

Education and Examination Regulations 2015 – 2016

Master's Degree Programmes

Cultural Anthropology: Sociocultural Transformation

Development and Socialisation in Childhood and Adolescence

Educational Sciences: Learning in Interaction

Methodology and Statistics for the Behavioural, Biomedical and Social Sciences

Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism

Social and Health Psychology

Sociology and Social Research

within the
Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
at
Utrecht University

The Education and Examination Regulations (EER) contain the programme-specific rights and obligations of students on the one hand and Utrecht University on the other. The (general university) Student Charter contains the rights and duties that apply to all students.

These regulations were adopted by the dean of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences on 13 May 2015 with the approval of the Faculty Council on 21 April 2015.

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Part 1

RULES

SECTION 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

art. 1.1 – applicability of the regulations

These Regulations apply to the academic year 2015-2016 and apply to the education, the tests and the examination of the two-year Master's Degree Programmes provided by the Graduate School of Social and Behavioural Sciences within the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences at Utrecht University (hereinafter referred to as: the programmes) and to all students who are registered for the Programmes¹. The two-year Master's Degree Programmes are:

Cultural Anthropology: Sociocultural Transformation	CASTOR
Development and Socialisation in Childhood and Adolescence	DaSCA
Educational Sciences: Learning in Interaction	EdSci
Methodology and Statistics for the Behavioural, Biomedical and Social Sciences	MSBBSS
Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism	MERM
Social and Health Psychology	SHP
Sociology and Social Research	SaSR

art. 1.2 – definition of terms

In these regulations, the following terms mean:

- a. Act, the: the Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek);
- b. component: a unit of study (course) of the study programme, included in the University Course Catalogue;
- c. credit: unit, also described as 'EC', whereby one credit is equal to 28 hours of study;
- d. Educational Facilities Contract: the contract concluded by the study programme and the disabled student, which lays down the necessary and reasonable facilities to which the student is entitled;
- e. examination: the final Master's examination of the study programme that is passed if all obligations of the entire Master's Degree Programme have been fulfilled;
- f. Faculty, the: the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences;
- g. Final Grade Point Average: the average of the grades obtained over the course of a degree programme, weighted according to credits and expressed on a scale of 1 to 4 with two decimals;
- h. Graduate School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (GSSBS): the School that provides the Master's Degree Programmes within the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences;
- i. International Diploma Supplement (IDS): the annex to the Master's Degree Certificate, which includes an explanation of the nature and contents of the study programme (partly in an international context);
- j. Language Code of Conduct: the rules of conduct relating to academic programmes and examinations in languages other than Dutch, determined by the Executive Board on the basis of Section 7(2)(c) of the Higher Education and Research Act;
- k. Master's Programme Coordinator: the coordinator of the Master's programme as referred to in art. 13 of the Faculty Regulations;
- l. programme: a coherent whole of units of study within a study programme, as described in annex 1 of these Regulations;
- m. student: anyone who is registered at the university to take courses and/or to sit interim examinations and the examinations of the Programme;
- n. study programme: the Master's Degree Programme referred to in art. 1.1 of these Regulations. A study programme can consist of several Master's Degree Programmes;
- o. test: interim examination as referred to in art. 7.10 of the Act;
- p. University Course Catalogue: the register of the courses given by the University which is kept on the responsibility of the Executive Board.

The other terms have the meanings ascribed to them by the Act.

¹ The EER (Education and Examination Regulations) is reviewed annually and applies to all students registered in the course. If the EER is amended, the new regulations apply to everybody, unless a transitional arrangement applies to a particular group of students

SECTION 2 – ADMISSION

art. 2.1 – requirements for admission to the programmes

2.1.1 – Admissibility.

Requirements for consideration for admission are:

2.1.1.1 - CASTOR:

- A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide. Students with another academic bachelor degree but with above average interest in sociocultural transformation can also be admitted to CASTOR;
- or
- A Dutch bachelor degree of a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) worth 240 credits and a successfully completed pre-master course Culturele antropologie: Multiculturalisme.

2.1.1.2 - DaSCA:

- A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide;
- or
- A Dutch bachelor degree of a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) worth 240 credits and a successfully completed pre-master course Orthopedagogiek or a successfully completed pre-master course Maatschappelijke Opvoedingsvraagstukken at Utrecht University.

2.1.1.3 - EdSci:

- A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide. Students with another academic bachelor degree and above average interest in pedagogical content knowledge or pedagogy can also be admitted to EdSci;
- or
- A Dutch bachelor degree of a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) worth 240 credits and a successfully completed pre-master course Onderwijskundig Ontwerp en Advisering, Orthopedagogiek or a successfully completed pre-master course Maatschappelijke Opvoedingsvraagstukken at Utrecht University.

2.1.1.4 - MSBBSS:

A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social, biomedical or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide. Students with another academic bachelor's degree and a thorough training in formal models and/or quantitative analysis such as students with an academic bachelor's degree in computer sciences, econometrics or mathematics can also be admitted to MSBBSS;

2.1.1.5 - MERM:

- A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide;
- or
- A Dutch bachelor degree of a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) worth 240 credits and a successfully completed pre-master course Algemene sociale wetenschappen: Multiculturalisme at Utrecht University.

2.1.1.6 - SHP:

A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide;

2.1.1.7 - SaSR:

- A Dutch academic bachelor's degree in the social or behavioural sciences, economics, business and management programmes, political sciences/public administration, geography, or a foreign academic bachelor degree that equals the level of that Dutch academic bachelor's degree, for the programme's admissions committee to decide. Students with another academic bachelor's degree and a thorough training in formal models and/or quantitative analysis such as students with an academic bachelor's degree in computer sciences or mathematics can be admitted to SaSR;
or
- A Dutch bachelor degree of a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) worth 240 credits and a successfully completed pre-master course Vraagstukken van Beleid en Organisatie at Utrecht University.

2.1.2 – Additional admission requirements.

In addition for all programmes requirements for consideration for admission are:

- GPA:
 - a minimum GPA in undergraduate studies of 3.4 (7.5 in the Dutch system). Candidates who do not meet this criterion, will be considered for admission in case they have at least a minimum GPA of 3.0 (7.0 in the Dutch system) and can compensate for the insufficient GPA by other capacities they have, according to the programme's admissions committee;
 - students who attend one of the pre-master courses referred to in the first paragraph must earn a minimum GPA of 3.4 (7.5 in the Dutch system) for the courses in that pre-master course.
- advanced knowledge of methods and statistics (approximately 20 credits) which entails (i) a basic course in introductory statistics including topics such: univariate descriptive statistics, correlation, univariate regression, one-way analysis of variance (both descriptive and inferential) and a basic course in the methodology of behavioural and/or social science research (experimentation, surveys, observational studies); (ii) knowledge of multivariate analysis tools such as factor analysis, reliability, multiple regression, analysis of variance, dummy variables; (iii) hands on experience with the tools just mentioned (for example, experience with SPSS) (this requirement is not applicable for CASTOR)²;
- one letter of recommendation for candidates with a Dutch preliminary training, two letters of recommendation for candidates with a foreign preliminary training.

2.1.3 – Selection.

Selection of the admissible students occurs on the basis of an assessment regarding the following core competencies of those interested:

- a. motivation and talent (partly based on GPA and study progress);
- b. level of the relevant knowledge and command of methods and techniques in the field of expertise concerned;
- c. general academic level of thought and work;
- d. command of the language(s) used in the programme.

In light of these factors, it will be assessed whether the individual will be able to successfully complete the Master's Programme within the nominal duration.

2.1.4 – Numerical limitation.

- The maximum number of students who will be admitted to the degree programmes is: 20 per programme.
- The admissions committee will rank the requests submitted based on the criteria stated in Article 2.1.2.
- The admissions committee will admit applicants on the basis of the rank order it has established.

² Should a candidate adhere to all requirements except part ii and/or iii of the statistical requirement, there is an option to follow a Summerschool course prior to the start of the programme to make up for the lack of knowledge in the field; and this is for the programme's admissions committee to decide.

art. 2.2 – English language

Registration for the programme is possible only after it has been demonstrated that the requirement of adequate command of the English language is fulfilled. Students with a secondary school diploma and/or Bachelor's degree in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, USA or South Africa, students with an International Baccalaureat Diploma or European Baccalaureat Diploma (taught in English), and/or students that have completed a Bachelor's programme at a Dutch university fulfil the requirement of sufficient command of the English language.

