Research Master’s in Philosophy

Philosophy (Research)

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This programme is for students who wish to embrace the whole range of contemporary philosophy, and study the discipline from analytical and continental angles, in the light of philosophical traditions, contemporary debates, and practical, theoretical, historical and aesthetic perspectives.

The two-year Research Master’s programme Philosophy will introduce you to one or more sub-areas of philosophy, as well as providing you with an excellent grounding for pursuing a PhD in Philosophy. The Master’s covers a wide range of topics and perspectives, and has a strong international focus. Both Anglo-Saxon and European philosophy are studied. You will acquire the skills to formulate, analyse and discuss philosophical problems, as well as to formulate and present targeted research questions within a broader research plan. This unique programme is the most extensive of its kind in the Netherlands and has the largest student body. After completing the degree, you will be well placed for a career in philosophical research, either within an academic or a semi-/non-academic context.
Career prospects
Graduates will be specialised in one or more sub-areas and can investigate philosophical problems at an advanced academic level, for example as:

• a PhD candidate or lecturer at (inter)national universities, scientific institutes, research programmes;
• a researcher or teacher in semi-academic contexts, such as governmental institutes and investigative journalism, or in education;
• an independent researcher or writer in non-academic contexts, such as cultural institutes, translation and publishing.

Spotlight on a course
Methods and Debates (18 ECTS)
Methods and Debates consists of three successive but separate parts in which students get acquainted with different methodological approaches to philosophy and the important debates concerning these methodological approaches: the methodology of disclosing the history of philosophy (Historical Analysis), the critique of culture and society (Critique and Reflexivity), and the conceptual analysis of concrete problems (Conceptual Analysis). These three approaches are linked to the respective readings of classical texts.
Entry requirements

The Research Master’s in Philosophy is open for application to students with a Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from an accredited university, as well as to students with a Bachelor’s degree in a programme other than Philosophy from an accredited university, provided that it includes a set of units of study in philosophy accounting for at least 60 ECTS (the equivalent of approximately one year of full-time academic studies) that meets the following requirements:
1. The units of study cover multiple subdisciplines of philosophy;
2. Several units of study have been taken at an advanced level;
3. At least one of the units of study has been completed with a substantial philosophical and scientific essay.

For more information, please check: uva.nl/rma-philosophy > Application and admission

Key data

Degree
Research Master's in Philosophy

Duration
2 years / 120 ECTS
Full-time

Application deadline
1 March

Start
1 September

Language of instruction
English

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