

Public Governance across Borders

Information about the second and third year at University of Twente, Enschede

1. Rationale of the programme

Public Governance across borders is a specialization of the bachelor programme **Management, Society and Technology (MS&T)** at the University of Twente (UT). It is accredited in The Netherlands under programmes in Public Administration. Public Administration is an interdisciplinary social science, which reflects on grand societal challenges from an intervention-based approach.

Public Governance across Borders at University of Twente:

- Is **multi-scale**: It integrates public administration with global and European studies
- Is attentive to the role of technology in the grand challenges of **complex societies**
- Has a strong tradition in social sciences **research methods**
- Has a **design approach**: “engineering solutions”
- Has a **project-based** “learning by doing” educational philosophy: the Twente Educational Model (TOM).

The programme has three interdisciplinary cores, which reflect the main subfields of public administration: **public governance, public management, public policy**. Students have basic competences in each of these interdisciplinary cores.

The programme has **two specializations**. The first specialization is “**Public administration**”. The second specialization is “**European studies**”. Although the specialization in (global and) European studies focuses on a particular scale of governance, the specialization in public administration does not exclusively focus on national / local governance. The two specializations emphasize different interests of students.

The programme is embedded in a university of technology. In the programme, students learn competences in “**designing solutions for complex societies**”. The approach takes seriously the relation between public administration and the use / consequences of technology in modern, complex societies. The solutions are defined in the subfields of public administration. Adequate governance structures must be designed to provide legitimacy and accountability in political-administrative systems.

The programme builds on the strong tradition in **social science research methods** at University of Twente. For research methods a learning path is defined, which integrates competences in social science research methods. In addition, research methods competences are acquired in the bachelor thesis semester of the programme, with specific workshops and a preparation for the field work. The strong competences in social science research methods make the programme stand out in the field of global and European studies, which is traditionally offered in humanities faculties.

The programme embraces the educational philosophy of the **Twente Educational Model**. Students apply their knowledge immediately in small project teams, working on a practical assignment—enabling them to “**learn by doing**”. Each quartile offers one module, which integrates different disciplinary and interdisciplinary “elements” in a specific project.

2. Description of the programme

The modules in the second year in *Public Governance across borders* are as follows:

Quartile	Course code	Module Name	EC
2.1	201700105	Public Management	15
2.2	201700106	Public Governance across Countries	15
Choose your track.			
Track: European Studies			
2.3a	201700107	Europe in Crisis?	15
2.4a	201700108	European and the World	15
Track: Public Administration			
2.3b	201700109	Policy-making and planning	15
2.4b	201700110	Governance in action technologies	15

In the third year, during the first semester you can opt for an internship, an exchange programme, a minor from another programme at Twente or Muenster, or a combination. In total 30 EC can be freely chosen to your likings, under certain conditions (e.g. during internships a research question needs to be answered, exchange must be on-level, etcetera).

The last part of the third year consists of the module *The craft of Public Administration research* (201800460) combined with your Bachelor Circle module. During this semester you will answer a structured research question at the end-level of the Bachelor's programme, in a Circle with interaction with other students. You will further gain knowledge about Ethics, reflective thinking, the possibilities of the Labour market, Master's programmes, workshops in methodology, and so on.

3. Educational applications

University of Twente uses several systems you should become familiar with. The most important ones are Osiris, Canvas and MyTimeTable. **All these applications use the same student number / password combination as a login.** To get enrolled in the first place, you need to register at **Studielink**. You will receive your login from University within a few weeks of enrolling via Studielinek.

Studielinek

Studielinek is a nationwide online application for submitting requests for **enrolment**. It is also a convenient way of dealing with all your administrative matters (enrolment, re- and de-enrolment, change of address, etc.) for a university in the Netherlands. Studielinek can be found via www.utwente.studielink.nl.

Osiris

OSIRIS is the **student information system**. All information regarding enrolment, study progress and payments by students is registered in OSIRIS. OSIRIS is also connected to various other systems in use at the UT, such as Studielink, the digital learning environment Canvas and the Student Mobility System. OSIRIS is used both by students and employees of supporting services. **Students need to register for courses and minor programmes in OSIRIS**. Employees of the “Bureau Onderwijszaken” (BOZ) / Office of Educational Affairs use OSIRIS to register the courses offered at the UT and the study programmes and **results of students**.

Osiris for students can be found at <http://osiris.utwente.nl/student>

The **Course Catalogue** is also an Osiris application, where you will find modules descriptions. To find more details from the modules of the programme, go to this catalogue and search on course code. Find it at: www.utwente.nl/onderwijscatalogus

Canvas

Canvas is the **digital learning environment** of the University of Twente. All modules are supported with Canvas. After registering in Osiris for a module, you will have access to the Canvas site associated with this module. In Canvas you will find detailed info about the module, announcements put there by teachers, some results or feedback, assignments, deadlines and ways to hand in assignments for you or your group. canvas can be found directly at <https://canvas.utwente.nl>.

MyTimeTable

MyTimetable is the application in use at the UT for the creation of personal timetables. Login and add your modules, and your timetable will give you days, times and places of lectures and other meetings. You can enter MyTimeTable via <https://rooster.utwente.nl>.

At MyTimeTable you will find a link (Planning and Timetables) to the all important **Academic Calendar**. There you find that e.g. the academic year 2018 starts on Monday the 3rd of September 2018.

My University

Already confused about all these links? **Find all relevant links** on one page here:

<https://www.utwente.nl/en/education/current-students/>

Communication

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