Others are required to provide proof of their English language proficiency by sitting one of the following tests:

- IELTS (International English Language Testing System), academic module. The minimum required IELTS score (overall band) must be: 6.5 with at least 6.0 for the component 'writing';
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). The minimum required TOEFL score is 93 for the internet-based test;
- Cambridge EFL (English as a Foreign Language) Examinations, with one of the following certificates:
 - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English; minimum score: B;
 - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English; minimum score: C.

art. 2.3 – admission procedure

1. Admission decisions are made by the programme's admissions committee.
2. With regard to admission to the study programme, the admissions committee examines:
 - the requirements for consideration for admission given in Article 2.1.1 and 2.1.2. In addition to written proof of the programme(s) followed, the committee can have specific knowledge, understanding and skills evaluated by experts in or outside of the university;
 - the candidate's core competencies stated in Article 2.1.3;
 - whether the candidate satisfies, or will satisfy in a timely manner, the stated conditions.Based on the above, the admissions committee reaches a decision about the suitability of the candidate for the completion of the final qualifications of the Master's Programme with sufficient diligence and within the allotted time.
3. The admission assessment is administered twice a year.
4. A request to be admitted to the degree programmes must be submitted at the latest before 1 April to the admissions committee. For students that are planning to apply for a scholarship, or would like to know early on in the process whether they are admitted or not, there is an option to apply before December 1. Provided the Master's programme has sufficient capacity, the 1 April deadline will be extended to 1 June. This will be determined by the Master's Programme Coordinator.
5. The admissions committee will make an admission decision before 15 May (and 25 January, for the December 1 deadline). If the 1 April deadline is extended to 1 June, the admissions committee will make its decision before 15 July. Admission will be granted on the condition that the applicant will have satisfied the knowledge and skills requirements referred to in art. 2.1, as evidenced by qualifications obtained by the starting date of the study programme.
6. The applicant will receive written notification that he/she has or has not been admitted to the degree programmes and a particular study programme. The possibility to appeal to the Examinations Appeals Board is pointed out in this notification.

SECTION 3 – CONTENTS AND STRUCTURE OF THE STUDY PROGRAMMES

art. 3.1 – aim of the degree programmes

The aims of the programmes are listed in part 2 of these regulations.

art. 3.2 – attendance mode

All programmes are full-time programmes.

art. 3.3 – language in which the programmes are taught

The programmes are taught in English. This is governed by the Utrecht University Language Code of Conduct.

art. 3.4 – credit load

The credit load for the programmes is 120 credits.

art. 3.5 – study programmes; starting times

1. The degree programmes encompass one study programme.
2. The Master's Degree Programmes start once a year: on the 1st of September.

art. 3.6 – composition of the study programmes

1. The programme of study is listed in the annex under 1.
2. In the University Course Catalogue/course manual the contents and type of courses of the components of the different programmes are described in more detail, stating the previous education required to pass the relevant component.

art. 3.7 – elective courses

1. From the following can be chosen as elective courses:
 - components from Research Master's programmes that are included in the University Course Catalogue;
 - components from Research Master's programmes taught at another Dutch university;
 - other components, with the permission of the programme coordinator.
2. All choices need approval of the programme coordinator. The programme coordinator will not approve the component if he/she evaluates the content of the component as too similar to other components in the programme, not fitting the level of a research master programme, or for other reasons as not suitable within the programme.

art. 3.8 – actual design of the education programme

1. On average throughout the university, the number of contact hours (number of scheduled contact hours for the various courses in addition to the programmed or standardised supervision time) is at least 12 hours per week. Time allocated for writing the thesis is not included.
2. The following information is provided for every course in the University Course Catalogue or, where the Course Catalogue does not provide this information, in the course manual or on Blackboard:
 - a. the structure of the course activities
 - b. the schedules and programming of the hours
 - c. the scheduled contact time per course

- d. the other structured contact hours for the general supervision of students (internship and thesis supervision, tutoring, study guidance, etc.) during which a lecturer/staff member is available to the student
 - e. when and where the examinations and resit exams for the course will take place.
- The student can also consult the schedules of the courses for which he/she is registered on [Osiris Student](#).

SECTION 4 – EDUCATION

art. 4.1 – courses

All courses which can be part of the study are included in the University Course Catalogue.

art. 4.2 – entry requirements of courses

Participation in the following components of the programme is possible only after the courses listed for it have been passed. The Director of the GSSBS decides which motivated claims for dispensation of entry requirement will be awarded.

Course:	After passing:
Ethnographic fieldwork (CASTOR09)	Ethnographic methods and research design (CASTOR05)
Thesis (CASTOR12)	Ethnographic methods and research design (CASTOR05), Political conflict and social trauma (CASTOR06), Advanced area studies (CASTOR07), Ethnicity and religion under globalization (CASTOR08)
Relationships, personality and adjustments in adolescence (DaSCA05)	Context of psychosocial development (DaSCA02)
Advance topical and experimental seminar (DaSCA06)	Human development and developmental psychopathology (DaSCA01)
Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling (DaSCA07)	Multivariate statistics in practice (DaSCA03)
Research practical II (DaSCA08)	Research practical I (DaSCA04)
Research seminar I (DaSCA09A)	Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling (DaSCA07), Research practical II (DaSCA08)
Research seminar II (DaSCA09B)	Research seminar I (DaSCA 09A)
Elective course (DaSCA10)	Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling (DaSCA07)
Assessment, treatment and evaluation (DaSCA11)	Human development and developmental psychopathology (DaSCA01)
Thesis (DaSCA13)	Research seminar I (DaSCA09A)
Advanced statistics II (EdSci07)	Advanced statistics I (EdSci03)
Research seminar II (EdSci12B)	Research seminar I (EdSci12A)
Thesis (EdSci13)	Integrative practical I (EdSci04), Integrative practical II (EdSci08), Research seminar I (EdSci12A)
Psychometrics (MSBBSS05)	Fundamentals of statistics (MSBBSS03), Computational inference with R (MSBBSS04)
Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling (MSBBSS06)	Multivariate statistics (MSBBSS02)
Bayesian statistics (MSBBSS07)	Fundamentals of statistics (MSBBSS03), Computational inference with R (MSBBSS04)
Preparation research master's thesis (MSBBSS10)	Survey data analysis (MSBBSS01), Multivariate statistics (MSBBSS02), Fundamentals of statistics (MSBBSS03), Computational Inference with R (MSBBSS04)
Thesis (MSBBSS13)	Survey data analysis (MSBBSS01), Multivariate statistics (MSBBSS02), Fundamentals of statistics (MSBBSS03), Computational Inference with R (MSBBSS04), Research seminar 1 (MSBBSS11)
Acculturation and cultural comparison (MERM05)	Identity and cultural diversity (MERM02)
Immigrant integration (MERM06)	International migration (MERM01)
Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis (MERM07)	Methods and statistics 1: Regression analysis and its generalizations (MERM03)
Research practical 2 (MERM08)	Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis (MERM07), Immigrant integration (MERM06), Acculturation (MERM05)
Research practical 3 (MERM12)	Research practical 2 (MERM08)
Research seminar 2 (MERM13)	Research seminar 1 (MERM11)
Thesis (MERM14)	Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis (MERM07), Research seminar 1 (MERM 11)

Thesis (SHP13)	Advances in research in behavioural regulation I (SHP05), Advances in research in behavioural regulation II (SHP06), Integrative practicum II (SHP07), Research training I (SHP08), Research seminar I (SHP11)
Starting your thesis: literature review (SaSR06)	Family and social inequality (SaSR02)
Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis (SaSR07)	Methods and statistics 1: Regression analysis and its generalizations (SaSR03)
Electives and research experience (SaSR09)	Starting with your thesis: Literature review (SaSR06)
Research seminar 1: Building a theory(SaSR10)	Starting with your thesis: Literature review (SaSR06)
Research seminar 2: Analyzing, reporting and discussing your findings (SaSR11)	Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis (SaSR07), Research seminar 1: Building a theory (SaSR10)
Master thesis: a publishable article (SaSR12)	Starting with your thesis: Literature review (SaSR06), Research seminar 1: Building a theory (SaSR10)

art. 4.3 – registration for courses

Participation in a course is possible only if the student has registered for it on time ³.

art. 4.4 – attendance obligation and obligation to perform to the best of one’s ability

1. Each student is obliged to participate actively in the course for which he or she is registered.
2. Besides the general requirement for the student to participate actively in the course, the additional requirements for each component are listed in the University Course Catalogue.
3. In the event of qualitatively or quantitatively inadequate participation, the course coordinator may exclude the student from further participation in the course or part of it.

art. 4.6 – causing a disturbance while participating in the course

1. A student who causes a disturbance during the course, after being warned, may be removed by the lecturer. The course coordinator will then set up a meeting with the student to discuss his or her behaviour.
2. If the student repeats the infringement, he/she may be removed from the course by the programme coordinator.

art. 4.6 – course participation

It is not possible to re-take a component for which a pass mark has already been earned.

art. 4.7 – courses taking place

All courses mentioned in the University Course Catalogue must take place at all times. If fewer than ten students enrol for a course, however, the course coordinator, in consultation with the Board of Graduate Studies and the students, may decide to offer the course in an altered form in terms of working and examination methods, or to offer an alternative course.

