

Info for new students

MSc in Psychology (research)

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Four specialisations (tracks)

- Clinical & Health Psychology
 - Cognitive Neuroscience
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Social & Economic Psychology
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- 2-yr program
 - 30-40 students
 - Multidisciplinary perspective on Psychology
 - Research with translational skills

Programme overview

- Obligatory **general** coursework 40 EC
- Obligatory **track-specific** coursework 20 EC
- **Electives** 15 EC
- **Thesis (2nd year)** 25 EC
- **Internship (2nd year)** 20 EC

Suggested schedule obligatory coursework

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Scientific Writing (5 EC)	Evaluating an Empirical Study (5 EC)	Experimentation I: Programming (5 EC)	Experimentation II: Neuroscientific methods (5 EC)
Applied Multivariate Data Analysis - Fall (5 EC)		Applied Multivariate Data Analysis - Spring (5 EC)	
Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)	Track-specific course (5 EC)
Elective (5 EC)		Elective (5 EC)	

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SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Elective (5 EC)	Responsible Research in Practice*(5 EC)	Master Thesis	Presenting Your Research (5 EC) Responsible Research in Practice* (5 EC)
Research Internship		Master Thesis	

Electives

- 15 EC
- Most track-specific courses from **other three tracks**
- Many courses from **1-year** MSc specializations
- Research Apprenticeship (**RAP**) 5 ECTS elective – positions made available on Brightspace throughout the year
- *Courses from ‘Profile Brain & Cognition’*
- *Course ‘Essentials on Data Science’ (master Statistics and Data Science)*

Prospectus

(REMA-PSYC-CHP) Clinical and Health Psychology

Academic year: 2026-2027



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General

Programme structure

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Clinical and Health Psychology

120 EC ⌵ ⌶

Year 1

60 EC ⌵ ⌶

Compulsory Coursework

40 EC ⌵ ⌶

Track-specific compulsory coursework

15 EC ⌵ ⌶

Relevant track-specific electives

45 EC ⌵ ⌶

Electives

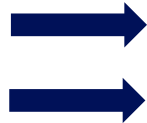
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Clinical skills

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Year 2

60 EC ⌵ ⌶



Scientist-Practitioner profile

- Only applicable to students from **Developmental Psychology track** and **Clinical & Health track**
- **Use elective space for clinical course work**

Year 1

- 10 EC

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Elective (5 EC)		Elective (5 EC)	

Year 2

- 5 EC

Scientist-practitioner profile: Recommended clinical skills courses – Developmental Psychology

- DP students are advised to take the following clinical skills courses from the 1-year Master's programmes in **Child & Adolescent Psychology (CAP) or School Psychology (SP)**:
- **CAP**: Solution-Focused Therapy (sem 1, yr 1), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Young people (sem 2, yr 1); Advanced Psychodiagnostics in children and adolescents (sem 1, yr 2).
- **SP**: School-based Prevention and Intervention (sem 1, yr 1), Needs-based assessment (sem 2, yr 1), Coaching in Inclusive Education (sem 2, yr 2)

Additional requirement for post-master clinical training

- To be eligible for post-master clinical training (e.g., GZ-psychologist training), research master's students must also complete an extra-curricular clinical internship at the end of their programme. This extends the duration of study to **approximately 2.5 years**.

Eligibility for post-master clinical training

- Eligibility and the recommended electives depend partly on the courses completed during the bachelor's programme. The admission criteria can be found on the LOGO website: <https://www.vlogo.nl/>. Students who are unsure whether they meet the requirements are encouraged to consult the **MSc study advisor** whether they fulfill the criteria

Scientist-practitioner profile

Recommended clinical skills courses – Clinical & Health

- C&H students are advised to take the following clinical skills courses from the 1-year Master's programmes in **Clinical Psychology and Health & Medical Psychology**:
- Psychopathology and Therapeutic Skills (CP); Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (HMP) ; Clinical Interviewing and Assessment (CP)

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RM Internship

- **20 EC Research Internship Project**

- **Take time to orient yourself**

- Advertisements on Brightspace (online learning environment)
- Ask Internship Coordinator/mentor for guidance
- Start orienting in the second semester of your first year
- Information meeting in block 3/4

- **Practical information**

- Can start at any point in time during your 2nd year
- Need approval of Internship Coordinator
- For doing an internship or thesis project abroad: discuss with coördinator and register through uSis via the 'Study Abroad' tile.

RM Thesis

- **25 EC Research Project**
- **Take time to orient yourself**
 - Advertisements on Brightspace (online learning environment)
 - Ask Thesis Coordinator/mentor for guidance
 - Start orienting in the second semester of your first year
 - Information meeting
- **Practical information**
 - Can start at any point in time during your 2nd year (start on time!)
 - Need approval of Thesis Coordinator
 - For doing an internship or thesis project abroad: discuss with coördinator and register through uSis via the 'Study Abroad' tile.

Planning your studies

- Come to the **Master Kick-off**
- In the first week there will be a set of Introductory activities and welcome events for new RM students

- Meet the Research Master Programme Committee (become a student member?)
- Meet the study advisers (all master programmes)
- Meet your mentor (track specific)
- Meet a second-year student
- Meet the research master-coordinator
- Meet your fellow-students

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