



## MSc Behavioural and Social Sciences (research)

Are you considering a research career in an academic or an applied setting? Do you want to specialize within a field of behavioural and social sciences and at the same time receive a multidisciplinary training? Then our two-year English taught research master programme could be the right choice for you.

### Three multidisciplinary themes

You choose one of our three multidisciplinary themes. The theme-specific courses will give you a broad view on the theme and will introduce you to the unique perspectives of the theme-related specializations. In the course of the first semester you will choose your own specialization. It will enable you to tailor your master to the topics that you wish to engage in.

#### >Mental Health: Perspectives from Neuro- and Clinical Psychology

What are the origins of psychopathological and brain disorders? *Specializations:* Clinical Neuropsychology | Clinical Psychology | Psychometrics and Statistics

#### >Individual Development in Social Context

How do individuals develop across their lifespan? *Specializations:* Developmental Psychology | Pedagogical and Educational Sciences | Orthopedagogy | Psychometrics and Statistics | Sociology

#### >Understanding Societal Change

How do individuals and groups adapt to the changing world? *Specializations:* Environmental Psychology | Organizational Psychology | Psychometrics and Statistics | Social Psychology | Sociology

### Application deadline

1 September

1 May

### Tuition fees (2025-2026)

EU/EEA: €2,601/year

Non EU/EEA: €21,400/year

### Duration

2 years

### Entry requirements

- Bachelor degree in Psychology, Sociology, Pedagogical or Educational Sciences or a related field
- above-average grades
- strong motivation for one of the themes
- interest in research
- good command of English

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### More information

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*Course titles are subject to change. Please consult the website for a current course schedule.*

### Course examples

#### First year (joint courses)

- Advanced statistics
- How to theorize
- Applied statistics

#### Second year (joint courses)

- Multidisciplinary research in action
- Reflecting on science and integrity
- (Clinical) traineeship

### Career opportunities

- Conduct fundamental and applied research in the social and behavioural sciences
- Ideal preparation for PhD programs