³ This only applies if the student is not automatically registered for the course.

SECTION 5 – TESTING

art. 5.1 – general

1. During the course, the student will be tested for academic schooling and the extent to which the student has sufficiently achieved the learning objectives set. The testing of the student will be concluded at the end of the course/component.
2. The University Course Catalogue describes the achievements the student must make in order to pass the course and the criteria on which the student is assessed. These criteria can be made more explicit in the course manual.
3. The testing procedure is described in in the Regulations of the Board of Examiners.
4. There is no testing in the month of August.

art. 5.2 – Board of Examiners

1. For each academic programme or group of programmes, the dean will set up a Board of Examiners and will put in place sufficient guarantees that this Board will work in an independent and expert manner.
2. The dean will appoint the chair and the members of the Board of Examiners for a period of three years on the basis of their expertise in the field of the programme(s) in question or the field of examining, whereby:
 - at least one member shall be from outside the relevant (group of) programme(s), and
 - at least one member is, as a lecturer, affiliated with the relevant (group of) programme(s).
3. Persons holding a management position with financial responsibility or (partial) responsibility for a programme of study may not be appointed a as member or chair of the Board of Examiners. This will in any event include: the dean, vice-dean; the Director/Head/Manager of a department; a member of a departmental management/administrative team; the Director/Head/Manager of a section; any member of a management or administration team; a member/chair of the Board of Studies of the Graduate School or the Undergraduate School and the Director of Education.
4. Membership of the Board of Examiners will terminate upon expiry of the period of appointment. In addition, the dean will discharge the chair and the members from their duties at their request. The chair and the members will also be dismissed by the dean in the event hat they no longer fulfil the requirements stated in paragraphs 2 or 3 of this article. In addition, the dean may dismiss the chair and the members in the event that they fail to perform their statutory duties inadequately.
5. The dean will make the composition of the Board(s) of Examiners known to the students and teaching staff.

art. 5.3 – assessment: internship or research assignment

1. An internship is assessed by the supervisor in question and one or more other internal and/or external experts.
2. Master's thesis will be assessed by the Board of Studies.

art. 5.4 – grades and alphanumeric results

1. Grades are awarded on a scale from 1 to 10. A grade 6 and up means you have passed the course, a grade 5 or lower means you have failed it.
 - fails up to a 4.99 are not rounded up
 - 5.00 to 5.49 = 5
 - passes are rendered in whole grades or in .5 grades.

The rounding up and down is as follows.

Fail:

0.00 – 4.99 are not rounded up

5.00 – 5.49 = 5

Pass:

5.50 - 6.24 = 6
6.25 - 6.74 = 6½
6.75 - 7.24 = 7
7.25 - 7.74 = 7½
7.75 - 8.24 = 8
8.25 - 8.74 = 8½
8.75 - 9.24 = 9
9.25 - 9.74 = 9½
9.75 - 10 = 10

If the next decimal ends up at a 5 or more, the grade is rounded up; if the next decimal is a 4 or lower the grade is rounded down.

2. Alphanumeric results can be awarded in the following cases:
 - ONV (onvoldoende - not sufficient) or NVD (niet voldaan - not complied): the student has not participated in all the test modules or has not satisfied the requirement of all partial tests;
 - V (voldaan/voldoende - complied/sufficient): the student has complied with a module, but has not received a grade on the scale from 1 to 10 for it;
 - VR (vrijstelling - exemption): the student has been granted exemption by the Board of examiners;
 - FR (fraude - fraud): the Board of examiners has established fraud.

art. 5.5 – make-up: additional or substitute test

If the student has fulfilled all obligations to perform to the best of his or her ability during the course, and he or she is nonetheless awarded a failing grade, but the final grade is at least a 4.0, without rounding up, he or she will be given a once-only possibility to sit an additional or substitute test.

art. 5.6 – type of test

1. Testing within a course is done in the manner stated in the University Course Catalogue. This can be made more explicit in the course manual.
2. At a student's request, the board of examiners may allow a test to be administered otherwise than as stipulated in the first paragraph.

art. 5.7 – oral testing

1. Only one person at a time may be tested orally, unless the board of examiners decides otherwise.
2. Oral tests will be administered in public, unless the board of examiners or the examiner in question decides otherwise in a special case.

art. 5.8 – provision for testing in special cases

1. The Director of the GSSBS may decide to grant an individual testing opportunity if not providing for an individual testing opportunity would result in a 'special case of manifest unfairness'.
2. Requests for a special possibility to sit a test must be submitted to the Director of the GSSBS as soon as possible, with evidence.

art. 5.9 – time limit for grading tests

1. The result of an oral test must be determined and communicated to the student within 24 hours.
2. The examiner must ensure that the results of written and other assessments are available to the student within 10 working days of the date of the assessment.
3. In this regard, students are reminded of the right of inspection as referred to in art. 5.11 and of the option to lodge an appeal with the Examinations Appeals Board.

art. 5.10 – period of validity

1. The validity period of study components achieved and exemptions is eight years. In derogation therefrom, the Board of Examiners may, in exceptional circumstances and at the student's request, specify an extended period of validity for a study component.
2. Partial tests and assignments which were passed within a component which was not passed will lose their validity after the academic year in which they were passed.

art. 5.11 – right of inspection ⁴

1. For at least thirty days after the announcement of the result of a written test, the student will be allowed to inspect his or her graded work upon request. At his or her request, a copy of that work will be provided to him/her at cost.
2. During the period referred to in the first paragraph, any student may inspect the questions and assignments of the test concerned, as well as, if possible, the standards on which the grade was based.

art. 5.12 – storage time tests

1. The assignments, their completion and the work assessed in the written tests will be kept in paper or digital form for a period of two years following the assessment.
2. The graduation work and the assessment of this will be kept in paper or digital form for a period of seven years after this assessment.

art. 5.13 – exemption

At the student's request, the board of examiners may, after consulting the examiner in question, grant the student exemption from a programme component if he/she:

- a. has completed an equivalent component of a university or higher professional study programme prior to the start of the Master's Degree Programme;
- b. has demonstrated through work or professional experience that he or she has sufficient knowledge and skills in relation to that component.

art. 5.14 – fraud and plagiarism

1. Fraud and plagiarism are defined as an action or failure to act on the part of a student, whereby a correct assessment of his or her knowledge, insight and skills is made impossible, in full or in part.

Fraud includes:

- cheating during examinations. The person offering the opportunity to cheat is an accessory to fraud;
- possession (i.e. the possession/carrying) of tools and resources during examinations, such as preprogrammed calculators, mobile phones, smartwatch, smartglasses, books, course readers, notes, etc., consultation of which is not explicitly permitted;
- having others carry out all or part of an assignment and presenting it as their own work;
- gaining access to questions, exercises or answers of an examination prior to the date or time that the examination takes place;

⁴ Article 11 of the Regulations of the Board of Examiners provides for the right to subsequent discussion.

- making up survey or interview answers or research data.
- Plagiarism is defined as including data or sections of text (from others) in a thesis or other Paper without quoting the source. Plagiarism includes the following:
- cutting and pasting text from digital sources such as encyclopaedias and digital publications without using quotation marks and referring to the source;
 - cutting and pasting text from the internet without using quotation marks and referring to the source;
 - using excerpts from printed material such as books, magazines or other publications and encyclopaedias without using quotation marks and referring to the source;
 - using a translation of the abovementioned sources without using quotation marks and referring to the source;
 - paraphrasing the abovementioned texts without giving a (clear) reference: paraphrasing must be marked as such (by explicitly linking the text with the original author, either in text or a footnote), whereby the impression is not created that the ideas expressed are those of the student;
 - using visual, audio or test material from others without referring to the source and presenting this as own work;
 - resubmission of the student's own earlier work without source references, and allowing this to pass for work originally produced for the purpose of the course, unless this is expressly permitted in the course or by the lecturer;
 - using the work of other students and passing this off as own work. If this happens with the permission of the other student, the latter is also guilty of plagiarism;
 - in the event that, in a joint paper, one of the authors commits plagiarism, the other authors are also guilty of plagiarism, if they could or should have known that the other was committing plagiarism;
 - submitting papers obtained from a commercial institution (such as an internet site offering excerpts or papers) or having such written by someone else in return for payment.
2. a. If fraud or plagiarism is established or suspected, the examiner informs the student or Board of Examiners in writing.
 - b. The Board of Examiners gives the student the opportunity to:
 - respond in writing;
 - respond orally.
 3. The board of examiners will determine whether fraud or plagiarism has occurred or whether a case involves a student being an accessory to fraud or plagiarism and will inform the student of its decision in writing and of the sanctions in accordance with the stipulations of the fourth paragraph, stating the possibility of appeal to the Examination Appeals Board.
 4. Fraud and plagiarism or being an accessory to either fraud or plagiarism will be punished by the board of examiners as follows:
 - a. In any event:
 - invalidation of the paper or examination submitted;
 - a reprimand, a note of which will be made in the student's file;
 - no longer being eligible for a positive degree classification (cum laude) as referred to in art. 6.2.
 - b. In addition to – depending on the nature and scale of the fraud or plagiarism, and on the student's phase of study – one or more of the following sanctions:
 - removal from the course;
 - exclusion from participation in examinations or other forms of testing belonging to the educational component concerned for the current academic year, or for a period of 12 months;
 - complete exclusion from participation in all examinations or other forms of testing for a period of 12 months.
 - c. In the event that the student has already received a reprimand:
 - complete exclusion from participation in all examinations or other forms of testing for a period of 12 months and a recommendation to leave the course.
 - d. In the case of extremely serious and/or repeated fraud, the Board of Examiners may recommend that the Executive Board permanently terminate the programme registration of the student concerned.
 5. If the Board of Examiners establishes that large-scale or organised fraud is involved such that the examination results as a whole will be affected, the Board of Examiners will declare without delay that the relevant examination is invalid and that all participants must resit the entire examination in the short term. At that time, the Board of Examiners will set the date on which the examination must be resat. This date will be a maximum of two weeks after the fraud was established, allowing participants to benefit by preparing for the examination.

