

FIRST YEAR STUDENT BROCHURE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EBF!
YOUR PARTNER IN STUDY & CAREER



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WHAT IS A STUDY ASSOCIATION?

The Economics and Business Faculty association (EBF) is the study association for all students studying at the faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Groningen. So what is a study association? A study association is an organisation for students who study at the same faculty, organised by students of that faculty. We offer discounts on textbooks, organise activities that help you to orientate yourself in the job market, and we throw amazing parties. The greatest thing about this? Everything is organised by students themselves. It is possible to join a committee to organise great events, gain practical experience and meet so many new people. No experience is required! Everything we do is to connect students and to enrich your time as a student. To do so, the EBF has divided all activities and services into the following four pillars:



STUDY

**SUPPORT WITH
YOUR STUDIES!**



CAREER

**EXPLORE YOUR
OPPORTUNITIES!**



RECREATION

**MEET NEW
PEOPLE!**



INTERNATIONAL

**BROADEN YOUR
HORIZON!**

**5300
MEMBERS**

**180
ACTIVE
MEMBERS**

**33
COMMITTEES**

**€7,50
PER YEAR**



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BOOK SALE

The EBF organises the EBF Book Sale for all her members with the lowest price on the market. The EBF Book Sale is organised four times a year and opens four weeks before the start of every block. Keep your eyes on the EBF Website for more info!

You can order your books, or get more info at www.ebfbooksale.nl.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR PARTY

The EBF Beginning of the Year Party is the first party the EBF will host in the upcoming academic year. It will take place at Huize Maas on the 18th of September. Enjoy a night of good music with unlimited drinks!

Sign up via our website www.ebfgroningen.nl.

INTRODUCTION WEEKEND

At the EBF Introduction Weekend you will be able to meet your fellow students and kick-start your time in Groningen! On 8-9-10 September we will leave to the beautiful Borkum, Germany. Together with around 400 students you will engage in all kinds of fun activities. Not only will you experience an amazing weekend, you will also make friends for a lifetime! Make sure to start your academic year the best way possible and sign up before the 6th of September 23:59 (midnight) via our website www.ebfgroningen.nl.

SPAA/SSG DINNER

If you enjoyed your first week as a student and would like to get to know your SPAA/SSG group a little better, then sign up for this dinner. Together with your mentor, you are invited to have dinner for a small price per person! This will include a main course and one free drink.

BUDDY PROGRAMME

During the EBF Buddy programme you will be paired with an older-year student, who will be your guide to the city of Groningen and an introduction to studying at the Faculty of Economics and Business. You will also be divided into groups with people doing the same study as you! The Buddy programme will consist of 2 events, one in the first week of the Academic year and one in the beginning of October. Both meant to get to know the city of Groningen and your buddy group! Sign up before the 6th of September 23:59 (midnight) via our website www.ebfgroningen.nl.

SUMMARIES AND EXAM TRAINING

Next to the EBF Book Sale, the EBF provides several discounts on summaries and exam courses! The EBF offers its members high quality summaries and professional exam trainings from Tentamentrainingen with a special discount up to 20%!

MEMBERSHIP VALUE CARD

RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AROUND GRONINGEN

As an EBF Member, you can make use of several deals in Groningen when you show your Membership Value Card. This includes great discounts on for example food, drinks, tutoring classes and suits. All discounts are applicable to a maximum of 3 non-members per EBF Member. If you don't have your Membership Value Card yet, you can pick it up at the EBF Shop in the Plaza in the Duisenburg building (Zernike) or at the EBF Board room!

SOCIALS & PARTIES

Every month we organise a social for all our members. At the EBF Social you can have drinks with your fellow students for only €1,50 per drink and €1,00 during Happy Hour. Besides the monthly socials, there are four big parties: the EBF Beginning of the Year Party, EBF Christmas Ball, EBF Mid-Year Party, and the EBFestival.

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN GO TO AN EBF EVENT WITHOUT HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENT'S TOPIC!

The EBF Events are meant to broaden your horizon and to give you new insights; they are designed to be accessible for every FEB student. You do not need knowledge on entrepreneurship, for example, to go to an Entrepreneurship Evening. The same goes for all other events such as the EBF Conference.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

If you want to enrich your study experience, you can become an EBF Active Member! EBF Active Members are students that are part of an EBF Committee. Each committee is responsible for one or more activities or events and consists of several positions in which you will gain specific knowledge and experience. You can apply for an EBF Committee two times a year: in September and in February. Most of the committees last one academic year. Applying for a committee is a bit like applying for a job. You need to sign up on the website and select which committee(s) you are interested in. After that, you have to send in your motivation letter and resume (CV). Then, you will be invited for an interview! However, the fun of a committee is that you do not need any work experience!

