MSc in Psychology (research) program

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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)
√ Good in stats/methods (7 or above)
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

• Designing an empirical study
• Experimentation I: Programming psychological experiments
• Experimentation II: Neuro-scientific research methods
• Applied multivariate data analysis – Mini courses in statistics
• Analysis of own data
• Scientific writing
• Presenting your research
Four specialisations (tracks) in Psy

• 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  (today 15.15-16.00)
### Examples of track-specific coursework

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<td>Social Judgment and Decision Making</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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RM Staff representatives to contact

- **Scientific coordinator**  
  Prof. dr. Sander Nieuwenhuis

- **Secretary**  
  Wilma van Velzen

- **Study adviser**  
  Mirthe Haas, LL.M

- **Clinical & Health**  
  Dr. Winnie Gebhardt

- **Cogn. Neuroscience**  
  Prof. dr. Bernhard Hommel

- **Developmental**  
  Dr. Anna van Duijvenvoorde

- **Social & Organisational**  
  Dr. Lotte van Dillen
Career prospects

• Academic career: PhD in psychology
  ✓ the job market is pretty good
  ✓ the life is very good!

• research agencies
• private firms
• governmental institutions focusing on research
• consultancy
Looking forward to your applications!

Feel free to contact

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