SECTION 6 – EXAMINATION

art. 6.1 – examination

1. As soon as the student has fulfilled the requirements of the examinations programme, the Board of Examiners will determine the result of the examination and award a degree certificate as referred to in art. 6.4.
2. Prior to determining the examination result, the board of examiners may examine the student's knowledge of one or more components or aspects of the study programme, if and in so far as the results of the relevant tests give them reason to do so.
3. The defence of the thesis constitutes part of the final examination. Immediately following the defence of the thesis, the Board of Examiners will determine the results of the examinations and announce these to the student. The date of examination will be the date on which the Board of Examiners determines that the student has completed the examination with a satisfactory result.
4. The examination will be passed on condition that all components have been passed.
5. A further condition for passing the examination and receiving the certificate is that the student was registered for the course during the period in which the tests were taken. If the student does not fulfil this condition, the Executive Board may issue a statement of no objection in relation to the passing of the examination and the issue of the certificate, after the student has paid the tuition fees and administration charges owing for the 'missing' periods.
6. A student who has passed an examination and is therefore entitled to be awarded a certificate, may request that the Board of Examiners delay the granting of the certificate. Such a request must be submitted within two weeks after the student has been informed of the examination results, stating the date on which the student wishes to receive the certificate. The Board of Examiners will in any case grant the request in the academic year 2014-2015 if the student:
 - plans to fulfil a management position for which Utrecht University has provided a board activities grant;
 - plans to do an internship or take a component of a study programme abroad.The Board of Examiners may also grant the request if refusal would result in an exceptional case of extreme unfairness on account of the circumstance that the student concerned could not have taken into account the automatic graduation when he was planning his study.

art. 6.2 – cum laude judicium

A Master's degree may be awarded with distinction (*cum laude*). To achieve this distinction, students must have obtained the following requirements:

- a weighted average of at least an 8.0, without rounding up, for all components of the Master's degree programme. This weighting is based on the credits;
- the weighted average grade is calculated using the final grades for the components of the degree programme;
- not any component of the degree programme can be assessed with a grade less than a 7.0 in OSIRIS;
- at the first assessment the grade for the Master thesis (Master's project) ⁵ must be 8.0 or higher;
- the final examination of the Master's Degree Programme has been passed within two and a half year.

Exemptions do not count towards a degree with distinction.

Grades given for courses of other degree programmes, including those at foreign universities, only count if permission is sought from the Board of Examiners prior to the start of the courses.

The student, of whom the board of examiners has concluded that he has perpetrated fraud, shall not be awarded with distinction (*cum laude*).

If the above regulations are not applicable, the Board of Examiners reserves the right to make the final decision.

⁵ If the Master thesis (Master's project) consists of more than one component, the weighted average of all of the components must be at least 8.0 without rounding up. Grades are weighted based on the number of credits.

art. 6.3 – degree

1. The Master of Science degree will be awarded to the student who passes the examination.
2. The degree awarded will be noted on the examination certificate.

art. 6.4 – degree certificate

1. The Board of Examiners will award a certificate as proof that the examination was passed. One certificate will be issued for each course, even if a student completes several programmes.
2. The Board of Examiners will add the International Diploma Supplement to this certificate, which provides insight (internationally) into the nature and contents of the completed study programme.

art. 6.5 – final Grade Point Average (GPA)

1. For students who began their Master's programme in September 2007 or afterwards, the final GPA listed on the International Diploma Supplement reflects their academic performance.
2. The final GPA is the average of the grades obtained over the course of a degree programme, weighted according to credits and expressed on a scale of 1 to 4 with two decimals.
3. The final GPA is calculated as follows:
 - All applicable grades obtained for each component of the Master's degree course are converted into quality points.
 - A quality point is the applicable grade multiplied by the number of credits of the component in question.
 - The cumulative number of quality points is then divided by the total number of credits obtained to give the average grade.
 - The average grade is converted into the final GPA.

SECTION 7 – STUDENT COUNSELLING

art. 7.1 – records of students’ progress

1. The faculty must record the individual study results of the students and make them available through Osiris-student.
2. A certified student progress file can be obtained at the Studentdesk of the Faculty.

art. 7.2 – student counselling

1. The faculty must provide for counselling of the students who are registered for the study programme, and each programme must provide a student tutor.
2. Student counselling, by way of the student tutor and/or broader within the programme/Faculty, encompasses:
 - assignment of a tutor who is tasked with;
 - a. promoting students’ sense of community;
 - b. assisting with programme choices;
 - c. assisting with exploration of the labour market.
 - referring and assisting students who encounter difficulties during their studies.

art. 7.3 – disability

Disabled or chronically ill students will be offered the possibility to take courses and sit examinations in the manner as laid down in his or her Education Facilities Contract. Requests to conclude a study contract must be submitted to the student counsellor.

SECTION 8 – TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

art. 8.1 – safety-net scheme

In cases for which these Education and Examination Regulations do not provide, do not clearly provide, or lead to obviously unreasonable outcomes, a decision will be taken by or on behalf of the dean, after having heard the Board of Examiners. If the decision is part of the legal competences of the Board of Examiners, the dean will send the request to the Board of Examiners to deal with.

art. 8.2 – transitional provisions

The transitional provisions are listed in the annex under 2.

art. 8.3 – amendments

1. Amendments to these rules will be laid down by the dean after consulting the board of the GSSBS and after they have been approved by the Faculty council, in a separate resolution.
2. An amendment to these rules is not to be applied to the current academic year, unless it is reasonable to assume that it will not harm the interests of the students.
3. Nor may an amendment have an adverse effect for students on any other decision taken pursuant to these Regulations by the board of examiners with respect to a student.

art. 8.4 – publication

The dean will provide for the publication of these Regulations, as well as each amendment, on internet.

art. 8.5 – effective date

These Regulations take effect on 1 September 2015.

Part 2

AIM OF THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Aim of all programmes:

The programmes are designed as preparation for a PhD study. The programmes similarly provide training for students who do not wish to enter a PhD training program after graduation, but who wish to pursue their professional career as a researcher outside of the university.

Theoretical attitudes and insights, research skills

Graduates of the programme:

- have an overview of important theoretical and methodological issues in their field of study. They have expertise and experience in the elaboration of a research project with a clearly formulated research problem that is innovative while building on the state of the art in the field and being well grounded in the literature in this field;
- have an understanding of different research designs and methods of data collection, have acquired the expertise and experience in the elaboration of research designs and methods of data collection that are adequate for answering an underlying research question and are capable of choosing and applying them in their research;
- are able to choose and apply appropriate statistical models (not applicable to CASTOR);
- have expertise and experience in the integration of theory and (quantitative and/or qualitative) empirical research (“theory-guided empirical research”) and they have gained experience in the full process of social or behavioural research and in reporting the results of research in a specific field of study. These qualifications are reflected in a master’s thesis, which should have the form of a publishable research paper;
- are capable, based upon a research proposal, of independently carrying out research towards acquiring a PhD.

General academic skills:

Graduates of the programmes are trained in academic writing, in presenting for various audiences, and in data analysing, documentation and archiving.

General work orientation:

Graduates of the programmes have acquired a general work orientation that is required for membership in a research team and in a research network in their own research domain.

