MSc in Psychology

training to become a scientist --- practitioner

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scientist ---

lab experiments  questionnaires  computer tests

field observations  bargaining games
MRI scans

EEG

blood pressure

stress hormones

DNA

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Career perspectives
Orientation in internship, (extra)curricular events

Theoretical, professional and research skills
Courses
Thesis

Diversity
Students with various backgrounds:
• BSc Psychology Leiden University
• Other BSc Psy programs in NL or abroad
• Adjacent bachelor programs, via premaster’s program
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10 specialisations  MSc Psy  60 EC

- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- School Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
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4 specialisations MSc Psy (research) 120 EC

- Clinical and Health Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology
Differences with BSc program

• Language: Plenary lectures English
  Skills courses English or Dutch
  Internship English or Dutch
  Thesis English

N.B. English language courses at Talencentrum Univ. Leiden

• Time investment

• Even stronger orientation on professional disciplines, work fields, career perspectives

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expectations

What can you expect from a master’s specialisation?

Be a *Student for a Day*. By attending a lecture and in discussions with a student, you learn more about the MSc specialisation that you are considering.
expectations

• **What can you expect from the work field?**
  - talk with workers in the field
  - guest lectures
  - student conferences on career perspectives

• **What will the work field expect from you?**
  - talk with workers in the field
  - employment advertisements
  - excursions, traineeship, volunteer work
example: multiple disciplinary perspectives

- virtual presence of many others
- (ir)rational choices?
- overstimulation
- E-commerce
- health and well-being?
- time/stress management
- social-emotional development
- multi-tasking
- addiction?
- reliable self-reports about use?
- design of interfaces
- conformity pressures

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career perspectives

orientation on the competitive labour market

is not the same as

orientation on various professional disciplines
for example, labour market......

- Philips, Sony, Unilever, Shell
- Institutions for mental health care
- School counselling services
- International banking
- Hospitals
- Clinical practices
- Business consultancies
- Municipality
- Ministry of Education, Culture & Science
- Research Institutions
example: in hospitals

workers from various disciplines:

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- Clinical Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
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- School Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
example: in banks

workers form various disciplines:

- Occupational Health Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
example: in mental health care (MHC)

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career perspectives ..... 

Labyrint
Studievereniging der Psychologie

Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen
Sectie Psychologie Studenten

Symposia
Lectures
Workshops
Excursions

Counseling
Workshops
Training

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curriculum MSc Psychology 60 EC

5 non-clinical specialisations: ACP, ECP, MSP, OHP, SOP:
- Courses in specialisation: 20 EC
- Thesis: 20 EC
- Courses (electives): 10 EC
- Internship: 10 EC practice and/or research, outside/inside university

5 clinical specialisations: CAP, CNP, CP, HMP, SP:
- Courses in specialisation: 20 EC
- Thesis: 20 EC
- You may opt for:
  - Clinical practical internship: 20 EC practice, required for post-master MHC (GZ) in NL; outside university

+ honours? Leiden Leadership Program 15 EC
perspectives on post-master education
twice a year:

24 May 2019
“Broaden your Horizon” Dutch + Eng Psychologie en Toekomstperspectief

... November 2019
“Informatie-avond post-masters” Dutch
type of internship => duration of MSc

10 EC internship outside / inside Institute Psy. fits within 1-year program

20 EC option in CAP, CNP, CP, HMP, SP: clinical practical internship outside Institute Psy. often takes longer: in total 1½ to 2 years program
career perspectives

For you, orientation via

+ internship (10 or 20 EC)
+ career events (alumni) in/outside univ.
+ volunteer work out/inside univ.
+ traineeship (e.g. honours program)

may be more fruitful
than taking many extra courses ....
career perspectives

Employers are particularly interested in

+ internship, thesis
+ extra-curricular activities out/inside univ.
  work experience
  volunteer jobs
  participation in committees univ.
  honours program
  study association
MSc Psychology (research)  120 EC

Intake of ca. 40 students per year

Selection of applicants

Stronger focus on scientific research, methodology and statistics

Prepares students for PhD programs and research positions outside academia
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4 specialisations MSc Psy (research) 120 EC

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• Cognitive Neuroscience
• Developmental Psychology
• Social and Organisational Psychology

in Faculty of Science
• Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences
curriculum MSc Psychology (r)  120 C

All 4 specialisations (tracks):

General modules  40 EC  research, statistics, writing, presenting, ethics
Courses in specialisation  20 EC
Courses (electives)  20 EC
Research thesis  20 EC
Research internship  20 EC  inside/outside Leiden Univ.

Electives may be taken from
MSc Psychology
MSc Psychology (research)
MSc (research) programs at Leiden University or elsewhere
career as a **scientist -- practitioner** in Mental Health Care

Step 1  2-year MSc Psychology (research) in Clinical and Health Psychology or Developmental Psychology

Step 2  Electives (20 EC) as part of MSc Psy (research): skills courses from 1-year program MSc Psy

Step 3  In addition, on top: Clinical practical internship 20 EC
# Be on time ....

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Admission requirements for one-year MSc Psy and two-year MSc Psy (research)
One-year MSc in Psychology

• Students with a BSc Psychology from Leiden University are directly eligible for admission, if at least the appropriate specialisation course has been completed.

• Students with a different educational background should:
  • have a Bachelor degree at a Research University or demonstrate the ability to meet the requirements for such a degree
  • have sufficient knowledge of Methodology and Statistics (at least 20 EC)
  • possess knowledge on university level of the following topics:
    • *Introduction to Psychology, Social and Organisational Psychology, Personality Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Neuropsychology and/or Psychophysiology and/or Biopsychology, Clinical and Abnormal Psychology, Developmental and Educational Psychology, Theory or training in interpersonal skills (interview, counselling, discussion techniques, etc.), Theory or training in psychodiagnostics.*
    • have completed at least 30 EC on a third year Bachelor level on topics pertaining to this master specialisation.

• (Some) prospective students should have proof of thorough proficiency in English by means of one of the IELTS or TOEFL.
Two-year MSc in Psychology (r)

- All students have to apply for admission to the Research Master.

- The requirements are (almost) the same as for the one-year MSc.

- Differences: students interested in the Research Master
  - need to have a high grade for the bachelor’s thesis and a high average grade for coursework (7.5 or higher or ranking among the top 20% of your class)
  - need higher scores on the language tests.
any questions?