FPN Elective Guide 2020-2021

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V1.1 : PSY3385 moved from period 2 to period 3.
V1.2 : Disclaimer added (COVID-19)

List of abbreviations

BO	Education Office (Bureau Onderwijs)
EER	Education and Examinations Regulations Bachelor FPN (updated annually)
ECTS	European Credits
FPN	Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience
MaRBLe	Maastricht Research Based Learning
PBL	Problem Based Learning
UM	Maastricht University

Important Dates

Course Descriptions *(Web catalogue)* Online	:	1 May 2020	
Application opens	:	15 May 2020	
Application closes	:	15 June 2020	(at 13:00 h; ***Action Student***)
Registration Notification	:	3 July 2020	
Period 1	:	31 Aug 2020	- 23 Oct 2020
Period 2	:	26 Oct 2020	- 18 Dec 2020
Period 3	:	4 Jan 2021	- 29 Jan 2021

Webpages

For information on the Elective Program in the bachelor go to

- https://www.askpsy.nl/electives. Select "*Bachelor 2020-2021*",
- or go directly to: https://www.askpsy.nl/electives-bachelor-2020-2021

For information on specific courses go to the web catalogue:

- https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor/bachelor-psychology-3/courses-curriculum
- Or go to: https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor and select *Psychology* > *Courses & Curriculum* > *Electives.*

Contact

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Disclaimer

Courses and procedures for the elective program are subject to the constraints provided to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Depending on the development of the control of the COVID-19 virus during the next year, we may have to adjust the elective program offered by FPN (options and/or procedures). Thank you for your understanding.

For information about the Maastricht University policy and developments on COVID-19, see the UM page on COVID-19. For FPN specific arrangements, see www.askpsy.nl/covid-19.

1. General Introduction

In periods 1, 2 and 3 of the 3rd year of the Bachelor, students at the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience (FPN) are given the opportunity to take electives[1]. It may consist of four elective courses offered by FPN or a research project (Marble) in combination with elective courses. Alternatively, students can take courses or minor programs outside FPN, for example at other faculties of Maastricht University, or at other Dutch universities or even at universities or research institutions outside The Netherlands.

Students do not have to limit their elective program to course periods 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. However, the electives offered by the FPN are scheduled exclusively during these periods of the academic year.

Objectives

The primary objective of the Elective Program is to provide an opportunity for students to expand their knowledge base of psychology beyond the general education and departmental requirements, and adjust it to their personal interests. A secondary objective is to provide students an opportunity to participate in courses outside their own faculty.

ECTS

FPN Students have to obtain a total of 24 European credits (ECTS) for their elective program. All electives presented in this guide are awarded 6 ECTS. One ECTS corresponds to 28 hours of study.

For FPN students who would like to take part in extra elective courses (i.e. in addition to the obligatory 24 ECTS) there are additional requirements (see section 4).

Options

To pursue their interests students have the following options:

- Take elective courses offered by FPN (see section 2)
- Make arrangements to do an external internship (PSY3379 *The Professional in Psychology: An Internship*; see section 3.1)
- Take courses/minor programs offered by other faculties at Maastricht University (see section 3.2)
- Take courses/minor programs offered by other Dutch universities (see section 3.3)
- Take courses offered by universities outside The Netherlands (see section 3.4)
- Do a research (MaRBLe) project in combination with elective courses (see section 3.5)

[1] EER art. 3.6 *Composition*, art. 3.7 *Electives*

2. Elective courses offered by FPN

FPN students can choose 4 out of 22 electives offered by the FPN this year. Each elective is 6 ECTS. FPN electives are offered in period 1, 2 and 3 (September – January) of the third year of the Bachelor Psychology Program. All electives are offered only once during the academic year, and might not be provided in the subsequent academic years.