Cultural Anthropology: Sociocultural Transformation (CASTOR):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Cultural Anthropology: Sociocultural Transformation* are based on requirements made by the academic discipline, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and comprehension

1. Being able to think and act within the discipline of cultural anthropology beyond the BA level, and in particular being proficient in the relevant literature on sociocultural transformation and current trends in anthropological theory.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- following recent discussions in anthropological theory, and contributing to international discipline-specific discussions in their area of specialization;
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals;
- positioning themselves within international anthropological academia;
- critically appraising an academic argument;
- responding to academic critique in a scholarly way;
- demonstrating the specific academic attitude that one is expected and required to have within the domain of cultural anthropology.

2. Being capable of independently formulating and designing an empirical research project from an anthropological perspective.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- applying anthropological theories to international discussions in the discipline to concrete empirical research questions;
- independently identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it according to international standards of the discipline;
- identifying and elaborating on aspects of the research problem of particular interest to an international discipline-specific audience;
- selecting and incorporating the appropriate empirical methods into the research design, and justifying the choices made.

Implementing knowledge and comprehension

1. Formulating research questions about new areas of study from multiple theoretical perspectives, and contributing innovative ideas to current scientific and societal debates.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- formulating a clear research question with sub-questions about a complex phenomenon, problem or issue;
- addressing a central theoretical and/or societal debate;
- generating new knowledge about sociocultural transformations through anthropological research;
- relating new insights to concurrent scientific developments in anthropology.

2. Being able to carry out empirical field research according to anthropological methods, with a particular emphasis on qualitative empirical methods.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- defining and delimiting the research population;
- determining the most effective research methods to answer the central research question;
- discerning the principal levels of social complexity to an anthropological research question at the empirical research site;
- applying a multi-level perspective to the relation between cultural diversity and power amid the forces of globalization;
- mastering the principles of participant observation, the key anthropological research method;

- skillfully employing qualitative empirical methods to generate data suitable to the examination of research questions.

Judgment

1. Reflecting critically on scientific and public debates related to sociocultural transformations on the basis of theoretical and methodological knowledge.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- identifying the principal anthropological debates in the study of sociocultural transformations in general, and cultural diversity, power, and globalization in particular;
- evaluating the epistemological consequences of different theoretical perspectives in the study of sociocultural transformations;
- understanding the epistemological limitations of scientific research in general, and cultural anthropology in particular.

2. Reflecting critically on data collected about core themes in the anthropological study of sociocultural transformations on the basis of theoretical, methodological and societal considerations.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- assessing the scientific limitations of their research findings in light of ongoing disciplinary developments;
- distinguishing between valid and invalid research findings;
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient data;
- understanding the societal implications of research findings and their responsibility as informed scholars.

3. Being aware of the professional ethics of cultural anthropologists in a societal, academic and empirical context.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of anthropological research methods, and in particular of participant observation;
- understanding the ethical obligations to research subjects, and avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge;
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity and reputation of cultural anthropology as a field of science;
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results.

Communication

1. Working with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within an area that exceeds their immediate sub-disciplinary background;
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of cultural anthropologists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research;
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects;
- generating innovative anthropological knowledge within the team.

2. Communicating in English at an academic level.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- debating with fellow anthropologists and other scholars in related fields on theory and research in English;
- writing a master thesis and publishable paper in English;

- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists.
3. Translating research findings and scientific debates for a non-scholarly audience.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and anthropological insights in a non-specialist vocabulary;
- contributing an anthropological perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion;
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine.

Learning ability

1. In possession of the disciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a PhD or a nonacademic research position.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- understanding current anthropological theories;
- applying an anthropological perspective to social and cultural phenomena;
- employing advanced anthropological research methods;
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, gathering and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public .

2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

At the end of the master phase, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in the field of cultural anthropology;
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field;
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional;
- independently taking action within the scope of career development.

Development and Socialisation in Childhood and Adolescence (DaSCA):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Development and Socialization in Childhood and Adolescence* are based on requirements made by the academic discipline, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate, understand and develop knowledge on child and adolescent development and socialization in original ways, and in particular being proficient in the relevant literature and current trends in theory beyond the competence associated with the undergraduate level.
2. Being capable of formulating and designing an original empirical research project from the perspective of theories of child and adolescent development and socialization.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- presenting theoretical analyses of relevant issues in the field, understanding recent discussions, and formulating new interpretations of key insights
- identifying the relevant debates in the field in general, and developmental trajectories in context, and interventions in these, in particular
- critically appraising an academic argument

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it in relation to a current debate on child and adolescent development and socialization
- discerning the principal levels of complexity of social contexts involved in the empirical study of research problems
- determining the most effective research methods to gather data necessary to address a research problem, and justifying the choices made
- mastering the principles of multi-actor and multi-method longitudinal studies and experimental and quasi-experimental studies in the field of child and adolescent development and socialization

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Formulating research questions about new and unfamiliar areas of study from multiple theoretical perspectives, and contributing innovative ideas to current scientific and societal debates.
2. Being able to carry out empirical research on child and adolescent development and socialization, with a particular emphasis on quantitative empirical methods.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- contributing to international discipline-specific discussions in their area of specialization
- addressing a central theoretical and/or societal debate
- generating new knowledge on child and adolescent development and socialization through longitudinal, experimental and quasi-experimental designs
- relating new insights to concurrent scientific developments in the field of child and adolescent development and socialization
- applying recent theories to international discussions in the discipline to concrete empirical research questions
- applying a multi-level perspective to the relation between general societal trends and child and adolescent development and socialization

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- operationalizing a research problem into a hypothesis or clearly defined research questions and sub-questions
- defining and delimiting the research population
- skilfully employing quantitative empirical methods to generate data necessary to examine and answer the hypotheses or research questions
- identifying and elaborating on aspects of the research problem of particular interest to an international discipline-specific audience

Making judgements

Qualifications

1. Using scientific judgments to address public debates on issues of child and adolescent development and socialization on the basis of theoretical and methodological knowledge.
2. Reflecting critically on and formulating judgments with incomplete data collected about, core themes in the study of child and adolescent development and socialization on the basis of theoretical, methodological and societal considerations.
3. Being aware of the professional ethics of behavioural and social scientists in a societal, academic and empirical context

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgments about complex issues of child and adolescent development and socialization in context
- assessing the scientific limitations of research findings in light of ongoing disciplinary and societal developments
- understanding the societal implications of research findings and their responsibility as informed scholars
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- distinguishing between valid and invalid research findings
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient data, and adequate and inadequate methodologies
- evaluating the epistemological consequences of different theoretical perspectives in the study of issues of child and adolescent development and socialization in context
- understanding the epistemological limitations of scientific research in general, and the study of child and adolescent development and socialization in context in particular

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of relevant research methods, and in particular of longitudinal, experimental and quasi-experimental designs
- understanding the ethical implications on research subjects, and the ethical obligation to avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity and reputation of the study of child and adolescent development and socialization as a field of science
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Working with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.
2. Communicating in English at an academic level.
3. Translating research findings and scientific debates for a non-scholarly audience

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within an area that exceeds their immediate sub-disciplinary background
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of researchers of child and adolescent development and socialization, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects
- generating innovative knowledge within the team

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- Debating with fellow researchers of child and adolescent development and socialization, and other scholars in related fields on theory and research in English
- writing a M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and insights with regard to child and adolescent development and socialization in a non-specialist vocabulary
- contributing a development and socialization perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the disciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current theories and debates with regard to research into child and adolescent development and socialization
- applying a development and socialization perspective to the study of development in social context
- employing advanced methods of research into child and adolescent development and socialization
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, gathering and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in the field of child and adolescent development and socialization
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field of child and adolescent development and socialization
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development.