Being an active member brings you lots of opportunities. You can develop yourself and gain a strong set of skills and (international) experience. Moreover, through working with fellow students and (active member) socials, you will make friends for life! All in all, this is your chance to develop yourself while having fun!

As a first year student, you might be interested in the following EBF Committees. For more information visit: www.ebfgroningen.nl/committees or swing by the EBF Board Room (5414.0046)! The deadline for applications for the September recruitment is the 24th of September 23:59!

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES

- Active Members Committee
- Activity Committee
- Bachelor Committee
- Commercial Committee
- EBF Band
- Freshman Committee
- International Committee
- Leadership & Entrepreneurship Committee
- Promotion Committee
- TEDx Committee
- Vlog Team
- Yearbook Committee

FEBRUARY COMMITTEES

- EBF Band
- EBF Christmas Ball Committee
- Introduction Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Social Responsibility Committee
- Sports Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

TO JOIN AN EBF COMMITTEE YOU DO NOT NEED ANY WORK OR COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE!

For many students, being in an EBF Committee is the very first practical experience they gain. In a committee, you will develop yourself and gain a strong set of skills and (international) experience. Most importantly: it is great fun, and you will meet a lot of new people!



INTERNATIONAL DAY

The EBF is an internationally oriented study association. We want to make sure every student feels at home. Almost all committees are open for international students, just as the events that we organise. But this is not everything that we do. Wednesday the 8th of May is completely devoted to our international students. This is a day on which we want to connect with everyone's different background but also show our appreciation for everything that the international community brings to the faculty.

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR

To help international students, we have the EBF International Ambassador. This year, he/she will be there to help you. Every question or suggestion that you have about student life, living in Groningen as an international, or about the EBF, he/she will listen to you! Send an e-mail to international@ebfgroningen.nl and make an appointment to drink a cup of coffee or tea.



DID YOU KNOW?

**ALMOST ALL OF THE EBF EVENTS ARE IN ENGLISH
AND ARE OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!**

The large majority of the EBF Events are in English so that all of the FEB's students can enjoy them! The same goes for the EBF Committees: most committees are open to international students, so that everyone will get the chance to gain practical experience through committee work. When an event requires knowledge of the Dutch language, it will be made clear in the event's description. The good news is that there are not many events held in Dutch!

EBF CONFERENCE

6 & 7TH OF OCTOBER

With around 600 participants each year, the EBF Conference is the largest economic and business conference of the Netherlands. Sit back and get inspired by the biggest speakers from the business and governmental world! This year's theme will be: Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunities: triumphs and challenges in an ever-changing world. A speaker that already has been announced is a Senior Policy Analyst, Kir Nuthi. Keep your eye on our social media to find out about the other speakers of the day! Make sure you don't miss this amazing event! You can

LEADERSHIP PANELS

Just as with the EBF Conference, you can sit back and get inspired at one of the EBF Leadership Panels. EBF Leadership Panels are inspiring guest lectures given by an influential person from the business and/or political environment. Examples of previous speaker are Mark Rutte (Prime Minister of the Netherlands), Frans Everts (President Director SHELL Nederland), Tjeerd Jegen (CEO Hema), Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, and Paul Polman (CEO Unilever).

TED X UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

The TEDxUniversity of Groningen is organized in collaboration with the University of Groningen and the EBF. The event is for all students of the entire university. During the event, professors, business people and other academics will speak about their visions and experiences. Every year the challenge of new development(s) is taken on by this event and a unique TEDx is organised.

