

Erasmus School of  
Social and  
Behavioural Sciences

# International Bachelor in Psychology

2021-2022

If you want  
to understand  
people

Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Make it happen.

The Erasmus University logo, featuring the word "Erasmus" in a stylized, cursive script font.

# Introducing our study programme

[eur.nl/en/bachelor/international-bachelor-psychology](http://eur.nl/en/bachelor/international-bachelor-psychology)

**D**o you want to understand why humans behave the way they do? Or help organisations solve their problems in a professional way? Are you interested in the ways the brain functions and how education can encourage talent development? If so, this is the programme for you! Through theory and practice, you will learn about a wide range of subjects in psychology, such as cognition, learning, addiction, motivation, normal and abnormal behaviour.

By choosing Rotterdam, you choose Problem-Based Learning (PBL). In small groups of around twelve students led by a tutor, you will analyse concrete problems and solve psychological issues by searching for information in books, journals and digital media. Class discussion will strengthen your bond with fellow students and help you succeed in your studies. During practical sessions you will also develop skills which are useful in your career.

Our programme truly is an international one. Not only do you get to mingle with students from all corners of the world, you will also interact with Dutch students during tutorials, and therefore learn about Dutch culture.

## The first year

During the first year you will be introduced to a wide variety of subjects in psychology. By taking different courses and focusing on theory and practice simultaneously, you can discover

where your interests lie. You will also work on your academic skills, which are indispensable for your studies, such as research methods and academic writing.

## The second and third year

In your second year, you will increase your knowledge of the subjects you have been working on during the first year. Apart from the theory, you will also train your psychological and research skills and obtain more insight into psychology as a scientific field of research. In your third year you will take a minor and an elective course, which you can also take abroad. The courses in the second part of year three depend on your specialisation, which prepares you for your master degree. You can choose from four bachelor specialisations. You will conclude your bachelor programme with a thesis.

## Career opportunities

After your bachelor you can continue with a master in the area of your specialisation. Depending on your specialisation you have a broad range of career opportunities. You can work as a trainer, selection and assessment advisor, HR consultant, coach or occupational health professional, but also as a researcher at companies and organisations, such as educational consultancies, school inspection services or research agencies. Furthermore, a master degree in Psychology provides you with a solid basis for a PhD.

## Curriculum

### Bachelor year 1

Block 1	Block 2
Social Psychology: People in Groups	Personality Psychology: Differences Between People
Practical: PBL Skills	Practical: Practical Psychodiagnostics
Block 3	Block 4
Statistics I: An Introduction	Biological Psychology: The Human Body
Practical: Statistics I	Practical: Neuropsychological Diagnostics
Practical: Presentation skills	
Block 5	Block 6
Developmental Psychology: Child Development	Clinical Psychology: Normal or Abnormal?
Practical: Testing Children	Practical: Communication Skills I
Block 7	Block 8
Organisational Psychology: People at Work	Educational Psychology: Human Learning
Practical: Academic Writing Skills I	

### Bachelor year 2

Block 1	Block 2
Cognitive Psychology: Thinking & Remembering	Statistics II: Explaining and Predicting
Practical: Psychological Experiments	Practical: Statistics II
Block 3	Block 4
History and Methods of Psychology	Brain & Cognition: Perception
Practical: Professional Ethics	Practical: Experimental Research in Psychology
Practical: Observation Skills	
Block 5	Block 6
Psychometrics: An Introduction	Clinical Psychology: Anxiety & Stress
Practical: Psychometrics, an Introduction	Practical: Communication Skills II
Block 7	Block 8
Developmental Psychology: From Infancy to Old Age	Organisational Psychology: Performance at Work
Practical: Academic Writing Skills II	Practical: Training for Trainers

### Bachelor year 3

Block 1 & 2	Block 3
Minor / Exchange	Elective / Exchange
Block 4, 5 & 6	Block 7 & 8
Course Based on Specialisation	Bachelor Thesis
Practical Based on Specialisation	

*The curriculum may be subject to change. No rights may be derived from this information.*



## Basic Principles of Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

Problem-Based Learning (PBL) is a method of education that is based on the idea that the student plays an active role in the learning process (student-centered education). It is not about lecturing in order to accomplish information transfer (as is the case in traditional educational systems), but rather about active participation of the student in small groups. Within PBL, the tutor is merely a guide throughout tutorials. It is up to the students themselves to take charge of the discussion. This student-centered approach stems from the constructivist vision on learning which states that the best way to deal with information is to actively construct knowledge instead of passively consuming it. On our website (see last page) you will find more information on PBL.

## Studying abroad

Studying abroad is a unique opportunity to develop yourself and to get to know other cultures. Moreover, you will have the chance to compare different educational and academic cultures. Studying at one of our (exchange) partner universities is a wonderful experience which does not need to be complicated or expensive, nor delaying your studies. This programme encourages you to spend a term (the first part of year 3) outside the Netherlands in the third year.

## Erasmus Honours Programme

Besides the regular programmes, the EUR annually offers two exclusive programmes to talented bachelor students. The Erasmus Honours Programme enables excellent students to encounter fascinating and current themes from other fields of study in the Grand Challenges and Over Grenzen (Dutch) programme. Renowned scholars from several disciplines challenge honours students to look beyond the boundaries of their own field.

## Minors

Each year, Erasmus University Rotterdam offers almost 50 minors taught in English. This includes nearly 40 broadening minors and several deepening minors. The Erasmus University also offers a range of joint, multidisciplinary minors together with TU Delft and Leiden University, which allows you to experience what it is like to study at other universities in the Netherlands.

## Life in the Netherlands and Rotterdam

You might know the Netherlands for its tulips, cheese and wooden shoes, but there's so much more to tell! The Netherlands has around 17 million inhabitants, but it's a small country. Yet, it has one of the most important and most innovative economies worldwide. Many internationals say the Netherlands is a well-organised country with open-minded people. Most of the country's 35,000 kilometres of bicycle paths are in the province of South Holland, where Rotterdam is located. And nice to know: in the Netherlands you don't have to speak Dutch... most people will switch to English for you.



## Why study in the Netherlands?

Dutch education is known for its high quality and standards, and top-ranking positions. Degrees obtained in the Netherlands are internationally recognised. The Netherlands is also one of the top providers of English-taught courses. Our international classroom - a mix of international and Dutch students - is common across the university. In class, the atmosphere is usually informal, and it is pretty easy to speak to our professors directly. The Netherlands is known as easygoing, liberal and tolerant - ideal for students. Studies in the Netherlands are affordable and accessible, for European and non-European students.

## Studying in Rotterdam

Rotterdam, also nicknamed "World Port City" or the "Gateway to Europe", is a cosmopolitan city and hosts many multinational organisations. You might get to know your future employer during your studies, for example by doing an internship.

Rotterdam's slogan is 'Make it happen'. Erasmus University is proud to be part of this city where people develop new and creative ideas every day.



Deadline for application:  
January

**15**

**PBL**

Problem-Based  
Learning  
Method

**Small  
groups**

**8**

possible  
master tracks

**Numerus  
Fixus**

**49**

nationalities of  
students in 2019

**Start in  
september**

**Wide range of  
psychology  
subjects**

“Understanding  
**human behaviour**  
is a skill with an  
almost infinite range  
of application.”

John Morten Michaelis -  
Psychology student



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## Curious about studying at EUR?

Go to [eur.nl/essb](http://eur.nl/essb) and check out our (online) activities, such as the Bachelor Open Day or Student for a Day!

Or chat with our students via  
[eur.nl/en/essb/chat-our-students](http://eur.nl/en/essb/chat-our-students)

