



Master in Pedagogical Sciences - Youth, Society and Policy

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Master
Youth⁰⁻²¹,
Society & Policy

What does it mean to be young in this world today?





Young people experience many challenges and deserve a society that supports them

Inclusive
 education

Social safety
 in schools

Develop a healthy
 lifestyle

Being
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Respect for
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Social safety

Good and effective support requires research- and evidence-based policies and organisations that are open to change and transformation

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What is YSP about?

- Young people's issues and topics in contemporary society
- Evidence-informed practical work
- Connection between research and practice

Young people's issues and topics in contemporary society

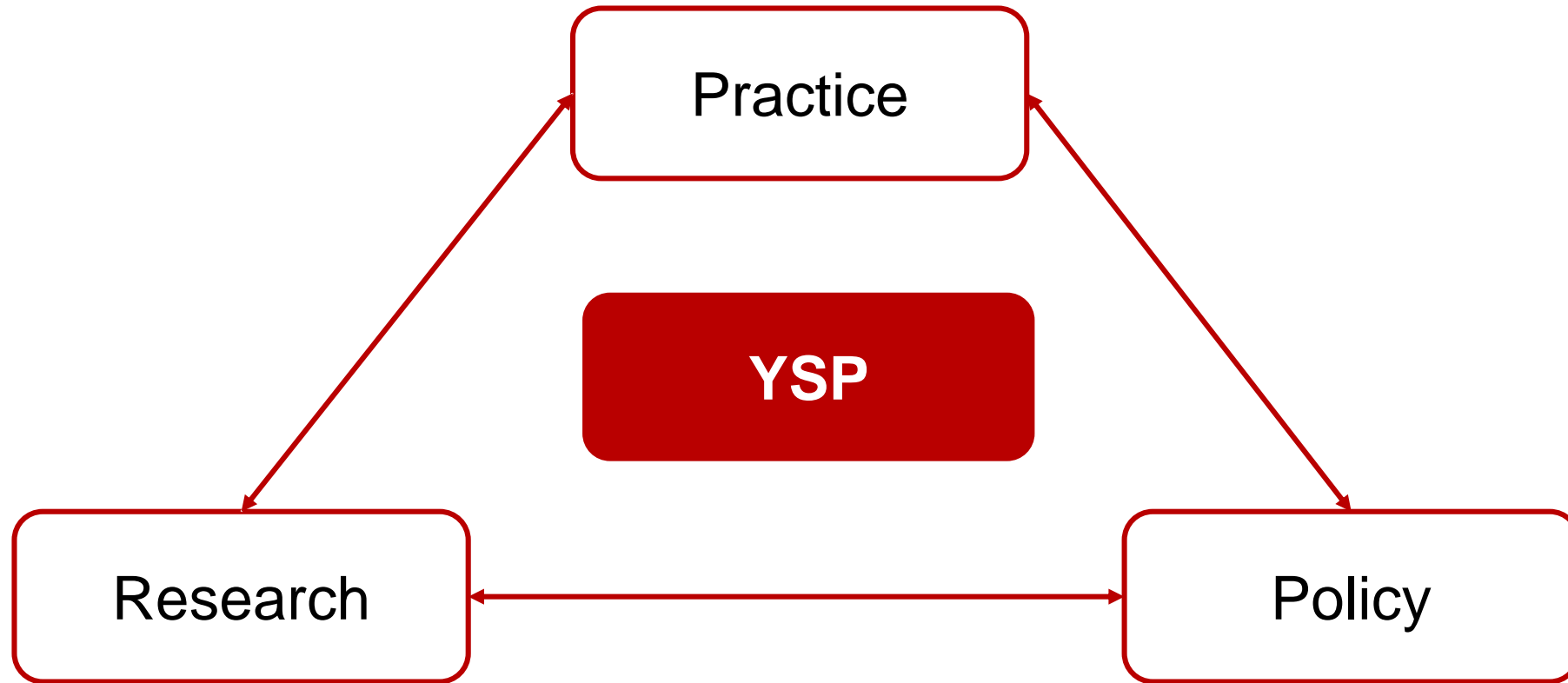
- **Contemporary Youth Issues** (Mental health and healthy lifestyle, Political activism, Bullying-victimization, Sexuality and gender: All of these topics are studied in broader global context and with eye on pre- and intervention programs)
- **Innovations and transformations in education and care**
- **Diversity in the classroom**
- **Citizenship development**

Evidence-informed practical work

- **Research methods** - use state of the art research to answer policy-relevant questions
- **Participation and policy** - integrate knowledge on child and youth participation with policy recommendations

Connection between research and practice

- **Decision-making in child protection:** using research to improve policy and practice
- **Best interest of the child**



How does YSP differ from other youth-oriented programs?

- Diversity in methods and approaches, collaboration with other tracks
- Strong research but also practice background of teachers
- Organizational level of care and education is focus area

How is YSP organised?

Fulltime variant, 60ECTS with September start, part-time variant in development

<https://www.rug.nl/masters/youth-0-21-society-and-policy/?lang=en#!programme>

Internship

Research oriented: Usually within the university, participating in a research project from a staff member. Depending on the project, the focus of your activities can range from organisational matters, to data collection and to developing a public campaign etc.

Policy/practice oriented: Usually at a local or municipal organisation (youth care, social work, education). Sometimes there are places on offer, often you will have to find a suitable internship yourself. Staff will support you with this.

Note: many local organisations operate only in Dutch, this means that it is often quite challenging for international students to find an internship in these organisations. However, some options are available.

Internship - Examples

Municipality Eemsdelta: How to make a good selection of families who will receive additional support?

GGD: Development of information material specifically for young people in vocational education

Municipality Groningen: training and supporting primary school teachers who suspect child abuse: on school level and on municipality level

Noorderpoort (vocational education): improving educational support for young people during their internship to facilitate the transition to work

Who can be admitted to this program?

Students with a BA in

- Pedagogical and/or Educational Sciences
- Psychology/Sociology/General Social Sciences who have some training in upbringing, education, for instance through the Minor Challenging Youth
- Other students might need to do Pre-Master or follow other courses (individual decision)

What do previous students say?

What I like is that...

- Topics are broad and diverse and you can choose your own focus for many assignments
- Program really adds theoretical depth to your knowledge
- Students come from different backgrounds and have different nationalities: this makes discussions more lively and interesting
- Content of the program has a clear international focus
- The group of students is relatively small
- Teachers are helpful in answering questions about the modules, but also on personal issues



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Thank you for your interest

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