Master Youth Studies

Master’s Open Day
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Bright minds, better future
Youth Studies Core Details

• Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
• **English**
• Full-time
• Duration: 1 year
• Start: September 2019
• Title after completion: MSc
• Around 30-50 students per year
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What is Youth Studies concerned with?

- The examination of topical youth issues!
- Important question: *How can contemporary youth problems be prevented, alleviated or solved?*
Substance (ab)use and addiction problems
Externalizing problems

Internalizing problems
Social, ethnic and gender inequality
Adolescent development in a digital society
Youth sexual development
Youth welfare and youth policy
Youth Studies is also concerned with positive development!
HBSC 2017
GEZONDHEID EN WELZIJN VAN JONGEREN IN NEDERLAND

Gonneke Stevens, Saskia van Dorsselaer, Maartje Boer,
Simone de Roos, Elisa Duinhof, Tom ter Bogt, Regina van den Eijnden,
Lisette Kuyper, Daphne Visser, Wilma Vollebergh en Margreet de Loos

Het Parool
Nederlandse jongeren zijn gelukkig, maar wel druk
Experienced school pressure has increased

- Secondary education
- Primary education
Strenghts of the Youth Studies Master

• Interdisciplinary approach
• State-of-the-art knowledge
• Bridging the gap between academic knowledge and real-life practices
• Thesis and practice-oriented internship
Objectives of this master

- ...in-debt scientific knowledge of youth issues
- ...understand the results of academic research, being critical about it, and realizing its’ practical implications
- ...conduct independent academic research
- ...analyse social youth issues independently
- ...contribute to the development of interventions and policies aiming at youth issues
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*Academic Professional: ethics and job market orientation*
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Job market

- Preparation for a job as an ‘academic professional’ in the field of Youth Welfare, Youth Policy, or Youth Research
Some examples of Institutes asking for Academic Professionals in the field of Youth Welfare, Policy, and Research
Future prospects (alumni 2015-2017)

- Policy positions (national, local governments) 24%
- Research, lecturing, training 18%
- Positions youth care or knowledge institutes 11%
- Advisor, consultant, manager 10%
- Supervision, counselling clinical work 5%
- Other positions 15%
- Student 3%
- Unemployed 3%
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- Student 3%
- 10% no information
Figures comparable to UU average:

About:
- 70% has a job in the field of the programme
- 70% has a job at the academic level
A few examples of current positions alumni:

- Consultant for the Youth/Social team of a municipality
- Youth coach and policy advisor
- Criminology lecturer
- Scientific staff member at Trimbos Institute
- Sports and Youth municipal policy advisor
- Junior researcher at a University of Applied Sciences
- William Schrikker Group foster care mediator
- Researcher at BMC Implementation
- Project leader Integral support for young people in a vulnerable position

• **SEE also:** LinkedIn group Alumni Youth Studies
Entry requirements

- **Bachelor’s degree in social sciences** + knowledge of methods and statistics (at least 18 EC) and youth (at least 7.5 EC).
  - *Eligibility will be assessed by the Board of Admissions*

- Any **other Bachelor’s degrees** with similar orientations.
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- A completed Youth Studies **Pre-master's programme**
Application deadline: April 1th 2019
Would you like to know more?

- For substantive questions, contact Jeugdstudies@uu.nl or R.J.J.M.vandenEijnden@uu.nl

- For questions concerning admission, finance, etc., contact the Student Information Point (STIP)
  www.uu.nl/sw/stip