find yourself showing Groningers around in their own city. <https://groningen.nl/en/study/discover-student-life/game>

Classes:

The propaedeutic phase has the classes 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G and 1H. During the introduction meeting you will hear in which class you are registered in and in which block/major you will start.

Digi rooster/timetable:

The digital rooster/timetable will be online on 23 August. You can already look up your schedule using your chosen major. If you click on a lesson in the timetable, you will see which teachers are linked to the lesson and in which room the teachers are located. Your teacher will contact you before the start of the lessons and inform you.

Questions during the summer:

Academy Minerva will be closed from July 26 to August 22, 2021. When you have questions during this period check our website under '[Start of the academic year](#)'. Here you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions. If your answer is not listed, please email: bachelorminervabkv@org.hanze.nl. The programme support will also be available again from 23 August to help you further.

If you have participated in the SMR, student council or other committees, I would like to thank you very much. It is very important that students are involved in the academy and are able to participate in the discussion and thinking about policy and developments.

Important: You will not be able to participate in all school activities until you have completed all re-enrolment requirements. The deadline for meeting the registration requirements is August 30, 2021! Check in Studielink whether you have no more outstanding steps.

If wish you a wonderful summer.

Kind regards

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