



# Psychology & Neuroscience in Europe

Maastricht, the Netherlands, forms a unique environment for studying psychology and neuroscience. Maastricht University (UM) specialises in cognitive and biological psychology and its unique research infrastructure enables groundbreaking study of the brain and behaviour. It is home to a European Centre of Excellence that combines state-of-the-art technology (three MRI scanners of 9.4, 7 and 3 Tesla) with clinical know-how, access to patients and expert post-acquisition processing of data.

During this programme, students can compare the scientific research methods of the Netherlands to those of their home country. They also follow courses and seminars taught by leading experts and gain insight into the latest topics in psychology and research, in a European setting.

## Latest advances in psychological research

Students are directly enrolled at UM. They can take courses at the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience (FPN), the Center for European Studies (CES) and the highly selective Liberal Arts and Sciences programme at the Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE). FPN is widely recognised for its strong fundamental and applied research on dyslexia, eating disorders, ageing, AIDS prevention and the value of witness statements in forensic psychology.

## Courses

Students can choose from more than **400 bachelor-level courses taught in English** at UM. At least half of the courses should be selected from the programme-related majors below.

### Majors

- Applied Social Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Work and Organisational Psychology

CES coordinators help students select courses to suit their academic goals. They guide them through the academic process and work with them to **build a personalised curriculum**.

Every student will enrol in a **CES core course**, which combines strong academics, integrated field trips and unique hands-on experiences. During this course, students can undertake an **Independent Study Project (ISP)**. A complete course overview can be found on the CES website.

## Integrated study trip and cultural weekends

### Introduction

The programme starts with a two-week introduction, which includes CES services, the **Berlin Study Trip**, a tour of Maastricht and the surrounding area, UM orientation, a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) workshop, a cultural awareness lecture and integration into Dutch student life.

### Berlin Study Trip

The adventure begins with a five-day trip to Berlin, which provides a vivid European context for this programme. Students will visit, for example, former concentration camp Sachsenhausen and the Bundestag. The trip also includes programme-specific visits.

### Cultural Weekends

#### If it Ain't Dutch it Ain't Much

Students explore political and cultural highlights in The Hague, are immersed in Dutch culture at the open air museum Zaanse Schans and bond with the group over the creation of their very own Delft blue tile.

#### A Taste of Paris

Students indulge in the city of lights and its cuisine, and experience the rich architectural and artistic beauty.



“This programme excels in connecting psychology students with opportunities to learn and gain experience. The classroom setting and learning style were a perfect fit for me. The university’s staff is also top notch. They truly make you feel like you matter.”

**Garrett Fillion, Framingham State University**

## Academics

### Programme structure

This programme is structured as follows:

- 18-week semesters;
- Block periods 1 and 2 in fall, block periods 4 and 5 in spring;
- Two courses per block, with the option of adding a language course or skill;
- Possibility to earn 24 - 32 ECTS per semester (in most cases, 2 ECTS are equal to 1 American credit).

### High academic standard

CES programmes are designed for enthusiastic and intellectually curious students dedicated to expanding their academic horizons while abroad. To ensure that students do well, CES offers extensive academic advising, workshops and continuous support.

## Practical information

### Programme dates

Spring 2020	17 January - 6 June 2020
Fall 2020	14 August - 19 December 2020
Spring 2021	15 January - 5 June 2021

*Should students have internship plans that require an early departure at the end of a spring semester, CES will endeavour to help them select courses accordingly.*

### Tuition

The tuition fee for Spring 2020 is € 8,100\* and includes:

- Registration at Maastricht University;
- Academic advising;
- All courses;
- CES course materials;
- Extensive introduction including the Berlin Study Trip;
- CES weekend and field trips;
- CES services (such as an airport pick up, a Dutch SIM card and 24/7 emergency assistance).

### Housing

Most CES students stay at the International Student Guesthouse of Maastricht University, where they have the following options:

- Single or double room (shared bathroom facilities);
- Private kitchen or communal cooking facilities.

Housing costs for Spring 2020 range from € 2,644 to € 3,879\*.

### Visa & residence permit

- Most students require a temporary Dutch residence permit (VVR) for stays longer than 90 days. For Spring 2020 the cost for a temporary residence permit is € 171\*;
- Some students will need a visa (MVV) to enter the Netherlands. CES assists students with every part of this process.

### Insurance

Students need sufficient health care, liability and travel insurance for the duration of their stay. Most students are covered through their home university. Please refer to the CES website for more information.

## Application requirements

Applicants are required to:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Be in good academic standing.

CES programmes are competitive. Therefore, early application is recommended. More information about the programme and the online application form can be found on the CES website.

### Application deadline

Spring 2020	1 October 2019
Fall 2020	1 April 2020
Spring 2021	1 October 2020

*\* For detailed and up-to-date tuition, housing and residence permit fees, please check our website. Although this brochure was made with the utmost care, no rights can be derived from it.*

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