Welcome!

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Session’s programme

Practical information
The courses
• Milestones in Communication Science (12 ECTS)
• Introduction to Research Methodology (12 ECTS)
• Research Practice Seminar (6 ECTS)
• Mastering your Master’s

Tips from a survivor
Q&A

Last but not least:

Tours & student ‘borrel’ @ Café de Krater (REC E UvA)
Your academic path

Semester pre-Master’s programme:
3 February 2020 – 26 June 2020

Semester 1 (Research) Master’s programme:
September 2020 – February 2021

Semester 2 (Research) Master’s programme:
February 2021 – June 2021

Check [http://student.uva.nl/mcs/az](http://student.uva.nl/mcs/az) for the academic calendar
# Your pre-Master’s programme

## Overview of next semester (Semester 2 - academic year 2019-2020)

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In this Course Catalogue you can find information about the University of Amsterdam's study programmes, minors and courses. It also includes contact details for lecturers. Use the tabs above to search in the Course Catalogue.

**Course registration**
You can register for courses during scheduled course registration periods. You can add courses from the Course Catalogue to your Planner at uva.nl/courseregistration, which is where you register for courses during the registration periods.

For more information about course registration go to your degree programme's student website > A-Z > Course registration.

**Course and examination schedules**
Check the course and examination schedules for your degree programme in the Timetable.

**Course Catalogue Archives**
Information from older Course Catalogues (from 2013-2014 or earlier) can be requested at the Department of Records and Information Services (DIV). Send an email to ballediv@uva.nl.

**Any questions?**
In the Course Catalogue, you can find programme information for every degree programme, course or minor. Or you can direct your question to the Digital Student Service Desk.

If you have suggestions for the Course Catalogue or if you get an error notification on one of the pages please send an email to studiegids-fb-icts@uva.nl.
A scary message…

**Important:** Complete your pre-Master’s programme!

*Not passing means:*

- Not starting your Master’s
- One semester delay or end of programme
- Consult Study Advisors

**Note:** Failing your pre-Master’s under a 6-month pre-Master’s student visa can result into termination of the programme
Facebook group

UvA GSC pre-Master’s Programme
September 2019

UvA GSC Pre-Master’s Communication Science Sept 2019
Courses
Milestones in Communication Science
Introduction to Research Methodology

- Marcel van Egmond
- Lectures & course coordination

- Matthijs Elenbaas & Ognjan Denkovski
- Tutorials
Introduction to Research Methodology

- Common methods of social scientific research in Comm Science
- Designing research, collecting and analyzing data
- Software: SPSS
- Basics *(and a bit more)* of statistical analysis

Write a research proposal

Take a written theory exam and a practical exam (using SPSS)

2 lectures per week
1 tutorial per week

Start next week: Tuesday 4 February at 1 pm in **REC A2.11**
Research Practice Seminar (RPS)

Final course of the Pre-Master!

Takes place in the third block (i.e., in January 2020)

4-week intensive course

Conduct a complete research project
• Come up with a research question
• Develop research design
• Collect data
• Analyze data
• Write an academic research report
RPS

• No common lectures but each student is part of a tutorial group
  Several tutorial groups with different research topics
• You will receive more information about the groups and research topics
  per mail (in November/December)

For questions

Coordinator: Susanne Baumgartner
s.e.baumgartner@uva.nl
Mastering your Master’s

Mandatory for students with a non-Dutch Bachelor’s degree, optional for other pre-Master’s students (send an email to the Graduate School if you want to join)

Designed to prepare students for their Master’s by focusing on the particularities of the educational system at the Graduate School of Communication.
Mastering your Master’s

5 meetings during the pre-Master’s on;
- Practicalities
- Intercultural communication and the Dutch educational system
- APA and plagiarism
- Assessment tricks
- Evaluations
- Orientation towards the Master’s

Taught by study advisers

See Canvas for more information
Course outline

Session 1. Practical information and intercultural communication + potluck
  ➢ Wednesday 5 February
  Don’t’ forget to bring something delicious with you

Session 2. Plagiarism

Session 3. Library Workshop

Session 4. Assessment and Examination

Session 5. Looking back and moving forward
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