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Information Session Psychology - Pre-master -

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Overall 11 master's programs

Eight English programs:*

- Clinical Forensic Psychology and Victimology
- Theory and History of Psychology (only one in Europe)
- Talent Development and Creativity
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Environmental Psychology
- Applied Cognitive Neuroscience
- Applied Social Psychology
- Work, Organizational and Personnel Psychology

*Current range of master's



Three Dutch programs:*

- Klinische Psychologie
- Ontwikkelingspsychologie
- Klinische Neuropsychologie

*Current range of master's





Why a Pre-master?

You don't meet the master's requirements just yet





Who is allowed to do a pre-master

For all master's tracks (except CN):

- Students with an HBO Toegepaste Psychologie diploma with:
 - academic psychology level first year statistics courses
 - at least 20 credits of theoretical and/or applied psychology courses on an academic bachelor's level. Skills courses don't apply
 - Language requirements (ENG tracks)

For a limited number of tracks (ASP, EP, O, TDC, THP, ACN, WOP):

- Students with a non-psychology academic bachelor's from a Dutch university that have done a lot of psychology courses.

<https://www.rug.nl/gmw/masters/psychology>



Pre-master capacity

- › Limited places for each track
- › Too many applicants? Drawing of lots
- › Waiting list

Tracks	Premaster's places Sept. 2025	Premaster's places Sept. 2026
Applied Cognitive Neuroscience	3	3
Applied Social Psychology	5	5
Environmental Psychology	2	2
Klinische Neuropsychologie	3	0
Klinische Psychologie and Clinical Forensic Psychology & Victimology	Combined 5 with a maximum of 1 for CFPV	0
Ontwikkelingspsychologie	3	2
Talent Development and Creativity	5	5
Theory and History of Psychology	3	3
Work, Organizational and Personnel Psychology	5	5



Application procedure

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Application deadline depends on prior-education and master track of choice: 1st of March 2025 or 1 of May 2025

You always have to sign up for the (pre-)master of psychology at **two websites**:

1. Studielink,
2. At the website of Psychology, Groningen.

Although in Studielink you can choose only one track, in the application form at the Psychology website you can enter a first and second choice, and these will be used for handling your application. If you choose as your first choice a non-selective master you cannot sign up for a second choice.



Proof of language proficiency

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For Dutch tracks:

- › Babel language certificate Dutch for medics B2+ (schrijven and spreken)
- › Diploma from a Dutch-language secondary school

- › The English tracks require you to prove that your English skills are sufficient* via for example a Cambridge certificate, IELTS or TOEFL

***This does not count for students that finished VWO in the Netherlands or have an academic bachelor's from a Dutch university and for students that are native English speakers for example**



What to do once you get allowed to do a pre-master?

- Accept your spot
 - Arrange payment
 - Make sure that you are correctly enrolled for it through Studielink
 - Visit a study advisor to make a personalized study plan
- › Keep in mind that all of this must be done before the 1st of September



Letter from the admissions board

- Sometimes it will be indicated that you should choose from a set of courses
- You can only do courses that are part of your pre-master
- Types of bachelor courses that you may be required to do:
 1. General mandatory skills courses (like statistics, research methods, communication skills, etc)
 2. Introductory courses for subdisciplines
 3. Track specific more specialized courses

Substantive psychology courses (list will be provided)

- Curious? Take a look at www.rug.nl/ocasys

For HBO-TP students a specific pre-master programme has been designed in relation to the LOGO-verklaring/ zorgprestatie model for tracks aiming at clinical professions





Zorgprestatie model and LOGO-verklaring

- › In order to work as a Master Psycholoog in the Netherlands in some cases it is required to meet the Zorgprestatie model requirements (volwassene GGZ en FZ):
- › <https://www.zorgprestatie model.nl/nieuws/alternatief-logo-verklaring-bekend/>
- › To be allowed to start a post-master (GZ-opleiding) you need a LOGO-verklaring
- › With the combination pre-master and master's alone it is not always possible to meet the requirements, but we try to design a pre-master that will help as much as possible
- › This means you might need to get credits after graduation which costs time and money



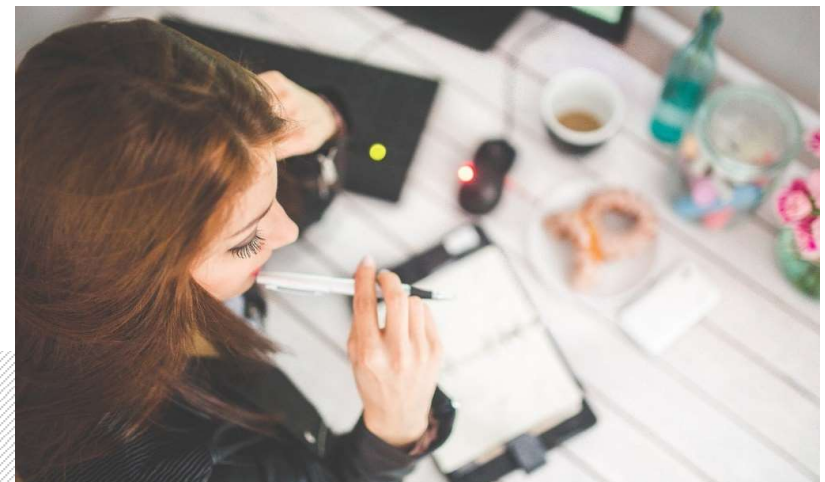
HBO Toegepaste Psychologie Bachelor and GZ

- › Possibility that things change in the future related to pre-master/ master
- › It is possible that at a certain point in time there will be a reorganization of GZ-oriented master tracks with an additional selection procedure for a track leading directly to the post master GZ programme. This is all still very uncertain, but if it happens, premaster students who complete their premaster in time, can still do a masters in the original track for which they did the premaster or a suitable substitute for it."
- › Always keep a close eye on our website



Pre-master study plan

- › Schedule an appointment with a study advisor (+31 50 363 6301 or <https://fbss.as.me/>)
- › Prepare before hand by consulting Ocasys
- › At most 15 credits per block
- › During course planning, make sure that classes and exams don't overlap





Costs pre-master

What the exact fees will be is not yet known for 2025 - 2026

<https://www.rug.nl/education/application-enrolment-tuition-fees/tuition-fee/pre-masterprogrammes?lang=en>

For questions about application (Studielink) and fees please contact the Student Information and Administration:

(study@rug.nl/ +31 50 363 8004)



Admission Master's Psychology

- › Two years to finish the pre-master
(Non-EU one year due to visa restrictions)

You are not allowed to switch master's



Changes in policy

- › Keep in mind that the pre-master and master policy might change over time!
- › Check our website on a regular basis



Contact information

Admissions board:

Toelatingscommissie.masterpsy@rug.nl

Study advisors

- › <https://fbss.as.me> / +31 50-363 6301
- › studieadvies.psy@rug.nl

More information:

<https://www.rug.nl/masters/psychology/>

Recordings and Presentations:

https://www.rug.nl/gmw/education/master/presentaties-masterweek/presentations-master_s-week-faculty-bss