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
√ 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

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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 an empirical study
• Experimentation I: Programming psychological experiments
• Experimentation II: Neuro-scientific research methods
• Applied multivariate data analysis
• 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 & Organisational Psychology
  => as of September 2020: Social & Economic Psychology

in Faculty of Science:
• Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences
**Examples of track-specific coursework**

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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

## Semester 1 | Semester 2

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## RM Staff representatives to contact

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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! (“Meeloopdagen”) By attending a lecture and discussions with a student, you can learn more about the program that you are considering.

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

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Looking forward to your applications!

Feel free to contact

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