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**KEY FACTS**
- Start programme: September / February
- Duration: 24 months
- Tuition fees EU: approx. €2,060; non-EU: approx. €11,400 (50% of non-EU fee covered by us)

**COURSE EXAMPLES**
- Power, Oppression, Justice
- Philosophy of Neuroscience
- History of Moral Philosophy: Spinoza
- Research in Practice II: writing a PhD proposal

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Should the state protect our privacy? Are there objective moral truths? How do biological processes give rise to cognition? What is valid reasoning?

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- Internationally renowned staff
- Friendly atmosphere, personal supervision
- Students can apply for paid teaching assistantships
- Two PhD positions per year reserved for our own RM students

**Application**
- Application deadline for September EU: 1 May
- Application deadline for February: (EU and non-EU): 1 November

**Admission**
- BA in Philosophy or BA partly devoted to philosophy
- Grade average equivalent to 7.5 out of 10 (Dutch system)
- English: TOEFL: 100/120 or IELTS: 7, no score lower than 6.5.
- Further requirements may apply. See our admission page.