Fact Sheet 2019/2020
Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience

International Relations Office (IRO)
At Maastricht University, each faculty/school has its own International Relations Office (IRO). For FPN exchange students, the FPN IRO is their main point of contact before, during, and after their exchange period at FPN. The FPN IRO assists exchange students with all the formalities for registration and supplies all the information needed to make a stay successful. You can contact us via email: iro-incoming-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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Web address homepage
https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor/bachelor-psychology

Web address exchange programme
https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange/psychology-and-neuroscience/incoming-students

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Language of instruction
English

Language requirements
Minimum recommended level of English proficiency: ‘B2’ of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). In order to successfully participate in our courses an advanced level of English is necessary. Students do not need to provide a proof of language proficiency. Instead, we kindly ask students to take responsibility for having a sufficient knowledge of English prior to their studies at FPN.

FPN Exchange Guide
Visit the FPN Exchange Guide, a helpful tool to get to know FPN. www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange/psychology-and-neuroscience/incoming-students/fpn-exchange-guide

Semester dates
Each semester consists of 3 periods.

Fall semester
September - January (max. 32 ECTS) (Period 1, 2, 3)
September - December (max. 26 ECTS) (Period 1, 2)

Spring semester
February - July (max. 32 ECTS) (Period 4, 5, 6)
February - June (max. 26 ECTS) (Period 4, 5)

Academic year
September - July (max. 60 ECTS)
September - June (max. 54 ECTS)

Nomination deadline
Fall semester / Academic year: 30 April
Spring semester: 30 October
Late nominations may be considered, please contact us.

Application deadline
Fall semester / Academic year: 15 May
Spring semester: 15 November

Introduction week
FPN’s introduction week entails both educational and social activities and attending is - without any exceptions - mandatory.

IPN1131 Skills I: Learning in Groups
Practical:
IPN1123 UM Library training
IPN1138 UM systems training
Passing IPN1131 + IPN1123 + IPN1138 will be credited with 2 ECTS.

Dates introduction week:
Fall semester / Academic year
From 26 August until 30 August 2019
Spring semester
From 4 February until 7 February 2020
**Application procedure**

If your home university has a formal exchange agreement with our faculty, you can apply for an exchange period through the IRO of your own university. Please contact the International Relations Office of your home university to be nominated for the Maastricht University Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience exchange programme. Once your nomination is received, you will be provided with the application instructions.

**Courses**

In the course overview you can find all the information you need about FPN bachelor's courses, such as the course coordinator(s), learning outcomes and competences, number of ECTS, literature and prerequisites.

**Course selection**

When selecting courses, please note that some courses will assume knowledge of topics covered in previous courses, prerequisites called. If you do not meet these requirements, you are not allowed to select these courses. Students are responsible for making sure that they have the requisite knowledge to take courses that state certain prerequisites.

**Course selection period**

- **Fall / Full-Year:**
  - 1 May course selection opens
  - 16 June course selection closes

- **Spring:**
  - 15 November course selection opens
  - 29 November course selection closes

**Course registration**

At Maastricht University students have to register for their courses and exams. This is **not** applicable to exchange students. The FPN Education Office books the courses and exams for exchange students.

**Course schedule / time table**

About two weeks before the start of each course period your personal course schedule / time table will be published in the Student Portal.

**Teaching method**

The Problem-Based Learning system. For more information please refer to: [youtube.com/watch?v=cMtLXXf9Sko](https://youtube.com/watch?v=cMtLXXf9Sko)

**Study load**

There are about 10-15 study hours per week. These consist of lectures, tutorial groups and practicals. Classes take place multiple days a week, and vary per week/period. In addition to classes, you should expect about 20 hours of independent learning per week.

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**Housing**

In the Netherlands universities do not arrange student housing. Finding a room is the responsibility of the student and can be challenging, especially for the start of the academic year. Maastricht Housing ([www.maastrichthousing.com](http://www.maastrichthousing.com)) is the official housing agency for Maastricht University and offers rooms in the UM Guesthouse (different locations in Maastricht) or at the private market.

**Example of UM Guesthouse**

![Example of UM Guesthouse](image)

Please take into account the mandatory introduction week, the start and end of the semester and examination days when you book a room.

**Sport facilities**

UM Sports ([www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/um-sports](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/um-sports)) is a place where students, employees and alumni get together to work out for student-friendly prices.

**Studying in the Netherlands**

[www.studyinholland.nl](http://www.studyinholland.nl)

**Costs of living**


**Living in Maastricht**

[www.mymaastricht.nl](http://www.mymaastricht.nl)

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/lifeum](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/lifeum)

**Free Dutch language preparation**

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

**Language courses**

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/language-centre](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/language-centre)

**Social activities in Maastricht**

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/studium-generale](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/studium-generale)

[www.luma-tik.nl](http://www.luma-tik.nl)

[www.lm-maastricht.nl](http://www.lm-maastricht.nl)

**Visa and residence permit**

Applying for a visa and/or residence permit is only possible via the Maastricht University Visa Office. If you start your studies in September, you will receive an email early May. If you start your studies in February, you will receive an email early November.

**Virtual campus tour**


**No educational activities**

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