Educational Sciences: Learning in Interaction (EdSci):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Educational Sciences: Learning in Interaction* are based on requirements made by the academic discipline, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate, understand and develop knowledge about education and learning in original ways, and in particular being proficient in the relevant literature on learning, teaching, instructional design, diagnostic evaluation and intervention in special educational needs, and the individual and social regulation of interactivity in educational learning processes beyond the competence associated with the undergraduate level.
2. Being capable to formulate and design an original empirical research project into an educational issue.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding educational and learning sciences as an international, multidisciplinary area of study with branches and specialisations relating to cognitive and affective neuroscience, psychology, pedagogical sciences, sociology biology, economy, computer sciences, and specific school subject related domains.
- understanding the role of interactivity in educational learning processes building from different complementary theoretical perspectives, specifically cognitive and social psychological theories
- understanding the multilevel complexity (learners nested within learning environments) involved in the empirical study of educational research problems
- understanding the nature and role of individual differences and special educational needs (disabilities, giftedness) in education and learning
- following and understanding recent discussions in educational and learning sciences, and formulating new and fruitful interpretations of key insights
- identifying the principal educational debates in the study of learning, teaching, instructional design and special educational needs, specifically the individual and social regulation of learning processes
- critically appraising an academic argument

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it in relation to a current scholarly educational debate
- determining the most effective research methods to gather data necessary to address a research problem, choosing and developing adequate instruments, and justifying the choices made
- mastering the principles of (advanced) quantitative, qualitative as well as mixed methods

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to analyze complex educational problems both at the level of the individual learner with his or her specific needs and possibilities and at the level of the classroom, to integrate educationally relevant knowledge from different sources and of different quality and to contribute innovative ideas to current scientific and societal debates
2. Being able to formulate research questions at the aforementioned levels about new and unfamiliar areas of study from multiple theoretical perspectives and to carry out empirical research according to quantitative, qualitative as well as mixed methods
3. Optional for students who choose a special educational needs specialization: being able to analyze the educational problems of special needs students and to apply multiple disciplinary perspectives and diagnostic assessment tools in order to reach grounded conclusions.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- applying educational theories on learning, teaching and instructional design and specifically on the individual and social regulation of learning processes to analyze complex educational problems at the individual and classroom level,
- relating new insights to current developments in educational and learning sciences
- generating new knowledge about learning, teaching and instruction, and specifically the individual and social regulation of learning processes
- applying different theoretical perspectives which contribute to international discipline-specific discussions in their area of specialization
- addressing a central theoretical and/or societal debate using different theoretical, empirical and analytical arguments

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- operationalizing a research problem into hypotheses and/or clearly defined research questions and sub-questions with regard to complex educational problems at the individual and classroom level.
- defining and delimiting the research population of interest and the research sample
- controlling for the quality of measurement instruments, procedures and data
- skilfully employing quantitative, qualitative as well as mixed methods to generate data necessary to examine and evaluate the hypotheses or to answer the research questions
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, collecting and analyzing data, drawing conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public

Ad3 - optional

At the end of the master programme students are capable of:

- applying multiple disciplinary perspectives to intellectual and learning disabilities
- independently performing diagnostic assessments
- reaching scientifically grounded conclusions in complex and/or uncertain situations
- communicating these conclusions, as well as the knowledge, decisions, and considerations that inform them, to professional and non-professional stakeholders.

Making judgments

Qualifications

1. Have the ability, also in cases of limited and missing information, to reflect critically on and formulate judgments about core questions in learning, teaching and instruction at the individual, classroom and school level on the basis of theoretical, empirical, methodological and societal considerations.

2. Being able to use scientific judgments to address questions of professional and non-professional stakeholders and public debates related to learning, teaching and instruction on the basis of theoretical, empirical and methodological knowledge.

3. Being aware of the professional ethics of educational researchers in a societal, academic and empirical context.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- evaluating the validity of research findings in terms of measurement, sampling and design regarding both (diagnostic) research with individual learners and classroom and school level research
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient data, and adequate or inadequate methodologies
- evaluating the epistemological consequences of different theoretical perspectives in the study of learning, teaching and instruction
- understanding the epistemological limitations and possibilities of scientific research in general, and educational sciences in particular

Ad2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgments about complex educational problems at the individual, classroom and school level
- assessing the scientific limitations of research findings in light of ongoing disciplinary and societal developments
- understanding the societal implications of research findings and their own responsibility as informed scholars
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of educational research methods, tools and procedures
- understanding the ethical implications for research subjects, and the ethical obligation to avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity, reputation and relevance of education as a field of science
- understanding the responsibility to important stakeholders and the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Being able to work with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.
2. Being able to communicate in English at an academic level.
3. Having the ability to communicate research findings to professional and non-professional stakeholders, and to translate and clarify research findings and scientific debates, including their underpinning knowledge and arguments, for a non-scholarly audience.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within a context that exceeds their immediate (sub-) disciplinary background
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of educational scientists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects
- generating innovative educational knowledge within the team

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- writing an M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals
- debating with fellow educational scientists and other scholars in related fields on theory and research in English
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists
- contributing to international discipline-specific discussions in the area of specialization

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- communicating their conclusions and the knowledge and rationale underpinning to non-specialist stakeholders and audiences clearly and unambiguously
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine
- contributing an educational scientific perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the disciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current theories and debates in the educational and learning sciences
- applying multiple disciplinary perspectives to education and learning at the levels of the individual learner, student-teacher relationship, classroom, school, and wider community
- employing advanced methods of research into education and learning, including experimental, longitudinal, observational and qualitative methods
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, collecting and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues, professionals, and a general public.

Ad2

At the end of the master programme students are capable of:

- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- using ICT technologies, such as computers, text processing programmes, and search machines
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional.

Methodology and Statistics for the Behavioural, Biomedical and Social Sciences (MSBBSS):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Methodology and Statistics in the Behavioural, Biomedical and Social Sciences* are based on requirements made by behavioural and social science, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate, understand and develop methodological and statistical scientific knowledge in original ways, and in particular being proficient in the relevant scientific literature on methodology and statistics beyond the competence associated with the undergraduate level.
2. Being capable of formulating and designing an original methodological and/or statistical research project from a biomedical, behavioural and/or social scientific perspective.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- following and understanding recent theoretical discussions
- identifying the principal scientific debates in the study of methodology and statistics
- critically appraising an academic argument

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it in relation to a current methodological and/or statistical debate
- determining the most effective research methods to gather and analyze data necessary to address a research problem, and justifying the choices made
- mastering the principles and practicalities of quantitative analyses

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Formulating research questions about new and unfamiliar areas of methodology and statistics in the social, biomedical and behavioural sciences.
2. Being able to design studies and analyze data in the area of the biomedical, behavioural and social sciences.
3. Being able to use and develop new software that can be used for data collection and statistical analysis

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- contributing to international discussions in their area of specialization
- generating new knowledge about methodology and statistics in the social and behavioural sciences

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- operationalizing a research problem into a hypothesis
- skilfully employing quantitative empirical methods to generate and analyze data necessary to examine and answer the hypothesis or research questions

ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- using existing software for data collection and statistical analysis of data
- writing new software for data collection and statistical analysis of data

Making judgements

Qualifications

1. Using scientific judgements to address questions on methodology and statistics in the social and behavioural and biomedical sciences.
2. Being aware of the professional ethics of a methodologist/statistician in a societal, academic and empirical context

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgements about the methodology and statistics in the social, behavioural and biomedical sciences employed in research
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of social, biomedical and/or behavioural scientific research and research methods
- understanding the ethical implications on research subjects, and the ethical obligation to avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity and reputation of the social sciences
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Working with other researchers in methodology and statistics in the biomedical, social and behavioural sciences, as well as with researchers in substantive fields of the biomedical, social and behavioural sciences, at an up-to-date academic level,
2. Communicating in English at an academic level.
3. Translating research findings and methodological and statistical findings for a non-scholarly audience.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within methodology and statistics in the biomedical, social and behavioural sciences, as well as in other fields of the biomedical, social and behavioural sciences
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of methodologists/statisticians in the social, behavioural and biomedical sciences, as well as other biomedical, behavioural and social scientists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant methodological and statistical knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- Debating with fellow methodologists/statisticians, as well as with behavioural, biomedical and social scientists, on methodology and statistics in English
- writing a M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals in their field
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and theoretical insights on methodology and statistics in a non-specialist vocabulary
- contributing a methodological/statistical perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion

- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the methodological/statistical skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current theories and debates in methodology and statistics in the biomedical, social and behavioural sciences
- employing advanced research methods

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in their field of study
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- using ICT technologies, such as computers, text processing programmes, and search machines
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development.

Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism (MERM):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism* are based on requirements made by interdisciplinary social science, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate, understand and develop social scientific knowledge in innovative and interdisciplinary ways, and in particular being proficient in the relevant social scientific literature on Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism beyond the competence associated with the undergraduate level.
2. Being capable of formulating and designing an original empirical research project from a social scientific perspective.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- following and understanding recent theoretical discussions, and formulating new interpretations of key insights
- identifying the principal scientific debates in the study on the conditions and processes of migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism.
- critically appraising an academic argument

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it in relation to a current social scientific debate
- discerning the principal levels of social complexity involved in the empirical study of research problems
- determining the most effective research methods to gather and analyze data necessary to address a research problem, and justifying the choices made
- mastering the principles and practicalities of quantitative analyses

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Formulating research questions about new and unfamiliar areas of study from multiple theoretical perspectives, and contributing innovative ideas to current scientific and societal debates.
2. Being able to carry out empirical research according to social scientific methods, with a particular emphasis on using quantitative empirical methods.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- contributing to international discussions in their area of specialization
- addressing a central theoretical and/or societal debate
- generating new knowledge about migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism through social scientific research
- relating new insights to concurrent theoretical developments, particularly in interdisciplinary social science
- applying theories to international discussions in the discipline to concrete empirical research questions

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- operationalizing a research problem into a hypothesis or clearly defined research questions and sub-questions
- defining and delimiting the research population
- skilfully employing quantitative empirical methods to generate and analyze data necessary to examine and answer the hypothesis or research questions
- identifying and elaborating on aspects of the research problem of particular interest to an international scientific audience

Making judgements

Qualifications

1. Using scientific judgements to address public debates related to question on migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism on the basis of theoretical and methodological knowledge.
2. Reflecting critically on and formulating judgements with incomplete data collected about core themes in study of migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism on the basis of theoretical, methodological and societal considerations.
3. Being aware of the professional ethics of a social scientist in a societal, academic and empirical context

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgements about complex theoretical and societal problems
- assessing the contributions and limitations of interdisciplinary theories and perspectives
- understanding the societal implications of research findings and their responsibility as informed scholars
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- distinguishing between valid and invalid research findings
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient data, and adequate and inadequate methodologies
- understandings and evaluating the epistemological limitations and consequences of different theoretical perspectives in the study of migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of social scientific research and research methods
- understanding the ethical implications on research subjects, and the ethical obligation to avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity and reputation of the social sciences
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Working with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.
2. Communicating in English at an academic level.
3. Translating research findings and scientific debates for a non-scholarly audience

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within an interdisciplinary area
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of social scientists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects
- generating innovative theoretical knowledge within the team

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- Debating with fellow social scientists in related fields on theory and research in English
- writing a M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and theoretical insights in a non-specialist vocabulary
- contributing an interdisciplinary perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the interdisciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current social scientific theories and debates
- applying an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of migration, ethnic relations and multiculturalism
- employing advanced research methods
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, gathering and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in their field of study
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- using ICT technologies, such as computers, text processing programs, and search machines
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development.

Social and Health Psychology (SHP):

The intended final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in *Social & Health Psychology: Research in Behavioural Regulation* are based on requirements made by the academic discipline, follow international academic standards, and are relevant to the professional practices in this field. They are comparable to the requirements made by colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. The qualifications of each of the following five Dublin descriptors will be related to clear academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate, understand and develop psychological knowledge in original ways, and in particular being proficient in the relevant literature on behavioural regulation and current trends in social and health psychological theory beyond the competence associated with the undergraduate level.
2. Being capable of formulating and designing an original empirical research project from a psychological perspective with an emphasis on approaches that relate to social and health psychology and focus on issues that are central in health behaviour and social behaviour.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- following and understanding recent discussions in psychological theory, and formulating new interpretations of key insights
- identifying the principal psychological debates in the study of behavioural regulation in general, and health behaviour and social behaviour in particular
- critically appraising an academic argument

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- identifying a coherent research problem, and formulating it in relation to a current psychological debate
- discerning the principal levels of complexity involved in the empirical study of research problems
- determining the most effective research methods to gather data necessary to address a research problem, and justifying the choices made
- mastering the principles of empirical research, including both experimental and survey approaches

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Formulating research questions about new and unfamiliar areas of study from multiple theoretical perspectives, and contributing innovative ideas to current scientific and societal debates.
2. Being able to carry out empirical field research according to psychological methods, with a particular emphasis on quantitative empirical methods.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- contributing to international discipline-specific discussions in their area of specialization
- addressing a central theoretical and/or societal debate
- generating new knowledge about behavioural regulation through psychological research
- relating new insights to concurrent scientific developments in psychology
- applying psychological theories to international discussions in the discipline to concrete empirical research questions

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- operationalizing a research problem into a hypothesis or clearly defined research questions and sub-questions
- defining and delimiting the research population
- skilfully employing quantitative empirical methods to generate data necessary to examine and answer the hypothesis or research questions
- identifying and elaborating on aspects of the research problem of particular interest to an international discipline-specific audience

Making judgements

Qualifications

1. Using scientific judgments to address public debates related to disturbed behavioural regulation on the basis of theoretical and methodological knowledge.
2. Reflecting critically on and formulating judgments with incomplete data collected about core themes in the psychological study of behavioural regulation on the basis of theoretical, methodological and societal considerations.
3. Being aware of the professional ethics of psychologists in a societal, academic and empirical context

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgments about complex psychological problems related to behavioural regulation
- assessing the scientific limitations of research findings in light of ongoing disciplinary and scientific developments
- understanding the societal implications of research findings and their responsibility as informed scholars
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- distinguishing between valid and invalid research findings
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient data, and adequate and inadequate methodologies
- evaluating the epistemological consequences of different theoretical perspectives in the study of behavioural regulation
- understanding the epistemological limitations of scientific research in general, and psychology in particular

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the ethical implications of psychological research methods, and in particular of experimental procedures
- understanding the ethical implications on research subjects, and the ethical obligation to avoid any harm or wrong in the pursuit of knowledge
- carrying the responsibility for the integrity and reputation of psychology as a field of science
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Working with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.
2. Communicating in English at an academic level.
3. Translating research findings and scientific debates for a non-scholarly audience

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within an area that exceeds their immediate sub-disciplinary background
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an (inter)national group of psychologists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such (inter)national collaboration to the development of joint projects
- generating innovative psychological knowledge in collaboration with fellow psychologists

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- Debating with fellow psychologists and other scholars in related fields on theory and research in English
- writing a M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and psychological insights in a non-specialist vocabulary
- explaining a psychological perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the disciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current psychological theories and debates
- applying a psychological perspective to the study of behavioural regulation
- employing advanced psychological research methods
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, gathering and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in the field of behavioural regulation
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- using ICT technologies, such as computers, text processing programs, and search machines
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development.

Sociology and Social Research (SaSR):

The final qualifications and competencies of the MSc. degree in Sociology and Social Research are based on the international standards of the discipline and correspond to the internationally accepted Dublin descriptors. Alumni of SaSR have expertise and experience in problem-guided and systematic (deductive) sociological theory building (including, but not exclusively formal theoretical models), with an emphasis on macro-micro-macro relations and transitions. More specifically, they have expertise and experience in connecting sociological theories and research questions with other theories of social behaviour. Theories are empirically tested using advanced statistical methods. Alumni of the program can apply their problem solving skills, their theoretical knowledge as well as their capabilities to empirically analyse complex data also within broader or multidisciplinary research and policy settings. SaSR prepares students for a PhD programme, i.e. for conducting research in the field of sociology or any other social science. In the following, the five Dublin descriptors are related to academic objectives.

Knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Being able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding that is founded upon but considerably extends a Bachelor's level and that provides the basis for developing and applying new ideas usually within a research context.
2. Being able to formulate a new research problem and designing an original empirical research project from a sociological perspective

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- following and understanding recent discussions as well as key insights in sociological theory in particular and in social sciences in general
- identifying sociological problems and distinguish them from social problems
- formulate and critically appraise and evaluate an (academic) arguments

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- formulating a new and relevant research problem which builds upon existing sociological research questions and findings
- applying and contributing to relevant social theories as potential answers to research problems
- determining the most effective research methods to arrive at answers to the given research problem
- applying and testing implications of sociological theories

Applying knowledge and understanding

Qualifications

1. Applying theoretical and empirical knowledge and problem solving abilities in new and unfamiliar environments and in other scientific fields than sociology.
2. Being able to carry out empirical research using advanced social science theories and research methods

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- contributing to international discipline-specific discussions in their area of specialization
- addressing a central theoretical or empirical issue
- generating answers to sociological research questions through empirical research
- relating new insights to concurrent scientific developments in sociology
- applying sociological theories to international discussions in the discipline and to concrete empirical research questions
- applying a multi-level perspective to the relation between macro conditions and micro consequences (and vice versa)

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- translating and operationalizing a research problem into clearly defined research questions and sub-questions,
- defining and drawing the research sample,
- skilfully employing adequate quantitative methods and measurements as well as being able to develop new scales/methods measuring key variables of the research
- drawing conclusions from results of the analyses, and formulate new research on the basis of these conclusions
- presenting research results to an international discipline-specific audience as well as to an audience from other disciplines

Making judgements

Qualifications

1. Using scientific judgments to address social and sociological issues related to complex developments and transformations on the basis of theoretical and methodological knowledge.
2. Ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexity, also in situations with incomplete information, and formulating judgments which employ existing information as good as possible.
3. Being aware of the professional standards of sociology and sociologists in a societal, academic and empirical context

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- making scientifically informed judgments about complex sociological and social problems
- assessing the scientific limitations of research findings in the light of ongoing disciplinary and social developments
- understanding the social implications of research findings, i.e. translating findings to a social macro level and being aware of macro-micro-macro links
- responding to academic and public critique in a scholarly way

