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# Psychology year 2

Study Advisers, May 2025





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## 2025-2026 Year 2 – Overview

Semester 1			Semester 2		
Period 1 (8 weeks)	Period 2 (8 weeks)	Period 3 (4 weeks)	Period 1 (8 weeks)	Period 2 (8 weeks)	Period 3 (4 weeks)
Scientific and Statistical Reasoning (9 EC)		Fundamentals of Psychology (6 EC)	Specialisation courses (30 EC)  choose between our 7 specialisations: Brain & Cognition Psychological Methods Social Psychology Work- and Organisational Psychology Clinical Psychology Clinical Developmental Psychology Clinical Neuropsychology (only in Dutch)		
Practical Training: Psychological Research (PT:PR) (12 EC) and Practical Training: Psychological Communication (PT:PC) (3 EC)*					
Total 30 EC			Total 30 EC		

**Please note:** Scientific and Statistical Reasoning, requires that you have passed RMS in year 1 and is an entry requirement for all specialisations (together with having passed all 1st year courses).

\*Psychological communication (PT:PC) is an entry requirement for the clinical specialisations(CP, CNP, CDP).



## 2026-2027 Year 3 - Overview

Semester 1			Semester 2		
Period 1 (8 weeks)	Period 2 (8 weeks)	Period 3 (4 weeks)	Period 1 (8 weeks)	Period 2 (8 weeks)	Period 3 (4 weeks)
Methods & Statistics course in chosen specialisation (6 EC)	Bachelor's Thesis (parttime for 8 weeks)	Bachelor's Thesis  (full time; continues after period 2) (12 EC)	Optional course profile (30 EC) (2nd specialisation, minor or exchange programme abroad)		
Current topic (6 EC)	Current topic (6 EC)				
Total 30 EC			Total 30 EC		



## Year 2: SSR - Scientific and Statistical Reasoning (9 ec)

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**Entry requirements:** 48 ec from year 1, **incl. RMS** and a pass for the P-thesis.

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**Contents:** The course focusses on fundamentals of argumentation with applications in everyday and scientific reasoning.  
The most important research designs and statistical analysis techniques in psychology will be covered.

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**Teaching method:** Lectures, tutorials, digital weekly assignments and self-study.  
The study load for this course is about 21 hours a week.

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**More information:** see ‘Shared Programme – Year 2’ in the 2025-2026 [course catalogue](#).



## Year 2: PT:PC – Practical training: Psychological Communication(3 ec)

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**Entry requirements:** 48 ec from year 1, incl. a pass for the P-thesis.

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**Contents:** A training course in which the focus is on acquiring basic professional interviewing skills, knowledge and self-awareness that are important to the psychologist. There will be exercises for students to practise and reflect on their own social behaviour.

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**Teaching method:** This intensive, interactive psychological skills training course will take place in 4 weeks, 4 mornings or 4 afternoons a week except on Thursdays. Takes place in groups up to 12 people. The study load for this course is about 21 hours a week. **Full mandatory attendance.**

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**More information:** see ‘Shared Programme – Year 2’ in the 2025-2026 [course catalogue](#).



## Year 2: PT:PR - Practical training: Psychological Research (12 ec)

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**Entry requirements:** All 60 ec from year 1.

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**Contents:** The course consists of 2 parts:

I. Psychological Testing - various aspects of test theory and decision making which are important for responsible test use;

II. Analysing data and writing a scientific article - analysing the data collected in Part I of the course and writing a scientific article about the conducted psychological research.

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**Teaching method:** Compulsory tutorial groups in which assignments on the study material are carried out; compulsory assignments. The study load for this course is about 21 hours a week.

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**More information:** see 'Shared Programme – Year 2' in the 2025-2026 [course catalogue](#).



## Year 2: Fundamentals of Psychology (6 ec)

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**Entry requirements:** 48 ec from year 1, incl. a pass for the P-thesis.

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**Contents:** Applying scientific methods to human behaviour produces all sorts of theoretical problems, which have not been resolved to this day. These problems often relate to the foundations on which psychology as a scientific discipline builds: the fundamentals of psychology.

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**Teaching method:** Lectures; compulsory tutorials in which assignments on the study material are carried out; weekly required assignments and diagnostic tests in the digital learning environment. The study load for this course is about 21 hours a week.

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**More information:** see ‘Shared Programme – Year 2’ in the 2025-2026 [course catalogue](#).





## What if I didn't pass all 1<sup>st</sup> year courses? (48-54 ec) > Study delay

**You can catch up with the course(s) you miss next year. But you will have a study delay.**

### **Intro/B&C or RMS:**

- During semester 1, together with 1st year students, lectures (and WA's) only;
- If you must retake RMS you cannot take SSR from year 2.

### **Developmental, WOP/SP, Clinical/Neuro or BDS:**

- **Crash courses** during semester 1:
  - An intensive course with weekly tutorials only;
  - Only possible if the course material has been studied before and with a lot of effort;
  - Not mandatory: An alternative schedule is also possible, that however will lead to an increased study delay. For more information, please contact the study advisers.

### **RWST/P-thesis:**

- Please contact the study adviser

We've made different study schedules for students with missing courses from the first year.

**Please check the appropriate schedule for your situation here.**





## Start specialisation in semester 2

- ❑ When you have passed all 1<sup>st</sup> year courses, Scientific and Statistical Reasoning (SSR) and Psychological communication (PT:PC)\* you can start your specialisation in semester 2!
- ❑ You will be added to a 'Choose your specialisation' Canvas page at the start of the new academic year, there will be information and updates that will help you in choosing your specialisation.
- ❑ In late October 2025 you can register for your specialisation in semester 2.
- ❑ During the course registration for semester 2 in December 2025 you register for your specialisation courses.
- ❑ You can already check the courses per specialisation in the [course catalogue for 2025-2026](#) (see menu on the left).

\* *PT:PC is an entry requirement for the clinical specialisations*





## Re-enrolment 2025-2026 & course registration semester 1

- 1) Do not forget to re-enrol in **Studielink** for 2025-2026;
- 2) Please do so before the course registration period for semester 1;
- 3) **Course registration period** for semester 1 of 2025-2026 is **Tuesday 10 June to Monday 16 June 2025** (13.00/1 pm). You'll receive a newsletter about the course registration before this date.







# Any (further) questions? Contact us!

We know the programme and can discuss your study plan with you, also what you discuss with us will be treated confidential.

For short questions you can easily reach us by e-mail on

[studyadviser-psy-fmg@uva.nl](mailto:studyadviser-psy-fmg@uva.nl);

Or come by during our **daily open office hours: Mon to Fri, 13.00 - 15.00**,  
REC G0.23 and 0.24.

*No appointment needed,  
don't hesitate to come by!*



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**All the best and, enjoy your summer and... we look forward to see you again next year!**

