

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 consists of a generic / academic part (30 EC), a preparation module for the master's specialisation (15 EC) (admissibility depending on previous education) and a self-study package with written test (0 EC, study load 5 EC) in the summer.

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 Research Methodology and Descriptive Statistics 202500251	5EC Inferential Statistics 202200378
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 202500251	5EC Inferential Statistics 202200378
5EC Introduction to Psychology* 202000440	5EC Design Methodology for Psychology 202000441
5EC Academic Writing 202000443	5EC Pre-Master Research Practical 202000444

*Students from Toegepaste Psychologie are exempted from taking the course Introduction to psychology. Transfer minor students from Toegepaste Psychologie, however, need to take the course History of Psychology (202000445) instead, in order to obtain 30 EC's

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 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 2025/2026	Sem 2 2025/2026	Summer 2026 or..	Sem 1 2026/27 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 for students from a university of Applied Sciences.