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- distinguishing between valid and invalid research findings
- ascertaining whether research outcomes are based on sufficient or insufficient information, and judge about the adequacy of methods used
- being able to evaluate the strength and weaknesses of research and make a difference between significance and social and practical relevance of findings

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- assessing the social implications of sociological research
- being aware of the ethical standards of the profession
- being able to carry responsibility for the integrity and reputation of sociology as a field of science
- understanding the responsibility to the public, and the social and political implications of the dissemination of research results

Communication

Qualifications

1. Cooperating with other researchers at an up-to-date academic level in the disciplinary context in international scholarly exchanges and collaborations.
2. Communicating in English at an academic level.
3. Translating research findings and scientific issues for a non-scholarly audience

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- working with fellow scholars within an area that exceeds their immediate sub-disciplinary background
- sharing their knowledge and experience within an international team of sociologists, and applying relevant knowledge and experience to their own ongoing research
- applying relevant knowledge and experience shared in such international collaboration to the development of joint projects
- generating new and innovative sociological knowledge within the team

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- Debating with fellow sociologists and other scholars in related fields on theory and research in English
- writing a M.Sc. thesis in English
- producing publications up to the standards of international peer-reviewed journals
- giving an oral presentation in English on research findings and insights to audiences of specialists and non-specialists

Ad 3

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- explaining research findings and anthropological insights in a non-specialist vocabulary
- contributing an anthropological perspective to current affairs in an oral public discussion
- writing an argumentative text for a newspaper or magazine

Learning skills

Qualifications

1. In possession of the disciplinary knowledge and academic skills to pursue a Ph.D.
2. Being capable of autonomous scholarly self-development.

Academic objectives

Ad 1

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- understanding current sociological research questions, theories and research methods
- applying a sociological perspective to the study of social phenomena
- employing advanced sociological research methods
- completing the empirical cycle from formulating research questions, making a research design, gathering and analyzing data, drawing research conclusions, and communicating the findings to scholarly colleagues and a general public

Ad 2

At the end of the master programme, students are capable of:

- independently keeping track of international academic developments in the field of sociology and social sciences
- critically reassessing their own views in light of the latest developments in the field
- finding and selecting relevant scientific sources in libraries and on the internet
- using advanced technologies to search, analyze and present material
- giving proof of being a responsible and scholarly professional
- reflecting on and independently taking action within the scope of career development.

ANNEX

Annex 1 - Programme of study (art. 3.6)

The credit load for the programmes is 120 credits.

CASTOR: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

Component	Credits
1. Contemporary approaches in anthropological theory	7.5
2. Qualitative research methodology	7.5
3. Power, politics and the state: Anthropological perspectives	7.5
4. Armed conflict, collective violence and conflict transformation	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Ethnographic methods and research design	7.5
6. Political conflict and social trauma	7.5
7. Advanced area studies: Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean	7.5
8. Ethnicity and religion under globalization	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Ethnographic fieldwork	30
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Second year, second semester:

10. Integration of theory and data analysis	7.5
11. MSc. thesis writing seminar	7.5
12. Master of science thesis	15

DaSCA: The programme of study encompasses the following components ⁶:

First year, first semester:

1. Human development and developmental psychopathology	7.5
2. Context of psychosocial development, Family processes, peer relationships and culture	7.5
3. Multivariate statistics in practice	7.5
4. Research practical I	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Relationships, personality and adjustment in adolescence	7.5
6. Advanced topical and experimental seminar in development and socialisation research	7.5
7. Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling	7.5
8. Research practical II	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9A. Research seminar I	2.5
10. Elective course	7.5
11. Assessment, treatment and evaluation	7.5
12. Internship	7.5

⁶ For students that follow the clinical track within DaSCA, the course Assessment, treatment and evaluation is reduced to 2.5 EC (DaSCA15), and instead of the remaining 5 EC of this course, plus the course Internship (7.5 EC) and the course Elective course (7.5 EC), these students follow a Clinical traineeship (DaSCA14, 20 EC). These students receive their DaSCA diploma and a clinical qualification after the successful completion of their programme.

Second year, second semester:

9B. Research seminar II	5
13. Master's thesis	30

EdSci: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

1. Theories in learning	7.5
2. Introduction to educational neuroscience	7.5
3. Advanced statistics I: Multivariate statistics in practice	7.5
4. Integrative practical I	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Theories on teaching and teachers	7.5
6. Individual differences in learning and special needs education	7.5
7. Advanced statistics II: Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling	7.5
8. Integrative practical II	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Interaction in learning environments	7.5
10. Elective course I – clinical or research specialization	7.5
11. Elective course II - clinical or research specialization	7.5
12A. Research seminar I	3.75

Second year, second semester:

12B. Research seminar II	3.75
13. Master's thesis	30

MSBBSS: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

1. Survey data analysis	7.5
2. Multivariate statistics	7.5
3. Fundamentals of statistics	7.5
4. Computational inference with 'R'	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Psychometrics	7.5
6. Introduction in multilevel and structural equation modelling	7.5
7. Bayesian statistics	7.5
8. Clinical research designs	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Elective course	7.5
10. Preparation research master's thesis	15
11. Research seminar I	7.5

Second year, second semester:

12. Research seminar II	7.5
13. Master's thesis	22.5

MERM: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

1. International migration: Theories, types, trends and policies	7.5
2. Identity and cultural diversity	7.5
3. Methods and statistics 1: Regression analysis and its generalizations	7.5
4. Research practical 1	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Acculturation and cultural comparison	7.5
6. Immigrant integration: Inequality and cohesion	7.5
7. Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis	7.5
8. Research practical 2	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Ethnic conflict	7.5
10. Elective course	7.5
11. Research seminar 1: Theory and hypotheses	7.5
12. Research practical 3	7.5

Second year, second semester:

13. Research seminar 2: Analysis, results, report	7.5
14. Master's thesis	22.5

SHP: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

1. Behavioural regulation I: Affect and motivation	7.5
2. Behavioural regulation II: Thought and cognition	7.5
3. Multivariate statistics in practice	7.5
4. Integrative practicum I: Research skills	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Advances in research in behavioural regulation I: Interpersonal behaviour	7.5
6. Advances in research in behavioural regulation II: Health behaviour	7.5
7. Integrative practicum II: Research methods	7.5
8. Research training I	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Research training II	15
10. Elective course (any of the courses offered by the GSSBS)	7.5
11. Research seminar I: Theory and hypotheses	7.5

Second year, second semester:

12. Research seminar II: Data-analysis and writing up research	7.5
13. Master's thesis	22.5

SaSR: The programme of study encompasses the following components:

First year, first semester:

1. Sociological theory construction and model building	7.5
2. Family and social inequality	7.5
3. Methods and statistics 1: Regression analysis and its generalizations	7.5
4. Research practical 1: Time competition in families and organizations	7.5

First year, second semester:

5. Social networks – theory and empirics	7.5
6. Starting with your thesis – literature review	7.5
7. Methods and statistics 2: Structural equation modelling and multilevel analysis	7.5
8. Research practical 2: Social network analysis	7.5

Second year, first semester:

9. Electives and research experience	22.5
10. Research seminar 1: Building a theory	7.5

Second year, second semester:

11. Research seminar 2: Analyzing, reporting and discussing your findings	7.5
12. Master's thesis: A publishable article	22.5

In special cases, the board of studies of the school may allow the student to take one or more components of other university master's degree programmes.

Annex 2 - Transitional provisions (art. 8.2)

The 'old' curriculum including the transitional provisions below applies to students who began their degree programme under a previous curriculum, unless they decide to switch to the new curriculum.

Annex 2.1 - EdSci:

If not passed	Replace by
Societal and disciplinary perspectives on education (7.5 credits)	Elective course I – clinical or research specialization (7.5 credits)
Learning and behaviour problems (7.5 credits)	Individual differences in learning and special needs education (7.5 credits)

Annex 2.2 - MERM:

If not passed	Replace by
Ethnic identity and multiculturalism (7.5 credits)	Identity and cultural diversity (7.5 credits)
Racism and nationalism (7.5 credits)	Ethnic conflict (7.5 credits)

Annex 2.3 - SaSR:

If not passed	Replace by
Applications of social theory: stratification and households (7.5 credits)	Family and social inequality (7.5 credits)
Applications of social theory: networks and social capital (7.5 credits)	Social networks – theory and empirics (7.5 credits)
Theory construction and model building (7.5 credits)	Sociological Theory construction and model building (7.5 credits)
Field orientation and skills (7.5 credits)	Starting with your thesis – literature review (7.5 credits)

The students who began the programme SaSR in 2013-2014 or in an earlier academic year will follow the Elective course and Master's thesis as mentioned in the SaSR programme, set out in art. 3.6 of the Education and Examination Regulations for the 2013-2014 academic year.