Pre-master's programme Psychology

The pre-master's programme aims to provide students, who have at least a (research) university bachelor's degree or a related HBO (university of applied sciences) (168SP / 240EC) degree, with the theoretical psychological basis and the design and research skills that qualifies them for studying in the Master of Psychology (completing the pre-master's programme gives no right to admission to the undergraduate BSc exam). Admission to the pre-master's programme and the contents of the pre-master's programme will be determined individually by the Admission Committee of Psychology.

The content of the pre-master's programme

The pre-master's programme Psychology consists of a generic / academic part (30 EC), a module that prepares for the specific master's specialisation (15 EC) (admissibility depending on previous education) and a tutorial package (so called 'self-study package') with written test (0 EC, study load approximately equivalent to approx. 5 EC) in the summer (holiday).

Generic / academic part (30 EC)

The generic part consists of methods and statistics courses, research and design courses and an orientation to the Psychology disciplines. This generic component which is offered twice a year is the first part of the pre-master. Students start with this part on September 1 or on February 1st. The generic part is as follows:

Semester 1 (September – February)				
Quartile 1A	Quartile 1B			
5 EC	5EC			
Research Methodology and	Inferential Statistics			
Descriptive Statistics				
202001402	202200378			
5EC	5EC			
Introduction to Psychology	Design Methodology for			
,	Psychology			
202000440	202000441			
5EC	5EC			
Academic Writing	Pre-Master Research			
	Practical			
202000443	202000444			

Semester 2 (February - August)					
Quartile 2A Quartile 2B					
5 EC	5EC				
Research Methodology and	Inferential Statistics				
Descriptive Statistics					
202001402	202200378				
5EC	5EC				
Introduction to Psychology	Design Methodology for				
	Psychology				
202000440	202000441				
5EC	5EC				
Academic Writing	Pre-Master Research				
	Practical				
202000443	202000444				

Professional Ethics (202000442)

Besides these courses the student has to finish the obligatory component Professional Ethics (202000442, 0EC). This module, the student can autonomously finish by enrolling for the course in Osiris. After that the course will be visible in Canvas and the student can follow the instructions.

Module that prepares for the master's specialisation (15 EC)

The second part of the pre-master consists of a module to prepare for the (elected) master's specialisation. Students follow a 15 EC (full-time) module (from the BSc programme) in block 1A or 1B. Whether a student is admitted to a particular module (and the accompanying specialisation) depends on the previous education of the student. This part of the pre-master's programme is offered only once a year: in semester 1.

More information about rules and regulations of education in modules is available in the UT Bachelor's EER.

Written test based on self-education (study load 4 to 5 EC) (in summer)

Prior to the 15 EC module, the student has to successfully complete a written test in the summer (holiday) (preparation based on self-education). This self-education takes the form of knowledge gathering around one of the basic disciplines of psychology, which is relevant to the (chosen) master's specialisation. Some of the students for instance gather knowledge in the field of social psychology, and other students gather knowledge in the field of cognitive psychology.

Schematic overview of the pre-master's programme

Schematically the complete pre-master's programme is as follows:

	Sem 1 2024/2025	Sem 2 2024/2025	Summer 2025 or	Sem 1 2025/26 or
Start September	Generic part 30 EC	-	Written test	Module 15 EC
Start February	-	Generic part 30 EC	Written test	Module 15 EC

Please note that the above sequence of pre-master components is obligatory.