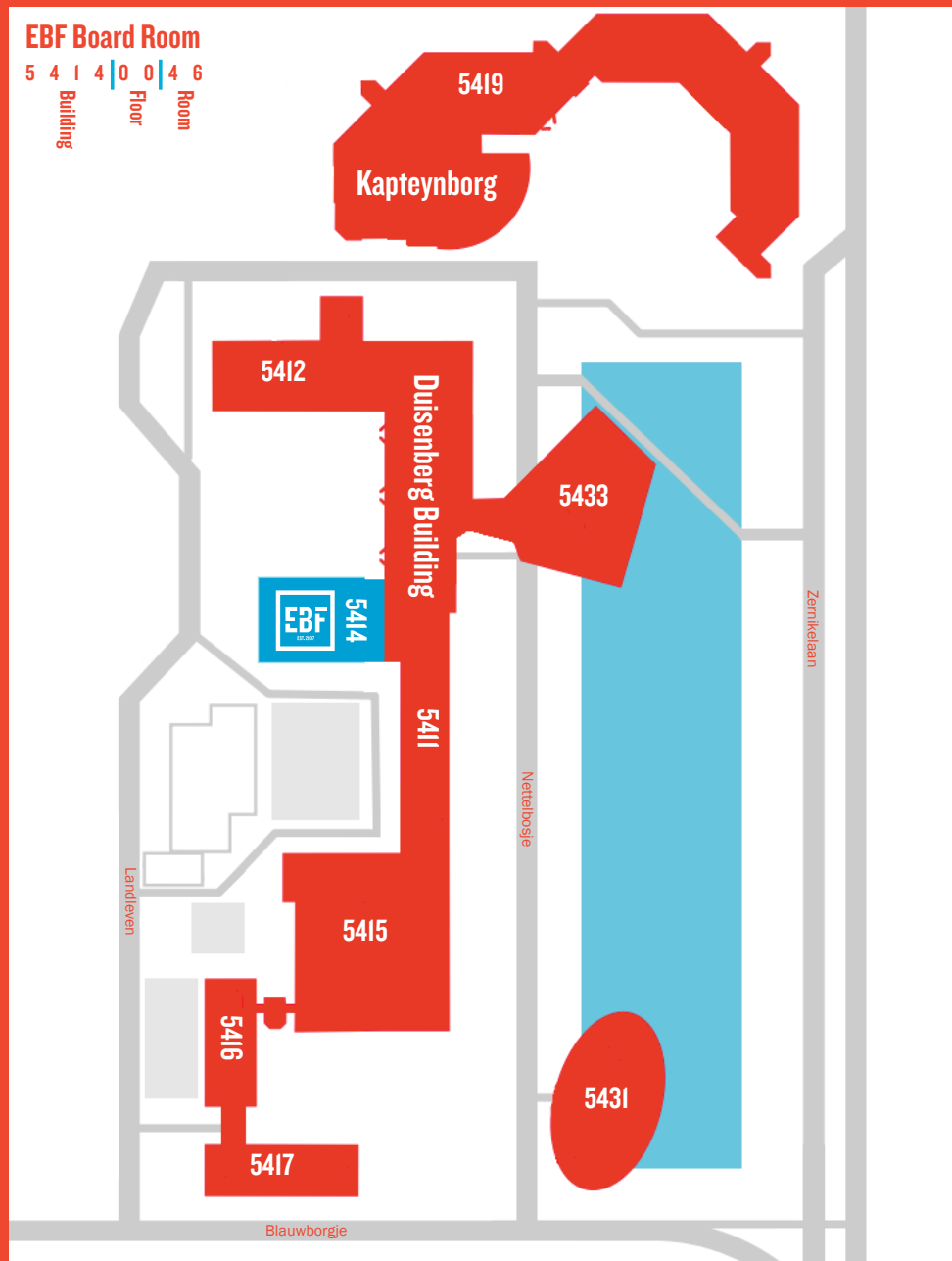


WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

EBF Board Room

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Building
Floor
Room



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: *What is the difference between a student association and a study association?*

A: A student association, such as a social club or sports association, is open to students from all studies, and often focuses on recreation and social events. Study associations, such as the EBF, are only open to students who are studying at specific faculty that association serves. The EBF not only organises social-, but also career- and study related events. The EBF offers the whole package! It is also good to know that there is no hazing period (“ontgroening”) when you become a(n) (active) member!

Q: *Where can I find the EBF?*

A: The EBF Board Room (5414.0046) is in the Study Associations wing of the Duisenberg Building at the Zernike Campus. See a map where you can find us on the left page! The entrance to the Study Associations wing is behind the Student Support Desk in the Duisenberg Plaza.

Q: *How can I contact you?*

A: You can send an email to info@ebfgroningen.nl or drop by our office!

Q: *When can I apply for an EBF Committee?*

A: You can apply for an EBF Committee in both September and February! Keep an eye out for the specific deadlines on our website: <https://www.ebfgroningen.nl/recruitment/>.

Q: *Are the EBF Events open to international students?*

A: More than 90% of our events are completely in English, and are, therefore, open to international students. The language of the events is always indicated in the event description on our Facebook page.

Q: *Do I need to send in my CV when I sign up for events?*

A: For almost all of the EBF Events you need no knowledge on the topics that are discussed at all; the events are meant to be accessible to all FEB students unless otherwise indicated. Therefore, for most events, you do not need to send in your CV; just sign up and gain new experiences and insights!

Q: *How do I become a member?*

A: Sign up on our website: <https://www.ebfgroningen.nl/become-a-member/>. Membership is only €7,50 a year!



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