MSc Psychology: Theory and History of Psychology

This track teaches you about the various ways of looking at the social, philosophical and theoretical issues encountered by the discipline of psychology. To this end, you will make use of perspectives and methods from history and philosophy of science, science and technology studies and qualitative research. Questions that might be discussed or explored include:

- Which categories do psychologists and neuroscientists apply in formulating psychological disorders and which (culture-bound) hidden assumptions underlie these?
- Can or should psychology be an objective science or is subjectivity actually a crucial aspect of the field?
- Using digital techniques, how can you gain an overview of which researchers across the globe are studying which topics and of the current 'hot topics' in psychology and neuroscience?
- How can you find ways to better understand the experiences of people with psychological conditions?

Course examples

- Conceptual issues in Psychology
- Brain Consciousness and Society
- Boundaries of Psychology
- Writing skills
- Qualitative Research Methods

Career opportunities

Concepts and theories from psychology's past have been integrated into governance, the meaning of merit, human-machine interactions, the structuring of school systems and curricula, law, and other parts of society. The THP master is therefore a valued qualification for a variety of careers, for example in science-communication, libraries or archives, civil service, politics, media companies, public relations or (PhD) research in disciplines from history and the social sciences to philosophy and medical policy.

Course titles are subject to change. Please consult website for current schedule of courses.

Application deadlines

September 2021:
1 March 2021

February 2022:
1 October 2021

Tuition fees (2021-2022)

EU/EEA: €2,143/year
Non EU/EEA: €15,900/year

Duration

1 year

Entry requirements

Bachelor degree in Psychology
Sufficient level of English

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More information

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Contact academic advisor