

PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAMME PSYCHOLOGY

Information for students from a Dutch University of Applied Sciences (HBO)

The pre-master's programme Psychology consists of a generic / academic part (30 EC), a module that prepares for the specific master's specialization (15 EC) (admissibility depending on previous education) and a tutorial package (so called 'zelfstudie deel') with written test (0 EC, study load approximately 5EC) 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 (September and February) is the first part of the pre-master. You can also choose to complete the generic part of the pre-master's programme during your HBO bachelor's programme as a transfer minor. For more information about the transfer minor please take a look at <https://www.kiesopmaat.nl/modules/ut/BMS/136904/>

The generic part is as follows:

Semester 1 (September – February)	
Quartile 1A	Quartile 1B
5 EC Research Methodology and Descriptive Statistics 202001402	5EC Inferential Statistics 202001403
5EC Introduction to Psychology 202000440	5EC Design Methodology for Psychology 202000441
5EC Academic Writing 202000443	5EC Pre-Master Research Practical 202000444

Semester 2 (February - August)	
Quartile 2A	Quartile 2B
5 EC Research Methodology and Descriptive Statistics 202001402	5EC Inferential Statistics 2020001403
5EC Introduction to Psychology 202000440	5EC Design Methodology for Psychology 202000441
5EC Academic Writing 202000443	5EC Pre-Master Research Practical 202000444

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

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

Please note that this part of the pre-master's programme is offered only once a year: in semester 1.

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

Prior to the 15EC 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 specialization. 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.

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Sequence and duration of the pre-master's programme

When you start your pre-master's programme per **February 2023**:

SEM 1 22-23	SEM 2 22-23	SUMMER 2023	SEM 1 23-24	SEM 2 23-24
-	30 EC Generic	Self-study	Module quartile 1A or 1B	Master

So first possibility to start the master's programme per **February 2024**.

When you start your pre-master's programme per **September 2023**:

SEM 1 23-24	SEM 2 23-24	SUMMER 2024	SEM 1 24-25	SEM 2 24-25
30 EC Generic	-	Self-study	Module quartile 1A or 1B	Master

So first possibility to start the master's programme per **February 2025**.

Please note that the above sequence of pre-master components is obligatory and all pre-master components need to be completed to be granted admission to the master's programme.

When you complete your transfer minor during your HBO bachelor's programme you need to complete the self-study in the summer before or during your graduation from your HBO bachelor's programme. After having finished your HBO and the self-study (in the summer) you will take the module that prepares for the master's specialization in block 1A or 1B. After that you can start your master's programme (in February).

Transferring from HBO to WO, language, binding recommendation and study load

If you are graduating from a university of applied sciences, we advise you only to sign up for the Psychology (pre-)Master's if you are among the top students in your course (with an average grade of 7.0 or higher). In addition to that, it is important that you are motivated to gain deeper knowledge and to learn to think scientifically. The pre-master's and master's programme are taught in English.

The University of Twente assumes that students who start this transfer minor possess sufficient prior knowledge in mathematics (preferably Wiskunde –A on so-called VWO-level) and that they are sufficiently proficient in English (benchmark score in this regard: IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 80). Students are supposed to assess themselves whether their competencies in this respect match with the recommended levels. Additional courses can be found at [Babel en Boswell Bèta](#) or [Open Universiteit](#) or at Saxion for Saxion-students.

The pre-master's programme is designed not only to address any deficiencies in your prior knowledge, but it is also an effective way to find out whether studying at a research university in the field of Psychology is right for you. To this end, in the pre-master Psychology programme several rules, as a Binding Recommendation (Bindend Studieadvies), are applicable. There is for example limited time in which you have to complete the pre-master. You also have to earn sufficient marks with a maximum of one re-sit per course. That said, in practice almost all motivated students complete the programme in the allotted time. For the elaborate version of the rules please see

<https://www.utwente.nl/en/education/master/programmes/psychology/pre-master/>

The Master's programme is offered on a full-time basis, with a study load of about 40 hours per week. We do not offer evening or weekend courses. The pre-Master's programme involves courses on three or four days per week, and two to eight hours of classes on any given day.

Admission requirements

Information about admission to the pre-master's programme for students with a degree in a related field from a university of applied sciences can be found on our websites:

[The admission requirements](#) for the specializations CRS, HPT, EP and HFE.

[The admission requirements](#) for the specialization PCPT.