Research Master in Behavioural and Social Sciences

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.

Deficits, Distress, and Disorders

What are the origins of psychopathological and brain disorders?

Specializations: Clinical Neuropsychology | Clinical Psychology and Experimental Psychopathology | Psychometrics and Statistics | Pedagogical and Educational Sciences

Lifespan Development and Socialization

How do individuals develop across their lifespan?

Specializations: Developmental Psychology | Pedagogical and Educational Sciences | 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

Is this programme for you?

The programme is designed for highly talented and motivated students interested in human behaviour and social phenomena, who aim for a career in an academic or applied (clinical, industry, or governmental) research environment. The programme offers a unique combination of training in multidisciplinary theorizing and research, and the opportunity to specialize within a specific discipline.

Why choose us?

› A unique combination of multidisciplinarity and specialization
› In your first year you are eligible for a nine-month research assistantship of 4 hours per week on a topic of your interest
› The opportunity to work closely with excellent researchers
› Your own mentor during the first year to offer assistance
› Non-EU students are eligible for the University of Groningen Talent Grant
› Opportunity for a PhD Scholarship for your own PhD proposal
Key characteristics

The key characteristics of the two-year Research Master’s programme are:
› High-quality research training and active participation and embeddedness in strong research groups.
› Emphasis on personal choice, individual effort and participation, with supervision by internationally renowned researchers.
› High degree of specialization possible through electives and individual traineeship and thesis projects.
› Training in multidisciplinary perspectives.
› Ideal preparation for PhD programs, including the potential to apply for funding for your own PhD proposal.
› Possibility to integrate a scientific perspective into work in clinical practise.

Programme outline

First year
- JOINT | Advanced statistics (7.5 EC)
- JOINT | How to theorize (2.5 EC)
- JOINT | Applied Statistics (10 EC)
- DDD | DDD: A multidimensional perspective (5 EC)
- DDD | DDD: Advanced Research Methods (5 EC)
- LDS | Lifespan development (5 EC)
- LDS | Modelling interactions between persons and variables over time (5 EC)
- LDS | Socialization (5 EC)
- USC | From problem analysis to intervention design (7.5 EC)
- USC | Theorizing change (7.5 EC)
- (Clinical) traineeship (10 or 20 EC)

Second year
- JOINT | Multidisciplinary research in action (5 EC)
- JOINT | Reflecting on science and integrity (7.5 EC)
- JOINT | How to write an effective research proposal (5 EC)
- Master’s thesis (30 EC)

Specialization courses

DDD: Deficits, Distress, and Disorders; LDS: Lifespan Development and Socialization; USC: Understanding Societal Change

Elective courses related to your specialization

Clinical psychology and Experimental Psychopathology
- Evidence-based interventions
- Experimental psychopathology
- Clinical interventions and e-health for adults and youth

Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical neuropsychology – Present and defend your research
- Literature study
- Neuropsychological assessment

Developmental Psychology
- Development, learning and instruction
- Complexity, dynamics and development

Pedagogical and Educational Sciences
- Development, learning and instruction
- Literature study

Sociology
- Economics and society: Critical transitions in Advanced Industrialised Societies
- Solidarity and social contexts

Social Psychology
- Diversity in society: current issues and challenges
- Cultural psychology

Organizational psychology
- Understanding working life: Major Theories and Research Trends in Org. Psychology
- Researching power and leadership

Environmental Psychology
- Environmental psychology
- Literature study

Psychometrics & Statistics
- Structural equation modelling
- Statistical analysis of social networks
- Multilevel analysis
- Statistical modelling of single cases

We also offer the courses: ‘Qualitative Research Methods’ and ‘Writing in English’.

Admission

› Bachelor degree in Psychology, Sociology, Pedagogical or Educational Sciences or a related field
› above-average grades
› interest in research
› good command of English

Application

You can apply online, please go to
www.rug.nl/masters/behavioural-and-social-sciences-research/

Application deadline: 1 May

Further Information

For any further information, please contact the academic advisor via:
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Visit our website: www.rug.nl/masters/behavioural-and-social-sciences-research/