MSc in Psychology

training to become a scientist --- practitioner

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scientist ---

lab experiments
field observations

questionnaires
bargaining games

computer tests
training to become a scientist --- practitioner

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
training to become a scientist --- practitioner

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

as of Sept. 2020: Social and Economic 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
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?
- E-commerce
- overstimulation
- time/stress management
- health and well-being?
- multi-tasking
- social-emotional development
- reliable self-reports about use?
- addiction?
- 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

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example: in banks

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example: in mental health care (MHC)

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career perspectives

Labyrinth
Studievereniging der Psychologie

NIP
Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen
Sectie Psychologie Studenten

Studenten Loopbaan Service
Sociale Wetenschappen

symposia
lectures
workshops
excursions
counseling
training
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  20 EC
perspectives on post-master education

twice a year:

20 March 2020
“Psychologie en Toekomstperspectief”
“Broaden your Horizon”
Dutch + Eng

.. November 2020
“Informatie-avond post-masters”
Dutch

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type of internship $\Rightarrow$ duration of MSc

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

20 EC option in CAP, CNP, CP, HMP, SP: clinical practical internship outside Institute Psy. often takes longer: $\Rightarrow$ 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; be on time…..

Stronger focus on scientific research, methodology and statistics

 Prepares students for PhD programs and research positions outside academia
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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?