



Erasmus School of  
History, Culture and  
Communication

# Research Master in the Sociology of Culture, Media and the Arts

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# Towards an academic career in sociology, arts and culture and media studies



**Challenge yourself in this interdisciplinary research master's programme! Combine social-scientific training and hands-on research experience. Develop your own research interests and prepare yourself for a PhD, or a research-oriented career outside of academia.**

The two-year Research Master's Programme in the Sociology of Culture, Media and the Arts is offered by the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication and the Faculty of Social Sciences. This Master's of Science (MSc) Programme is designed for talented and motivated students, who are interested in research on culture, media and the arts.

You will be trained to independently carry out high-quality research, whilst simultaneously getting the chance to more clearly outline your own research interests — with the help of top scholars in the field. The curriculum consists of theoretical courses, as well as quantitative and qualitative methodological training. You will put this knowledge into practice in a research traineeship, in which you get the opportunity to collaborate with an experienced scholar and work on a real-life research project. Through a study exchange in your second year you get the opportunity to further broaden your knowledge, and expand your international network.

All in all, the research master not only prepares you for a PhD in sociology, arts and culture studies, media studies and related fields, but is also a perfect stepping stone to a research-oriented career outside of a university.



## From Research Master to PhD

"I will spend the coming three years on a research project about racism and sexism in right-wing social media, in response to immigration. As an (aspiring) PhD candidate, I found that the Research Master taught me how to construct and present a research proposal, something you often have to do when applying for a PhD position."

*Iris Segers  
PhD candidate at the University of Oslo*

## Study programme first year

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Cultural Sociology	Popular Culture	New Media, Audiences and Emerging Markets	Research Traineeship
Sociology of Media and the Arts	Advanced Quantitative Methods	Advanced Qualitative Methods	Research Master Seminar
Research Design	Research Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture on the Internet</li> <li>Interpersonal Relations Online</li> <li>Media and Power</li> <li>Cultural Economics and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>Political Attitudes and Behaviour in Context</li> </ul>	Elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trending Topics in Media Studies</li> <li>New Media and Politics</li> <li>Cultural Tourism</li> <li>Art Markets: Theory and Practice</li> <li>Citizens, Parties and Governments in Global Times</li> </ul>	
		Research Master Seminar	

## Study programme second year

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Study Abroad	Study Abroad	Research Master Seminar	Research Master Seminar
		Research Master Thesis	Research Master Thesis

## Entry requirements

Required degrees	Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or the humanities
Proficiency	Academic writing; analytical skills, social scientific research methods
Application procedure	Based upon a motivation statement, reference letter, GPA, international background, academic paper or essay (preferably your Bachelor's thesis)
Language requirements	TOEFL 100 or IELTS 7.0
Application deadline	Non-EEA students: 15 April EEA students: 15 May