

Selection & placement bachelor's programme Psychology for academic year 2022-2023

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This document elaborates on the implementation for the intake restriction for the BSc programme in Psychology at the University of Twente for the academic year 2022-2023. For all stakeholders and mainly prospective students it is important that the selection criteria as well as the selection dates are communicated on time. The national deadline for this is 30 September 2021. Below you can find: a) an introduction and b) the outline for the numerus fixus procedure.

A. Introduction

Study programmes having an intake restriction, alias numerus fixus (based on art. 7.53 WHW), are responsible for selecting students and assigning places within a maximum capacity. A selection procedure will be implemented for the bachelor's programme Psychology (CROHO 56604) for the intake of new students as from the academic year 2022-2023 in order to maintain the quality of education, accommodate all students in suitable locations and attract students who better match the (technological) profile of the programme. In total 350 places are available that will be assigned to candidates based on their performance in the selection procedure. The bachelor's programme Psychology is one of the three study programmes at the University of Twente (UT) having an intake restriction, next to the two programmes Technical Medicine (CROHO 50033) and Technical Computer Sciences (CROHO 59335).

The unique profile of the BSc programme Psychology at the UT focuses on 1) design and 2) technology and our ambition is to teach students how to analyse societal psychological problems and to systematically design practical solutions aimed at influencing human behaviour to reduce these problems or at increasing beneficial behaviours (e.g., resilience to disasters and to developing disorders, behaviours promoting effective decision making). At the UT, psychology is studied in a high-tech environment. So students will also learn about 1) current theories regarding human-technology relations, 2) technology as a method to investigate psychological processes, and 3) technology as an intervention to address psychological problems and/or promote beneficial behaviours. These learning objectives are reflected in the assessment as part of the selection procedure.

B. Numerus Fixus (selection) procedure

Application and admission

Candidates can take part in the selection procedure if they apply before or on January 15 2022 via 'Studielink' and have been (conditionally) accepted. Students are eligible for admission with the following educational background:

- Dutch vwo diploma (no specific profile required)
- Dutch HBO-P-certificate/diploma AND Mathematics A or B completed at, at least, havo level.
- Dutch HBO-diploma
- An international diploma comparable with a Dutch vwo diploma.

A candidate can apply for no more than two study programmes with an intake restriction: either the same programme at two different universities or two different study programmes. The selection procedure will take part between 16 January and 14 April 2022. For each

academic year, one selection procedure will be held in which one opportunity will be offered. A candidate can take part in the selection procedure for the Psychology programme no more than 3 times.

Selection assessment

The selection procedure consists of participating in three components, which each have a defining purpose on their own. The following table shows what type of assessment will be conducted and which objectives are measured in order for the candidates to be evaluated:

<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Weighting in final score</i>
1. (Online) Psychology test Open book	Skills to learn scientific Psychology literature and to apply knowledge to societal problems.	40%
2. (Online) Methods and Statistics test Open book	Skills to learn methods and statistics and to apply their knowledge to small examples.	40%
3. (Online) matching assignment	Fit with the study Psychology and with the unique technology profile of Psychology as offered at the University of Twente.	20%

The deadline for submitting the assignment is at the end of February 2022, and both tests will take place in the beginning of March 2022. Taking part in the activities will require preparation, for this candidates will have at least two weeks to prepare for the assignment with access to information presented on the website, the study guide, and during open days and other information activities and at least three weeks with the provided study materials for the two written tests.

Participation Dutch and international students

The online tests and their offered time frame give the possibility to participate for Dutch as well as international students in different time zones.

Calculating individual final scores

Based on the final score obtained from individual performance in each component, the ranking will be decided. In case of identical final scores of two or more candidates, a ranking number will be assigned to each of these candidates based on their score on the psychology test; that is, the order of the ranking numbers of these candidates will be determined by the level of their score on the psychology test. In case no unique ranking number can be assigned to candidates by application of the foregoing, the order of the ranking numbers will be determined by fit with the programme. The score on the methods and statistic test will be used by the selection committee to differentiate between candidates to whom no unique ranking number could be assigned even after applying the above.

Ranking numbers

After the selection activities have taken place, the Psychology staff will create a ranking list based on the final scores obtained based on the individual performance in all three selection components. These scores will determine the individual ranking number per student from the highest score to the lowest.

The candidates will receive their rank numbers for the selection starting 15 April 2022 via Studielink. The candidates with a rank from 1 to 350 will be offered a place in the Psychology BSc programme. The candidates with a ranking number higher than the maximum capacity of 350 places will be put on the waiting list, in the order of their position on the placement list, and will sequentially be placed as long as places are vacated until mid-August. The candidates need to accept the offered place in the Psychology programme within two weeks (14 days) after being notified (via Studielink). The offer will legally expire

after two weeks (14 days) and the spot will be offered to a candidate with the next lowest rank number (i.e., the highest score) who did not receive an offer for a place in the Psychology programme.

Legal protection

The candidate can object to decisions concerning the selection procedure as well as other cases at the Complaints Desk UT. For further processing of these complaints existing procedures within the UT are maintained.