



FIRST YEAR STUDENT BROCHURE

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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!**

**4500
MEMBERS**

**180
ACTIVE
MEMBERS**

**31
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. Also, for first year bachelor students there is a physical book sale available for the books of block 1.1. Keep your eyes on the EBF Website for more info!

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

E-BOOK PLATFORM LIX

TEXTBOOKS AND STUDY TOOLS—THERE IS AN APP FOR THAT!

Lix places the power in the hands of the students, enabling them to own their education and take control of their student life. Students studying with Lix can find all their textbooks and study tools—things like Search, Notes, Highlight, Translate and more—on one platform. Lix is offering a FREE 14-day trial—no credit card needed, cancel anytime. Go to lix.com to learn more about your new study app. You even get discount as a member of the EBF!

INTRODUCTION WEEKEND

At the EBF Introduction Weekend you will be able to meet your fellow students and kick-start your time in Groningen! On 7-8-9 September we will leave to the beautiful holiday resort Pagedal. Together with around 400 students you will engage in all kinds of fun activities like karting, bubble football, an international game and incredible parties. 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 4th 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 at the Branderij for only €5 per person! This will include a main course and one free drink. Afterwards, you can go to the Beginning of the Year Party!

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 per drink and €0,50 during Happy Hour. Besides the monthly socials, there are four big parties: the EBF Beginning of the Year Party, EBF/JFV Christmas Ball, EBF Mid-Year Party, and the EBF End of the Year Party.

SUMMARIES AND EXAM TRAINING

Next to the EBF Book Sale, the EBF provides several discounts on summaries and exam courses! At the EBF Shop you can buy all the summaries you need for your studies. The EBF Shop is situated in the Duisenberg Building opposite to the reception. It is open every day from 12.30h till 13.30h.

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 Duisenberg building (Zernike) or at the EBF Board room!

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 22 September 23:59!

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES

- Academy Committee
- Active Members Committee
- Activity Committee
- Y1 BC Bedrijfskunde
- Y1 BC Economics & Business Economics
- Y1 BC International Business
- Commercial Committee
- International Committee
- Promotion Committee
- Speakers Committee

FEBRUARY COMMITTEES

- Academy Committee
- EBF/JFV Christmas Ball
- Economic Event
- Introduction Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Speakers Committee

BACHELOR COMMUNITIES (BCs)

An EBF Bachelor Community (BC) is a unique type of EBF Committee. Bachelor Communities consist of students from a specific year of a specific study programme, who organise events and services aimed at students who are in the same year and programme. As a BC member, you will organise events that will bring your fellow first year students in your programme closer together. You will be the one to create a community feeling.



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

3 & 4 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: (Dis)Connecting the World. A speaker that already has been announced is the CEO of Nestlé NL: Fabrice Favero. 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 sign up via www.ebfconference.nl!

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), Tjeerd Jegen (CEO Hema), Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, and Paul Polman (CEO Unilever).

