

School Psychology

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A quick overview

Programme structure

- Four mandatory courses 20 EC
- Thesis 20 EC
- Internship 10/20 EC
- Two elective courses 0/10 EC

Degree

- MSc in Psychology

Type of programme

- Full time
- 60 EC

Starts in

- September
- February

Programme “outline”

- **Mandatory courses**

 - Fall semester:**

 - School-based Prevention and Intervention
 - Educational Neuroscience

 - Spring semester:**

 - Coaching in Inclusive Education
 - Needs-based Assessment at school

- **Internship:**

 - External internships possible from second semester

- **Thesis:**

 - Recommended to start in your first semester (may be spread out over two semesters)

- **Electives**

 - Different electives are offered in each block

Programme schedule: 20 EC internship

Example A

Semester 1

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis

Semester 2

- 2 mandatory courses
- 20 EC internship

Example B

Semester 1

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis part 1

Semester 2

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis part 2

Year 2

- 20 EC internship

Programme schedule: 10 EC internship

Example A

Semester 1

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis

Semester 2

- 2 mandatory courses
- 10 EC internship
- 2 electives

Example B

Semester 1

- 2 mandatory courses
- 2 electives
- thesis part 1

Semester 2

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis part 2
- 10 EC internship

Example C

Semester 1

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis part 1
- 10 EC IPI part 1
- 1 elective

Semester 2

- 2 mandatory courses
- thesis part 2
- 10 EC IPI part 2
- 1 elective

Mandatory courses

Fall semester:

- School-based Prevention and intervention
- Educational Neuroscience
- Intervention trajectory with adolescent*
- Psychoeducation for teachers

Spring semester:

- Coaching in Inclusive Education
- Needs-based Assessment at school
- Coaching trajectory with teacher*
- Assessment of child*

- Lectures and seminars in alternating weeks (one meeting a week)
- Mandatory attendance
- See Prospectus

* Find your own child/adolescent/teacher to work with

Frequently chosen electives

Semester 1

- Giftedness and Talent Development: A Transactional Perspective
- Motivation, Power and Leadership
- Trainers Course Communication Skills (in Dutch)

Semester 2

- Advanced Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Trauma and Mental Health
- Innovations in eHealth Care

- **See the Prospectus for the full list of electives**

Thesis

- Obtaining research experience
- Staff members offer thesis projects
- 2 allocation rounds:
 - September
 - February
- Start of actual thesis projects: from October/ March

Allocation timeline:

- Thesis information meeting (early September/February)
- Register for thesis project on Brightspace (deadline on day of information meeting)
- Project descriptions become available (1 day later)
- Time to make enquiries about projects (about 9 days)
- Hand in your top 5 of thesis projects (deadline on BS)
- Project allocation by thesis coordinator

Internship: 4 types

- Obtaining practical work experience
- **Clinical Practical Internship** (external: 20 EC)
 - 280 hours of diagnostics
 - Basic Accreditation in PsychoDiagnostics
- **Internship Psychology** (external: 10 EC)
- **Internal Practical Internship** (internal: 10 EC)
 - Giving science-based advise to school professionals
 - International students have priority
 - May start in first semester (check Brightspace)
- **Research Internship** (internal: 10 EC)
 - Supervised by researcher in the Developmental and Educational Psychology unit

Finding an internship

- Responsibility of the student
- Attend *Internship Information Meeting* (\pm one month into the programme)
- Read information on Brightspace
- Entry requirements:
 - *School-based Prevention & Intervention* OR
 - *Needs-based Assessment at School*
- Duration:
 - 20 EC = 560 hours
 - 10 EC = 280 hours
- Finding an external internship takes time!
 - First vacancies for February appear in October
 - First vacancies for September appear in February

Registering your internship

External internship:

- Send internship contract to internship coordinator for approval

Internal internship:

- Contact the designated coordinator (see Brightspace)

Internship outside of the Netherlands?

- Register in USIS via “Study Abroad” tile, at least 2 weeks before departure

Before the start of the programme

Sign up for courses

- When?
 - Course planning: *June and November*
 - Course enrolment: *July and December*
- Instructions on [student website](#) of Leiden University

Be present at the [Master's Kick Off](#)

- Invitation will follow by email
- We expect you to attend

**We are looking forward to
welcoming you at Leiden University!**



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