

Info for new students

MSc in Psychology (research)

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Welcome!



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Four specialisations (tracks)

- Clinical & Health Psychology
 - Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Social & Economic Psychology
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- 2-yr program
 - 30-40 students
 - Multidisciplinary perspective
 - Research with translational skills

Programme overview

- Obligatory **general** coursework 40 EC
- Obligatory **track-specific** coursework 20 EC
- **Electives** 15 EC
- **Thesis** 25 EC
- **Internship** 20 EC

Suggested schedule obligatory coursework

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Scientific Writing (5 EC)	Evaluating an Empirical Study (5 EC)	Experimentation I: Programming (5 EC)	Experimentation II: Neuroscientific methods (5 EC)
Applied Multivariate Data Analysis - Fall (5 EC)		Applied Multivariate Data Analysis - Spring (5 EC)	
Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)
Elective (5 EC)		Elective (5 EC)	

Suggested schedule obligatory coursework

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Elective (5 EC)	Responsible Research in Practice*(5 EC)	Master Thesis	Presenting Your Research (5 EC) Responsible Research in Practice* (5 EC)
Research Internship		Master Thesis	

Electives

- Most track-specific courses from other three tracks
- Many courses from 1-year MSc specializations
- Courses from ‘Profile Brain & Cognition’
- Course ‘Essentials on Data Science’ (master Statistics and Data Science)
- Research Apprenticeship (RAP) 5 ECTS elective – positions made available on Brightspace throughout the year

Website

The master's programme in Psychology (research) is a two-year programme that is focused on acquiring research skills in a particular field of psychology. Students choose one out of four tracks within the research master's programme. All students, irrespective of their track, receive advanced training in methodology specific for psychological research and in scientific writing and presentation. Students may choose relevant courses offered within the Institute of Psychology as electives. If this concerns a compulsory course offered in another research master track or master specialisation, students should always contact the course coordinator in a timely manner to request participation. Students who wish to gain more specialised knowledge of cognitive and brain sciences may choose from a wide range of elective courses offered in other master's programmes at Leiden University (See profile Brain and Cognition).

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- [Social and Economic Psychology](#)

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Master's Kick Off

Electives

Career Perspective

At this day (beginning of September for students starting in September / late January for students starting in February) your attendance is strongly advised.

During the Master's Kick Off you will be handed important information on how to organise your studies at Leiden University. A representative of your specialisation will be present. You do not want to miss this!

Once the event page of the Master's Kick Off is available, you can find it on the right-hand side of [this page](#).

Links

[Brightspace](#)

[MyStudymap](#)

[Academische Jaarkalender](#)

[Studentenportal](#)

[Boeken Labyrint](#)

[Vacatures MSc in Psychology](#)

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In addition to the obligatory general (40 EC) and track-specific courses (20 EC), the Research Internship (20 EC) and Master Thesis (20 EC), research master's students can choose electives (20 EC) from a range of courses. Students are responsible for verifying whether an elective course fits into their schedule of compulsory coursework. This also applies to the 'Relevant track-specific electives' listed for each track.

1. The general elective Research Apprenticeship Psychology (5 EC)
2. Most courses from the other three tracks of the research master's programme (check entry requirements in the Prospectus)
3. [Electives from the 1-year MSc Psychology programme](#)
4. Students from the Clinical and Health Psychology track and Developmental Psychology track who wish to prepare for post-master clinical training take as electives the required clinical skills courses from the 1-year MSc Psychology programme.
5. The course Essentials for Data Science (6 EC), offered as part of the master's programme Statistics and Data Science. For this course, research master's students are exempt from the normal requirement to ask approval from the Board of Examiners to take a course from another master's programme.
6. Students who wish to gain more specialised knowledge of cognitive and brain sciences may choose from a wide range of elective courses offered in other master's programmes at Leiden University (see 'Elective courses from the profile Brain and Cognition').
7. Students who wish to take other courses offered at Leiden University or courses offered at other universities in the Netherlands or abroad should request permission from the Board of Examiners, preferably well in advance of the start of the course. Requests should include a motivation statement and a link to the Prospectus page of the course. The Board of Examiners evaluates the students' requests by assessing the academic level and relevance for the student's domain of specialisation.

Electives if you want to qualify for post-master clinical education

- Applicable to Clinical & Health / Developmental Psychology students
- C&H are advised to take 3 clinical skill courses from CP 1-yr master program: Basic Therapeutic Skills, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, and Clinical Interviewing and Assessment
- DP students are advised to take 2 clinical skill courses from CAP 1-yr master program: Advanced Psychodiagnostics, Behaviour training with Children or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy with Young People. NB: In case you want to make a combination with SP 1-yr master program: Need-based assessment and School-based Prevention and Intervention
- In addition, research master's students must carry out an *extracurricular* 20-ECTS clinical internship at the end of their programme
- Whether students can apply for post-master clinical training and which electives they must take also depends on the courses that they took during their bachelor's program. The criteria for this can be consulted here: <https://www.vlogo.nl/>. Students may also consult the MSc study advisor with specific questions on whether they fulfil the criteria

RM Internship

- **20 ECTS Research Internship Project**
- **Take time to orient yourself**
 - Advertisements on Brightspace (online learning environment)
 - Ask Internship Coordinator/mentor for guidance
 - Start orienting in the second semester of your first year
 - Information meeting in block 3/4
- **Practical information**
 - Can start at any point in time during your 2nd year
 - Need approval of Internship Coordinator (=mentor of your track except for C&H)
 - For doing an internship or thesis project abroad: discuss with your mentor and register through uSis via the 'Study Abroad' tile.

RM Thesis

- **25 ECTS Research Project**

- **Take time to orient yourself**

- Advertisements on Brightspace (online learning environment)
- Ask Thesis Coordinator/mentor for guidance
- Start orienting in the second semester of your first year
- Information meeting

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- Can start at any point in time during your 2nd year
- Need approval of Thesis Coordinator (=mentor of your track except for C&H)
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Planning your studies

- Come to the **Master Kick-off**
- In the first week there will be a set of Introductory activities and welcome events for new RM students

- Meet the Research Master Educational Committee (become a student member?)
- Meet the study advisers (all masters)
- Meet your mentor (track specific)
- Meet a second-year student
- Meet the master-coordinator
- Drinks

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