

Concerns: Introduction Period
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Faculty Association Ibn Battuta

Dear prospective student,

Welcome to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences! We are Ibn Battuta, the Faculty Association of Spatial Sciences. We organize a broad range of activities like Social Drinks, study and career-related activities, foreign trips, and a winter sports trip for our members.

As a Faculty Association, we will be present at the **Introduction Day**. On this day you will learn everything you need to know about studying at our Faculty, the different organizations of the Faculty, and you will get to know your Learning Community. On **Monday the 2nd of September**, you are welcome in Groningen for a fun afternoon program with Ibn Battuta. You will get to know the city and relax a bit with our Association. Afterward, you can have dinner with your Learning Community and in the evening you are welcome at a Social Drink to celebrate the beginning of your studies!

Some senior students of our Association will provide sleeping accommodations for after the Social Drink on the 2nd of September if you do not live in Groningen yet. If you want to stay the night, please let us know via the contact info below!

Next to an Introduction Day, we will organize an **Introduction Period** in the **first two weeks** of the academic year. To join the activities in our Introduction Period you have to become a member of Ibn Battuta for just **€18,-** a year. You have the possibility to become a member of Ibn Battuta on the Introduction Day on the 2nd of September. You can also sign up for a membership via our website (www.ibnbattuta.nl)! As a member, you can benefit from discounts on your study books, you can get assistance during your studies, and participate in the various activities organized by Ibn Battuta, such as trips abroad, parties, social drinks, and excursions. On top of that, you will get free coffee in our Coffee Room and receive the almanac, our yearbook!

If you choose to become a member, you can also order study books at a discount on www.ibnbattuta.nl. When you have ordered your books, they will be delivered to your home address! If you do not live in the Netherlands yet, we offer the possibility for the books to be delivered at our address so you can come to pick them up later, as the supplier does not deliver outside The Netherlands. Please make sure that you add our address (Nettelbosje 2; 9747 AE Groningen) as the delivery address and your own address for the invoice. The Association provides a platform for a second-hand booksale on the website and physically for our members too.

The **Introduction Period** in the **first two weeks** of the academic year provides you with a lot of great activities where you can get to know the Association. Joining our Introduction Period is a great way to get to know other first-year students as well!

One of the events organized in the Introduction Period is the **Introduction Weekend** on Ameland on the **6th, 7th, and 8th of September**. Here, you will get to know the Association even better and you will have a lot of opportunities to make friends with your fellow first-year students! What better way to spend the first weekend of your study year?

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The **Introduction Weekend** will cost around **€75,-**. This includes food and accommodation at the Introduction Weekend, as well as a membership of Ibn Battuta. A membership is also available separately for just **€18,-** a year! During the Introduction Day, you will be given the chance to subscribe to both options. Payment will happen through recurrent authorization, which means all future payments for other activities will happen automatically and you do not have to sign separate authorizations.

There will be an opportunity to get an All Access Pass this year to get a **secured** spot at every activity of the Introduction Period, including the Introduction Weekend! Next to a secured spot, you also get a discount on these activities. On the 5th of August the sign ups will open, if you are already interested in securing an All Access Pass you can send a mail to board@ibnbattuta.nl.

We want to stress that the Introduction Weekend is **not an initiation**. Ibn Battuta is not a fraternity or student association, but a Faculty Association. We do not demand anything from you, since this weekend is meant for you to have fun. This also means hard liquor and drugs are not tolerated. The entire weekend is under the supervision of the “Advies Commissie Introductietijden en Incidenten” (Advisory Committee for Introductory Periods and Incidents, ACII for short). More information about the ACII can be found on www.rug.nl/studenten/aci. The packing list and further information will follow after you have signed up for the Introduction Weekend!

If you want to know more about us or the activities mentioned above, take a look at our website! If you have any other questions about us, student life in Groningen, or anything else, you can always contact us. Mail to board@ibnbattuta.nl or Whatsapp with our board: David (+31 6 48401188) and Esther (+31 6 13073335) are always approachable for any questions!

We hope to see you during the Introduction Period!

On behalf of the 64th board of Faculty Association Ibn Battuta,



David Janssen
Secretary & Vice Chairman