



## Fact Sheet 2023/2024

# 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: [fpn-iro-incoming@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:fpn-iro-incoming@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

### Postal address

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Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience  
International Relations Office  
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6200 MD Maastricht  
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### Visiting address

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6229 ER Maastricht

### Web address homepage

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor/bachelor-psychology-1>

### Web address exchange programme

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange/psychology-and-neuroscience/incoming-students>

### Staff

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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](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange/psychology-and-neuroscience/incoming-students/fpn-exchange-guide)



### Semester dates

#### Fall semester

Late August - January (max. 32 ECTS) (Period 1, 2, 3), or  
Late August - December (max. 26 ECTS) (Period 1, 2)

#### Spring semester

Late January - July (max. 32 ECTS) (Period 4, 5, 6), or  
Late January - June (max. 26 ECTS) (Period 4, 5)

### Academic year

Late August - July (max. 60 ECTS), or  
Late August - June (max. 54 ECTS)

### Nomination deadline (via e-mail)

Fall semester / Full 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

Prior to the start of classes, a mandatory introduction week applies. FPN's introduction week entails educational activities and attending is - without any exceptions - **mandatory**.

IPN1131 Skills I: Learning in Groups  
Practical:  
IPN1123 UM Library training  
IPN1138 UM FPN On boarding

Passing IPN1131 will be credited with 2 ECTS.

## Important note:

If you want to take a resit (= second chance to pass the exam) you have to be present in Maastricht to take part at the scheduled day/time/location. If you have already returned to your home country the resit will not be faxed, sent or e-mailed to your home university.

On a different note: it is equally important to know that if you still have to take exams of your home university it is not possible to take them here in Maastricht. You either go back and take them at home, or you make arrangements to take the exams in your own country before you come to Maastricht (which is not an excuse to miss the introduction days).

### 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. All exchange students need to be nominated by their home 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, called prerequisites. 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 required knowledge to take courses that state certain prerequisites.

### Master's courses (Fall only)

Students who completed their Bachelor's programme (180 ECTS) can submit a request to the Board of Examiners to take up to two Master's courses from the one-year Master's programme in Psychology.

### Course selection period

Fall / Full-Year:

1 June course selection opens

1 July course selection closes (13:00 hrs. CET)

Exchange students receive a link (!)

Spring:

15 November course selection opens

29 November course selection closes (13:00 hrs. CET)

Exchange students receive a link (!)

### 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.



Campus Randwyck

### Housing

Maastricht University does 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. Start search in time! For more important information refer to the attached Housing in Maastricht flyer.

#### Example UM guesthouse



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

<https://www.studyinnl.org/>

### 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.facebook.com/mfaplacebo](https://www.facebook.com/mfaplacebo)

[www.esn-maastricht.nl](http://www.esn-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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBJSUjZPuc>

### No educational activities

25/12/2023 - 05/01/2024

Christmas holiday

12/02/2024 - 16/02/2024

Carnival

29/03/2024

Good Friday

01/04/2024

Easter Monday

09/05/2024 - 10/05/2024

Ascension & Bridge day

20/05/2024

Whit Monday