2.1 List of elective courses

Table 1: The electives offered by FPN in the academic year 2020-2021

Course Code	Course Title	Coordinators
Period 1		
PSY3312	Psychopharmacology	A.Vermeeren
PSY3339	Group Dynamics	B.Fleuren
PSY3359	Child Neuropsychology	E.Keulers
PSY3362	Cognitive Enhancement	F.Duecker
PSY3372	Manipulating Memories	V.Van de Ven
PSY3375	Neuropsychology and Law	M.Jelicic
PSY3376	Forensic Psychology in a Nutshell	A.Sagana
PSY3384	Agression	J.Lobbestael
PSY3389	Applied Social Psychology	G.Ten Hoor
Period 2		
PSY3332	Social Neuroscience	T.Otto
PSY3344	Human Behaviour in Organisations	F.Zijlstra
PSY3357	Politics of Decision Making	P.Brüll
PSY3367	Sexuality	M.Dewitte
PSY3369	Adult Neuropsychology	*To be determined*
PSY3370	Hormones, the Brain & Behavior	P.v Ruitenbeek
PSY3373	Cognitive Neuroscience of Language	B.Jansma
PSY3377	Legal Psychology in a Nutshell	G.Bogaard
PSY3381	Connecting Brains and Computers	B.Sorger
PSY3382	Psychedelic Medicine	K.Kuypers
Period 3		
PSY3341	Behavioural Problems in Childhood and Adolescence	L.Jonkman
PSY3349	Sleep and Sleep Disorders	A.Vermeeren
PSY3385	Positive Psychology	M.Hanssen

- **Course descriptions in web catalogue**

More detailed course descriptions are available electronically in the web catalogue. The catalogue is updated annually (beginning of May) for the following academic year. It is available via:

https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor/bachelor-psychology-3/courses-curriculum. Select *Elective Courses.*

https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelor. Select *Psychology > Courses & Curriculum > Elective Courses.*

2.2 Planning

You can take one or two electives in period 1, one or two electives in period 2, and one elective in period 3. This allows you to complete all four of your elective courses in period 1 and 2, and spend period 3 on writing your bachelor thesis.

- **Period 1**

Electives in period 1 run for 7 or 8 weeks, with a maximum of two meetings per week (i.e. one tutorial group meeting and one lecture). Study load allows participation in **two electives** in parallel (or work on your bachelor thesis. See below).

- **Period 2**

Electives in period 2 run for 7 or 8 weeks, with a maximum of two meetings per week (i.e. one tutorial group meeting and one lecture). Study load allows participation in **two electives** in parallel (or work on your bachelor thesis. See below).

- **Period 3**

Electives in period 3 will run for only 4 weeks, with a maximum of three meetings per week (i.e. two tutorial group meetings and one lecture). Schedules and study load in period 3 will not allow participation in parallel courses. So, in period 3 students can participate in **only one elective**.

- ***Bachelor Thesis***

At the end of period 3 (beginning of February) you will have to submit the first version of your bachelor thesis. This means you will also have to **work on your bachelor thesis in period 1, 2 or 3**. So, carefully plan the writing of your thesis and taking electives, and make sure these activities do not interfere. For example, when you take all your electives in period 1 and 2, you can work on your thesis full time during period 3. However, if you take an elective in period 3, you will not have sufficient time for your thesis in that period. In that case, make sure to finish the first version of your bachelor thesis before Christmas (in period 1 or 2). Start in time with your thesis so that you do not run out of time!

- ***1st and/or 2nd year Bachelor Courses***

Past experience has shown that combining the elective program with 1st and/or 2nd year Bachelor courses is largely impossible, because schedules overlap and the study load is beyond what most students can handle. Students are therefore strongly advised to minimize participation in elective courses running parallel to 1st and/or 2nd year bachelor courses they have to take.

2.3 Format

Teaching format in the electives is free. It may differ from the traditional PBL system and varies between courses. Formats used (besides lectures and traditional PBL tutorial groups) include: work in subgroups; presentations; (practical) assignments; skills.

2.4 Language

Tutorials and exams of elective courses are in English. Coordinators may allow students to answer exam questions in Dutch (see the course manual or ask the course coordinator about the language allowed for answering exam questions).

2.5 Attendance

There is an attendance obligation for tutorial group meetings. However, students can miss a limited number of tutorial meetings without consequences for passing the attendance requirement and for taking the exam[1]:

- For an elective of 7 or more tutorial meetings, a maximum of two meetings can be missed.
- For an elective of 5 or 6 tutorial meetings, a maximum of one tutorial meeting can be missed.
- For an elective of 4 or less tutorial meetings, all meetings need to be attended.

