MSc in Psychology (research) program

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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

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<td>Social &amp; Organisation</td>
<td>Social Judgment and Decision Making</td>
<td>Motivation, Power, and Leadership</td>
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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

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## Year 2

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**Obligatory general courses:**
- 10 credits

**Electives (track and free):**
- 10 credits

**Internship/Thesis:**
- 30 credits

**Thesis:**
- 10 credits
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

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