

Entry Requirements Methods and Statistics

1. GOOD BASIC KNOWLEDGE: We expect candidates to have good basic knowledge of methods and statistics, which entails:

- a) Undergraduate training in methods and statistics, including topics such as univariate descriptive statistics, correlation, univariate regression, and one-way analysis of variance,
- b) Training in one or more topics in multivariate statistics, that is, factor analysis, multiple regression, and/or analysis of variance (Manova, Mancova),
- c) Hands on experience with SPSS, Stata, or another statistical software package for data analysis.

If you (partly) lack knowledge of either (b) or (c), you may still be eligible, if you can compensate with other competencies. This is for the Admissions Committee to decide. A course in applied multivariate analysis offered by the [Summer School of Utrecht University](#) may be a mandatory condition for admittance.

2. STUDY HOURS: Courses in the field of methods and statistics should total approximately 20 EC (1 EC = 28 study hours). A Bachelor's or Master's thesis and/or qualitative analyses will not be included.

3. AVERAGE GRADE: The marks of these courses may be taken into account to determine your eligibility.

How does the Admissions Committee check if you meet the meet these requirements?

- 1) The Committee will check if the required knowledge was taught in your previous education.
- 2) If the Committee is familiar with your curriculum, they will use your transcript. If the Committee is *not* familiar with your curriculum, the procedure below applies:
 - a. You list the course(s) in your curriculum in which the required knowledge/skill was taught on the Checklist Methods and Statistics (you can find this checklist under Required Documents).
 - b. You hand in a syllabus for every course you list on this checklist. This way, the Committee can verify whether the courses you listed sufficiently address the required topic.
- 3) The Committee decides if the knowledge/skill meets the required norm described above based on your transcript/syllabus. This is yes/no decision for all requirements listed above.
- 4) For some no-decisions, you may be able to acquire the knowledge via the before mentioned Summer School. This is for the Admissions Committee to decide.