

## Required knowledge and skills for Youth Development and Social Change

Please find below an overview of the knowledge and skills required to participate in this Master's programme. For every aspect is stated: the general criterion of what is expected from a prospective student, and the norm that is used in the assessment of a candidate's eligibility.

### How does the Admissions Committee check if you have a required knowledge/skill?

- 1) The Committee will check if the subject in question 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 Entry Requirements (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.
  - c. ***For students from a non-Dutch university, an online assessment can be a mandatory part of the evaluation of the methods and statistics criterion.*** This assessment is meant to give the Committee additional insight in your existing knowledge in methods and statistics. It is one of the factors in the decision of the Admissions Committee, in addition to the information you provide under a) and b). The Committee will decide - based on all this information - whether your existing knowledge is sufficient to participate in this programme. The Committee may also decide you have to acquire some of the knowledge via one of the options under point 4. If applicable, you will receive detailed instruction for this assessment once we have received your complete application file.
- 3) The Committee decides if the knowledge/skill meets the required norm described below based on your transcript/syllabus. This is a yes/no decision for every norm.
- 4) For some no-decisions, you may be able to acquire the knowledge via a pre-Master's programme, summer school, online course, or through self-study, or you can compensate with other capabilities you have. This is for the Admissions Committee to decide.
  - a. Specifically, if you partly lack knowledge of criterion 3, the Committee may decide that you will have to participate in a Summer School course taught at Utrecht University before you can be admitted to the programme.
  - b. Please note that a pre-Master's Programme is only available to students with a Dutch educational background who do not need housing and who do not have or require a residence permit for study purposes.

<b>1. Scientific theories on youth</b>	
<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Knowledge of and insight into scientific theories on youth at academic bachelor level.</i>
<i>Norm</i>	Students are expected to have completed bachelor courses (10 EC) on the broad topic of youth.
<b>2. Policies and interventions</b>	
<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Knowledge of and insight into social issues and policies and interventions aimed at addressing these issues in contemporary society at academic bachelor level.</i>
<i>Norm</i>	Students are expected to have completed bachelor courses (5 EC in total) on (the development and/or implementation of) policies and interventions, preferably (but not necessarily) concerning youth.

<b>3. Research methods and statistics</b>	
<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Quantitative and qualitative research methods and data analysis techniques at the academic bachelor level; The ability to set up, carry out, analyse and prepare written reports on social science research.</i>
<i>Norm</i>	<p>Academic courses covering (15 EC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basic knowledge and understanding of <u>quantitative</u> research methods and statistical analysis (e.g. descriptive and inferential statistics, correlation, univariate regression, univariate analysis of variance, surveys, experiments);</li> <li>• at least one of the subjects below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ advanced knowledge and understanding of <u>quantitative</u> research methods and statistical analysis, at least at the level of multivariate analysis methods (such as multiple regression, ANOVA/ANCOVA with multiple independent variables, MANOVA)</li> <li>○ advanced knowledge and understanding of <u>qualitative</u> research methods and data analysis techniques (e.g. theory-driven coding, grounded theory, observation, interviewing);</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You have hands on experience with a data processing computer programme (such as SPSS, NVivo, MaxQdata).</li> <li>• You have shown your ability to apply these tools (for example, in a Bachelor thesis or similar research report).</li> </ul>
<b>4. Affinity with interdisciplinary approaches</b>	
<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Affinity with multi-, trans-, or interdisciplinary approaches</i>
<i>Norm</i>	You have taken one or more courses outside the primary discipline of your Bachelor's degree, and/or you have demonstrably conducted multi-/trans-/interdisciplinary projects, and/or can demonstrate affinity with multi-/trans-/interdisciplinary approaches in another manner.