Master's programme Neuropsychology

**IS THIS PROGRAMME FOR YOU?**

The Master’s programme Neuropsychology focuses on the relationship between behaviour, behavioural disorders and neurological dysfunction in a wide range of clinical groups, from stroke to schizophrenia and developmental disorders. If you are interested in the brain and in cognition, and in applying your knowledge to assessment, treatment or research, then this programme might be the right choice for you!

**STUDY PROGRAMME**

The programme offers you the opportunity to learn more about neuropsychology and to gain experience in the field. You will learn about neuropsychological rehabilitation, the causes and treatments of neuropsychological disorders in children and psychiatric patients. During your internship, you will become acquainted with the day-to-day work of a neuropsychologist in clinical or research practice. Please note that these internships are only available to Dutch speaking students.

Your Master's thesis will consist of setting up and conducting neuropsychological research independently, and reporting on it in the form of a scientific article. Over the course of the year, you will also work on the Academic Professional module in order to prepare for the practice of the profession.

**WHY IN UTRECHT**

Our education is driven by research and clinical experience. The courses are taught by lecturers with long experience in clinical practice and/or as researchers in the field of neuropsychology. The National Student Survey indicates that our students truly appreciate the clinical internships and the skills they learn. Our programme is an ideal preparation for a career in biopsychological or neuropsychological research, or in clinical practice. We offer you plenty of room to specialise through elective courses, assignments, the internship and the Master’s thesis.

**SUMMARY**

- Duration: 1 year (60 EC)
- Part- or full-time status: full-time
- Language of instruction: English
- Start date: September
- Application deadline: 1 April
- Admission: selective procedure, max of 65 admissions per year
- Title: Master of Science (MSc)
- Offered by: Graduate School of Social and Behavioural Sciences

- Strong connection between scientific knowledge and real-world practice
- Lecturers with a wealth of experience in clinical and research practice
- Continuous interaction between the clinical internship and the core curriculum
- Room for specialist elective courses
If you are interested in a career in research, you can continue your studies with the special Cognitive Neuroscience track in the Neuroscience and Cognition Master’s programme.

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
This programme prepares you for health care careers in the field of clinical neuropsychology. Graduates find jobs in a wide range of clinical institutions, including hospitals, rehabilitation centres and nursing homes. Depending on your previous education, the programme satisfies the requirements for the NIP diagnosis registration and the enrolment requirements for the Health Care psychologist programme. Many of our former students have built research careers at institutions varying from psychiatric hospitals to the pharmaceutical industry. And of course, upon completion of the Master’s degree, you can also apply for a PhD position.

**ADMISSION**
Admission to this programme involves a selection procedure. There are 65 positions available for the coming academic year. The admission requirements and the selection procedure are both described on our website. In principle, a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, with a specialism in clinical neuropsychology, satisfies these competency requirements, but students from other study programmes are eligible to enrol in the Master’s programme as well.

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**The fascinating human brain**

“I think that the brain is so interesting. That something so small can have so much influence on everything a person does. There are so many things that can go wrong in the brain, including non-congenital brain injuries. There are many different types of brain damage, and I think it’s fascinating to see what kind of influence each of them has. The most surprising thing about this Master’s programme for me was the course Rehabilitation. I think that many people with non-congenital brain injuries underestimate what they are able to learn after the injury. The course Developmental Neuropsychology teaches you how the brain develops in young children, which I also thought was very interesting.”

*Carlijn Speelman, alumna*

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**Programme outline**

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<td><strong>• Advanced Neuropsychology</strong> (5 EC)</td>
<td><strong>• Two elective courses (10 EC)</strong>&lt;br&gt;At least one of the electives has to be one of the following courses:&lt;br&gt;• Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (5 EC, period 2, only open for Dutch speaking students)&lt;br&gt;• Developmental Neuropsychology (5 EC, period 2)&lt;br&gt;• Cognitive Neuropsychiatry (5 EC, period 3)</td>
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**More information**
Go to [www.uu.nl/masters/np](http://www.uu.nl/masters/np) or contact the Student Information Point of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences at stip.fsw@uu.nl or +31 30 253 49 49 (Mon-Fri 10-12 and 13-15 hours).

Information is also available from the Programme Coordinator, Prof Chris Dijkerman at masterneuropsychologie@uu.nl.

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