

PhD training – information for potential candidates and supervisors

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Find more detailed information regarding our PhD training program on [our website](#) and in our Training Plan Manual (published on our website, updated yearly).

Training plan

- 30 EC¹ in three areas:
 - o Content & theory (10 EC)
 - o Methods & techniques (10 EC)
 - o Academic & transferable skills (10 EC)
- Plan varies per individual candidate
- Ideally, the candidate should obtain 10 EC within the first year
- Candidates use the Training Plan Template (on our website) when designing their plan
- The plan is discussed and approved by the GSSS Program Director at the beginning of the trajectory (as part of the Hora Finita registration)
- Training exemptions are subject to approval by the Program Director

Compulsory courses

- Induction Program (0.5 EC)
- Research Integrity and Responsible Scholarship (2 EC) – *ideally in the first year*
- Writing a Data Management Plan (1 EC) – *mandatory before the Go/No Go*
- Attending a scientific conference (1 EC for attendance, 2 EC when presenting)

Other courses

- The VU-GSSS offers a wide range of courses every academic year (overview on our website) and the opportunity for candidates to organize their own tutorials/seminars for credits
- Candidates can also follow courses at other VU faculties (see [course portal](#)), at our partner universities (more info on our website), or at other universities/institutes
- Courses included in the training plan should be relevant to the PhD trajectory and on Research Master's or PhD level (Bachelor's level courses are not accepted)

Any questions?

Check our website, the Training Plan Manual, or contact us at graduate.school.ssw@vu.nl

¹ Mandatory for all VU PhDs in accordance with the [VU Doctorate Regulations](#).