

MSc in Psychology (research) program

Prof. dr. Sander Nieuwenhuis

Scientific Coordinator MSc (research)



**Universiteit
Leiden**
The Netherlands

Discover the world at Leiden University

Research Master

Degree:	MSc in Psychology (research)
Type of Program:	Full-Time
Duration:	2 years
Start Date:	September and February
Language:	English
Nr of students:	~40/year
Entry Requirements:	√ BSc in Psychology, advanced courses pertaining to the chosen track √ High average grade (>7.5) √ Superior grade for the bachelor's thesis (7.5 or above) √ Solid background in methods & statistics
Application:	See info at mastersinleiden.nl. Applications will be processed a.s.a.p.
Deadlines:	15 June and 1 December

Challenging program

- **Prepare for a career as a top researcher in psychology, inside or outside academia**
- **Improve methodological and statistical skills**
- **Learn how to improve your scientific writing and presentation skills**
- **Curriculum is demanding and requires persistence**

Curriculum

- **Obligatory general coursework** **40 EC**
- **Obligatory track-specific coursework** **20 EC**
- **Electives** **20 EC**
- **Thesis** **20 EC**
- **Internship** **20 EC**

Obligatory general coursework

- Evaluating psychological research design
- **Experimentation I: Programming psychological experiments**
- **Experimentation II: Neuro-scientific research methods**
- **Applied multivariate data analysis – Mini courses in statistics**
- **Responsible research in practice**
- **Scientific writing**
- **Presenting your research**

Four specialisations (tracks)

- **Clinical & Health Psychology**
(can be combined with parts of 1-year program MSc CP or HMP)
- **Cognitive Neuroscience**
- **Developmental Psychology**
(can be combined with parts of 1-year program MSc CAP or SP)
- **Social and Organisational Psychology**

in Faculty of Science:

- **Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences**

Examples of track-specific coursework

Track	Obligatory	Elective
Clinical & Health	Biological Underpinnings of Psychopathology	Eating Disorders
Cog Neuro	Cognitive Neuroscience of Action Control	Decision Making: Theory and Practice
Development	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	Behaviour Training with Children
Social & Organisation	Social Judgment and Decision Making	Motivation, Power, and Leadership

Internship and thesis

- **Year 2**
- **Research master students' own computer room**
- **Possibility to go abroad**
- **Need to organise your own funding (grants: e.g. LUF)**

Year 1

Semester 1

Semester 2

Obligatory general courses	15	Obligatory general courses	15
Obligatory track-specific courses	10	Obligatory track-specific courses	10
Electives (track and free)	5	Electives (track and free)	5

Year 2

Semester 3

Semester 4

		Obligatory general courses	10
		Electives (track and free)	10
Internship/Thesis	30	Thesis	10

RM Staff representatives to contact

- **Scientific coordinator** **Sander Nieuwenhuis**
- **Secretary** **Wilma van Velzen**
- **Study adviser** **Mirthe Haas, Evelien Wolthuis**

- **Clinical & Health** **Bart Verkuil**
- **Cogn. Neuroscience** **Sander Nieuwenhuis**
- **Developmental** **Anna van Duijvenvoorde**
- **Social & Organisational** **Lotte van Dillen**

Career prospects

- **Academic career: PhD in psychology**
 - ✓ the job market is pretty good (Rathenau Institute report 'De zin van promoveren')
 - ✓ the life is very good!
- **research agencies**
- **private firms**
- **governmental institutions focusing on research**
- **consultancy**

Student for a Day?

Want to experience what it's like to do this research master?

Be a Student for a Day!

By attending a lecture and discussions with a student, you can learn more about the programme that you are considering

**For dates and to sign up, check out
masters.universiteitleiden.nl/psychology-research**

Looking forward to your applications!

Feel free to contact

Sander Nieuwenhuis

snieuwenhuis@fsw.leidenuniv.nl

