



MSc Educational Sciences: Learning in Interaction

The master Educational Sciences in Groningen is an academically oriented master program aimed at describing, explaining and optimizing learning processes and educational policies. The track Learning in Interaction is specifically focused on interactions as the core of learning processes. A core focus is that you will learn how to develop effective learning environments for students adapted to their various needs.

In exploring the complexity of cognitive and social learning processes that may take place individually or in groups, three types of interactions are examined in detail. This includes interactions with more knowledgeable others (e.g., teachers), equally knowledgeable others (e.g., peers), and with artifacts (e.g., books, digital tools such as AR/VR). The focus of the track is not solely on the learning of the content of school subjects (e.g., reading, geography), but also on the development of various meta-skills including social skills, self-regulation and cooperation. The goal is to understand why and under which circumstances learning occurs. The track is aimed at the micro level of education or the proximal learning processes.

The track has a strong orientation on international research and employability and is provided in the English language. The presence of international students and staff offers the opportunity to learn about authentic and contemporary questions in education from a broader international perspective and to learn which principles are universal and which differ between cultures.

Besides the regular courses, you will do an academically oriented internship and write a master thesis in which you report about research that you conducted.

Course examples

- Student Diversity in the (Inclusive) Classroom
- Learning with Artefacts
- Learning in Human Interaction
- Reflection in & on Learning
- Educational Organization & Management (elective)
- Research & Techniques for Evaluation Research

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

Career opportunities

- Educational designer at publishing companies
- Educational advisor for schools/educational institutions
- Teacher trainer
- Trainer/educational consultant in organizations or businesses
- Educational advisor for children with special educational needs



Application deadline

February 2024:
1 December 2023 (EU/EEA)
15 October 2023 (Non EU/EEA)

September 2024:
1 May 2024 (Non EU/EEA)
1 June 2024 (EU/EEA)



Tuition fees (2023-2024)

EU/EEA: €2,314/year
Non EU/EEA: €17,800/year



Duration

1 year full-time;
From September 2024,
a part-time degree programme
(2 years) will also start



Entry requirements

BA or BSc in the Educational Sciences or in one of the other Social Sciences

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→ entry requirements

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