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faculty of philosophy

MSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Fact Sheet: Application and Admissions

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The Master in PPE is a one-year programme comprising 60 ECTS. The programme is taught in English. Our academic year runs from September 1st until June 30th. Enrolment is September 1st. The application deadline is April 1 for non-EU/-EEA students and May 1 for EU/EEA students.

Websites

- PPE Master: <https://www.rug.nl/masters/philosophy-politics-and-economics/>
- PPE Centre: <https://www.rug.nl/filosofie/ppe/>
- Faculty of Philosophy: <http://www.rug.nl/filosofie>
- General information for prospective students: <http://www.rug.nl/prospectivestudents>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

To apply, please provide us with the following information and documents:

- Copy of bachelor certificate or proof of enrolment including expected graduation date: The programme is open to students with Bachelor degrees in PPE, philosophy, political science, and economics, as well as to students with Bachelor degrees in other related fields, such as international relations, history, sociology, or psychology, provided they demonstrate a sufficiently close fit with PPE or one of its subdisciplines.
- Academic transcript: We expect applicants to have at least an average score of 7.5 out of 10 on the Dutch grading system in their Bachelor's (7.5 on to the Dutch grading system roughly corresponds to an A-/B+ in the US system). If the programme involved a thesis, we also expect at least an 7.5 on the Dutch grading system. The admissions office will check how far an international candidate's GPA corresponds to our requirements on the Dutch grading system.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Motivation letter (between one and three pages): please explain why you wish to study our PPE Master – where applicable also in context of your long-term plans – and what qualifies you for the programme.
- Writing sample (between 3,000 and 10,000 words): This can be your Bachelor thesis or a paper on a relevant subject.

- Two reference letters: These should be from academic staff and signed by your referee.
- Proof of English proficiency: you will need to prove your proficiency in English through one of the following tests (the test cannot be older than two years):
 - IELTS, minimum overall score 7.0 with no band lower than 6.5;
 - TOEFL at least 100 overall score, with section scores being at least 22 for Reading, 26 for Speaking, and 24 for Writing (our institution code is 7191).

This requirement does not apply if:

- you are a native speaker and have completed your secondary education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia
- you have completed your bachelor education in any one of the following countries: Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia

HOW TO APPLY

International students

If you are an international applicant, first register in Studielink and then upload your application files onto the Online Application System (OAS). Visit <http://www.rug.nl/howtoapply> and follow the steps.

Additionally, have your referees send their letters directly to phil.ma.admisson@rug.nl – ensure letters arrive before the deadline.

Students with a Dutch degree

If you apply on the basis of a Dutch Bachelor degree, first register in Studielink and then send your application files to ppe@rug.nl. Visit <https://www.rug.nl/education/nederlandse-studenten/inschrijven/master> and follow the steps.

Additionally, have your referees send their letters directly to ppe@rug.nl – ensure letters arrive before the deadline.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

After reviewing all applications, the Board of Admissions will admit some students directly and reject some students directly. Other students will be invited for an interview (typically on Skype). In an interview, the Board of Admissions will address issues such as motivation, ambition, skills and general fit with the PPE programme.

We aim to make decisions within two weeks, although decisions can sometimes take up to maximally one month after the application deadline (see below). Where possible, we consider early non-EU/EEA applicants earlier and occasionally offer early admissions decisions in early February.

There are three possible outcomes of your application:

- not admitted (we will motivate our decision),
- conditionally admitted (there are conditions that are to be fulfilled), or
- unconditionally admitted.

If you are admitted, we will ask you to return a signed form confirming your participation.

Once admitted, students will be given, where necessary, a reading list on issues they have not encountered in their Bachelor's. Students will then follow up with their mentor on these issues once the programme starts.

TUITION FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES:

For up-to-date information about tuition fees, living expenses and visas, please visit: <http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters> and/or <http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/visa-immigration/>

All Non-EU/EEA students are given a tuition waiver of 50%. Additionally, we offer up to four talent grants for the best Non-EU/EEA applicants. Non-EU applicants are automatically considered for a talent grant. No additional application is required.

The two most qualified EU/EEA applicants are offered a (voluntary) Teaching Assistant position for the duration of the programme, which typically pays around €200 per month.

DEADLINES

- Non-EU/EEA students*: **April 1st**
- EU/EEA students: **May 1st**

* We advise non-EU students to apply even earlier and use the deadline of the preceding admission moment, as acquiring visa and other documents is often time-consuming.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For information about the content of the programme you can contact our study advisor Mr Harrie ten Have at fil-study-advisor@rug.nl.

For questions about admissions and/or about the content of the programme, you may also email us at: ppe@rug.nl.

For more general enquiries about the university's admission procedure you may contact the university's admissions office: admission@rug.nl or by phone +31 50 363 5877.

For information concerning visas and immigration, you can contact Information Services at isd@rug.nl or by phone +31 50 363 8181.