Masters in Psychology & Educational Sciences
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Understanding adults and children

Erasmus University Rotterdam
Make it happen.
We offer you one of the best Psychology master programmes in the Netherlands. The MSc in Psychology is a one-year graduate programme designed to provide you with the analytical skills and conceptual knowledge to be able to work independently in the field of your desired specialisation. The programme deals with recent developments in the research field and uses the most advanced research methods. We offer different specialisations. Thus you can sharpen your knowledge in terms of diagnostics and treatment of children, adolescents and adults. Or would you rather work with issues about motivation at the workplace, learning, performance and the brain? Perhaps you prefer to focus on psychological contributions to both forensic and legal contexts. Or you might be eager to research how digital media or innovative technological developments influence human thought and behaviour. During one of our tracks you will, together with our experts, take on the challenge of analysing, studying and solving complex psychological issues. Whatever specialisation you prefer, a Master in Psychology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam will shape you into an all-round professional who is able to put scientific knowledge into practice.

Career opportunities Psychology

A number of possibilities await you as a psychologist. Depending on your specialty you can become a human-resources manager, a trainer, a career counsellor, a youth worker, an educational or policy advisor, or a developmental psychologist, to name a few. You could also work as researcher at a university, for a government institution, or set up your own private practice.

Furthermore, graduates could work as specialists in mental health care, supporting general practitioners in intakes and referring people to different specialists. In addition, successful completion of the master programme will prepare you for a successful career in academia (PhD) or research jobs in the domain of your specialisation.

Brain and Cognition

This master focuses on basic processes in human thought and their relation to the workings of the brain. How do we perceive the world? How do we remember information? How do we understand language? What is the role of emotions in our thinking? How do we form stereotypes? How does the brain support these processes? Students will acquire fundamental knowledge on these topics and will learn about methods used to study cognitive and brain processes.
Psychology of Human Learning and Performance
This unique master programme prepares you to deal with contemporary and future challenges in digital and conventional learning and working environments. As a graduate of this master you can use multidisciplinary knowledge and skills creatively to maximise people’s performance in education and training. Our graduates can look forward to a wide range of career opportunities, as educational technologist, training specialist, multimedia designer, consultant, teacher/trainer, study/policy advisor, and researcher.

Psychology of the Digital Media
This master concentrates on the role of the digital media in human thought and behaviour. Using innovative instructional techniques, this programme will provide you with cutting-edge knowledge about the effects of the digital media on information processing, learning, and work performance. You will learn to analyse these effects using novel techniques such as experience sampling, text mining, and online environments. Among the topics that will be addressed are: distraction at work, conspiracy thinking and fake news, and online learning environments.

Work and Organisational Psychology
This master track focuses on organisational psychology - the functioning of people (individuals, teams) in work contexts. The programme includes new methods in personnel selection, and teaches you how to select the best people. In addition, you learn how individuals perform in teams, and how you can foster work engagement in employees through positive organisational and individual interventions.

Health Psychology & Digital Interventions
This new master programme is aimed at forming science-informed practitioners in digital behaviour change. Students will learn how to use psychological insights and evidence-based methods to create innovative technological solutions (e.g., digital behavioural interventions) to target psychological problems, promote healthy behaviours and prevent unhealthy ones.

Clinical Psychology
This master specialisation focuses on adult psychopathology, with in particular the more complex varieties of psychopathology as can often be seen within an urban context. More precise, psychopathological problems like crime-related issues, personality disorders, and addictions are studied. As we are located in the vibrant city of Rotterdam, this urban environment is also often the field laboratory for our scientific research and findings.

Forensic & Legal Psychology
This programme will give you insight into why people misbehave and commit crimes, what the concept of criminal irresponsibility is, and how forensic patients need to be treated. Besides these typical forensic topics, the programme offers insight into legal psychological topics such as deception detection and legal decision making.
Why a

Master Educational Sciences

Are you interested in youth, families and schools with multiple and complex urban problems? Become a policymaker, consultant or researcher by enrolling in the master programme in Educational Sciences.

The Educational Sciences specialisation addresses a number of the main issues that are currently relevant in education: educational innovations, assessment & testing and the growing diversity in pupils’ backgrounds. The starting point in our programme concerns the idea that successful solutions are always based on analyses at a micro level (the student), a meso level (which applies to the learning environment and the school) and a macro level (societal trends and educational policy). The programme uses actual cases and issues which will be solved within small groups. You will deepen your research skills through an advanced module in methodology and statistics, after which you will be well prepared for your internship, research project, master thesis and a professional career.

Career opportunities Educational Sciences
Is it your ambition to work in the field of education? Educational organisations need a wide variety of professionals who are able to act upon complex problems. As a researcher in the field of educational sciences you will find opportunities to work as a policy advisor at a municipality or ministry of education. Our graduates also find jobs in educational consultancy firms where they develop and give trainings or create learning materials. Some of our graduates are working in educational research organisations.
Life in the Netherlands and Rotterdam
You probably know the Netherlands for its tulips, cheese and wooden shoes, but there’s so much more to tell! The Netherlands has around 17 million inhabitants, but it’s a small country. Yet, it has one of the most important and most innovative economies worldwide. Many internationals say the Netherlands is a well-organised country with open-minded people. Most of the country’s 35,000 kilometres of bicycle paths are in the province of South Holland, where Rotterdam is located. And nice to know: in the Netherlands you don’t have to speak Dutch… most people will switch to English for you.

Studying in Rotterdam
Rotterdam, also nicknamed “World Port City” or the “Gateway to Europe”, is a cosmopolitan city and hosts many multinational organisations. You might get to know your future employer during your studies, for example by doing an internship.

Rotterdam’s slogan is ‘Make it happen’. Erasmus University is proud to be part of this city where people develop new and creative ideas every day.

Why study in the Netherlands?
Dutch education is known for its high quality and standards, and top-ranking positions. Degrees obtained in the Netherlands are internationally recognised. The Netherlands is also one of the top providers of English-taught courses. Our international classroom - a mix of international and Dutch students - is common across the university. In class, the atmosphere is usually informal, and it is pretty easy to speak to our professors directly. The Netherlands is known as easygoing, liberal and tolerant - ideal for students. Studies in the Netherlands are affordable and accessible, for European and non-European students.
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Or chat with our students via eur.nl/en/essb/chat-our-students

Why study a Master in Psychology or Educational Sciences in Rotterdam

- The structure of the programmes allows students to put theory into practice
- Intensive interaction between lectures and students, small classes and accessible teachers
- The programmes deal with recent developments in the research field and use the most advanced research methods
- Education of high quality