



# 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.

### Mental Health: Perspectives from Neuro- and Clinical Psychology

What are the origins of psychopathological and brain disorders?

*Specializations: Clinical Neuropsychology | Clinical Psychology | Psychometrics and Statistics*

### Lifespan Development and Socialization

How do individuals develop across their lifespan?

*Specializations: Developmental Psychology | Orthopedagogy | 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 multi-disciplinarity and specialization
- › 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



## 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.
- › Possibility to integrate a scientific perspective into work in clinical practise.
- › Small-scale programme focussing on your individual development.

## Programme outline

### First year

JOINT | Advanced statistics (7.5 EC)  
 JOINT | How to theorize (2.5 EC)  
 JOINT | Applied Statistics (10 EC)  
 MH | A multidimensional perspective (5 EC)  
 MH | 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)  
 Traineeship (10 EC)  
 Specialization courses

### 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)  
 Clinical traineeship (20 EC)  
 Master's thesis (30 EC)  
 Specialization courses

MH: Mental Health: Perspectives from Neuro- and Clinical Psychology  
 LDS: Lifespan Development and Socialization; USC: Understanding Societal Change

## Elective courses related to your specialization

Clinical psychology	Evidence-based interventions	Experimental psychopathology	Clinical interventions and e-health for adults and youth	
Clinical Neuropsychology	Research in Clinical Neuropsychology	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
Orthopedagogy	Development, Learning and Instruction	Contextualized Assessments and Interventions		

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
- › strong motivation for one of the themes
- › interest in research
- › good command of English

## Application

You can apply online, please go to  
[www.rug.nl/masters/behavioural-and-social-sciences-research/](http://www.rug.nl/masters/behavioural-and-social-sciences-research/)  
 Application deadline: 1 May

## Further Information

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