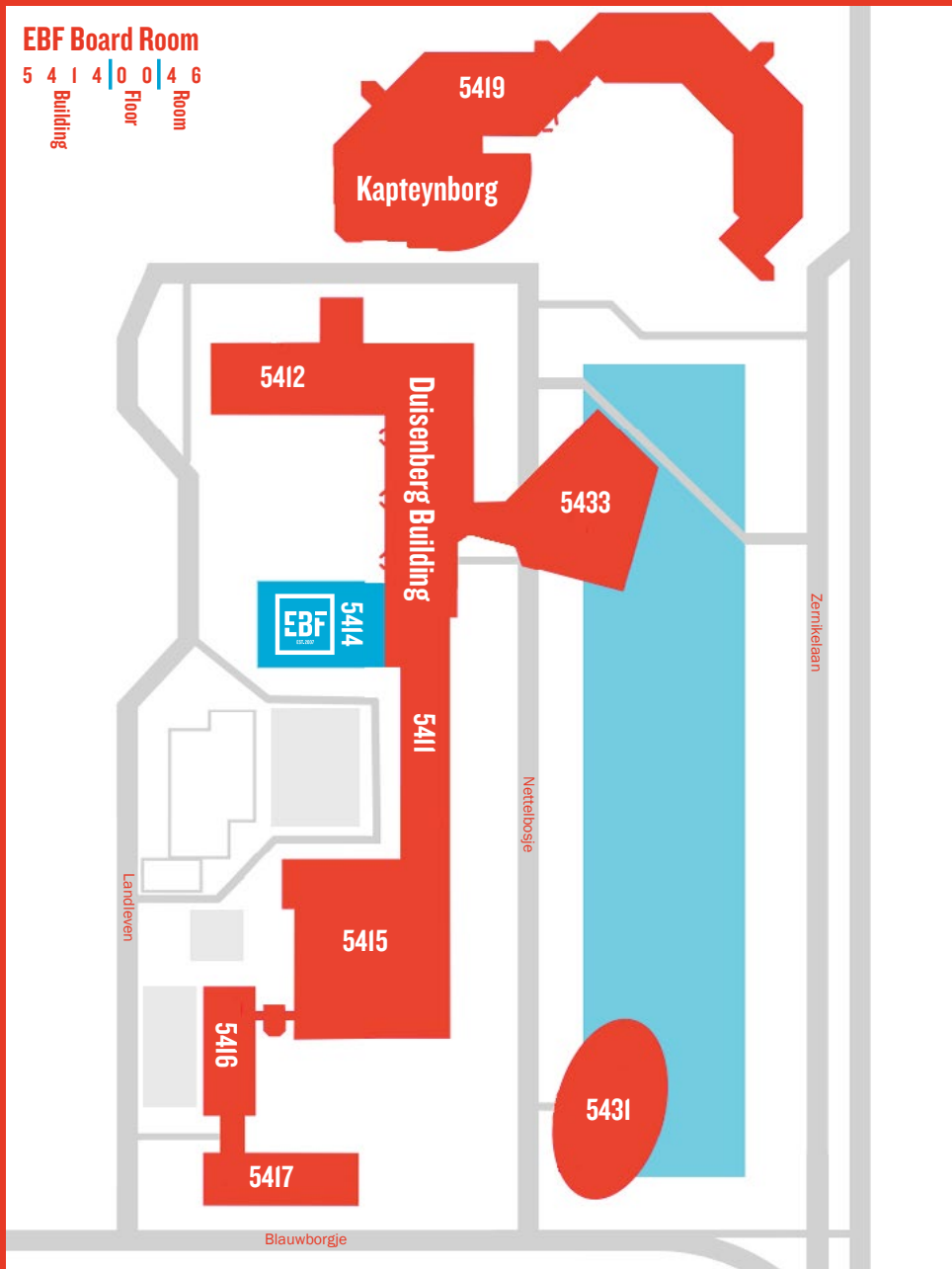
EYE ON..

Eye on... is organised based upon a topic which is in the news at the moment. In this event several speakers share their vision on this specific topic. Topics that were discussed last years are Eye on... The U.S. Elections, Eye on... Refugees and Eye on... Gas in Groningen. For the Eye On... and Leadership Panels, no sign up is required. Just drop by and sit back!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP EVENINGS

Are you interested in entrepreneurship? During the EBF Entrepreneurship Evenings, inspiring entrepreneurs will share their stories about how they started their companies, what challenges they faced, and what their plans are for the future. Sign-up, sit back and listen to their interesting stories. You are also more than welcome to ask them any questions you might have. These evenings are free of charge, and so are drinks and snacks that will be provided after the talks.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?



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, call (0031) (0)50 363 3702, 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.ebfg groningen.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.ebfg groningen.nl/become-a-member/>. Membership is only €7,50 a year!



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