Students should report their absence personally to the tutor at the latest on the day of the tutorial. If more meetings are missed then allowed, the student will be inadmissible to the course exam/assessment. If a student has not complied with the attendance obligation this part will not be registered as having been passed and the exam/assessment will be declared invalid. Please note that catch-up assignments are abolished since 2018-2019.

2.6 Assessment

Assessments methods vary between courses. Most electives conclude with written exam or a short writing assignment (sometimes combined with oral presentations that will be marked). In addition to each test there will be one resit opportunity for each elective course within an academic year. Booking for written exams (and resits) will be done by the Educational Office.

- **Resits**

Resit/reassessment arrangements apply to students who in the first instance have not passed the assessment[2]. Keep in mind that elective courses might not be offered the following year, or might change. Therefore it might not be possible to resit the test in a later academic year. More specifically, the student who fails a written test will get one chance per academic year to resit that test.

The student who fails a writing assignment (individual paper) will also get one chance per academic year to rewrite the relevant paper. However, in order to rewrite a paper, the relevant paper should have been turned in before the deadline and a serious attempt should have been made (meaning that criteria regarding topic/content and number of words/pages should have been fulfilled).

A course exam is passed when a grade of 6.0 or higher has been obtained[3]. Insufficient grades for electives cannot be compensated or used as compensation[4].

- **Grade Point Average (GPA)**

At FPN the 3rd-year elective courses are excluded in the calculation of the weighted average score of the examinations which are assessed on a ten-point scale. This regulation also applies to non-FPN students!

[1] EER section *Rules and Regulations*, art.5 *Attendance obligation*
[2] EER section *Rules and Regulations*, art.8 *Reassessments/Re-sits*
[3] EER art. 5.2 *Grades*
[4] EER section *Rules and Regulations*, art. 4 *Proof of having passed a course/module.*

2.7 Registration procedures

- **Step 1: Select electives**

Students are required to make a top 4 of electives they prefer to take, taking into account that no more than 2 electives can be taken in parallel in period 1 and 2, and only 1 elective can be taken in period 3. In addition each student will have to list 4 alternative favourite courses, because it may not be possible to enrol every student in all of their top 4 electives (due to logistic limitations). In short, this means students should **select 8 electives and rank them 1 to 8 in order of preference**. Similar to the procedure for the 2nd-year course Research Skills, students will be enrolled for electives that best match their preferences, while taking into account the preferences of the group as a whole.

To decide which electives to take, students are advised to consider not only their interest in the subject matter, but also any possible requirements of Master's programmes at other faculties or universities they wish to take following their Bachelor.

- **Step 2: Send in your application**

Students who want to take an elective offered by the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, have to apply for participation electronically, via http://go.askpsy.nl/form/electives/. This link is open from **mid-May until mid-June** (see page 3, *Important Dates*).

Upon completion of the application form, you will receive a copy of your entries by email. (It will be sent automatically to the email address you provided). Carefully save this copy as confirmation of successful application.

Early July (see page 3, *Important Dates*) a list of registrations will be posted on www.askpsy.nl. Students who apply before the application deadline will generally be registered according to their preferences. There is however a maximum number of participants for most courses.

- **Important Dates**

For exact dates, see page 3, *Important Dates*.

- **Cancellation**

Students who decide not to participate in an elective for which they have been registered, are kindly requested to notify the Education Office as soon as possible (see page 3 for contact information) so that another student can take their place.

- **Late applications**

After the application deadline, possibilities for registration are limited. Late requests for registration should therefore be motivated. Approval will depend on availability and motivation. Requests for late registrations should be addressed to the Education Office (see page 3 for contact information).

2.8 FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1. Is registration based on "First come, first served"?

Answer: No. (As long as you apply before the deadline.)

Q2. Do I need to select 1 elective per period?

Answer: No! (You can participate in two electives per period, except in period 3.)

Q3. Are all combinations of electives allowed?

Answer: Yes.

Q4. Are all combinations of electives possible?

Answer: Yes and No.

Schedules may occasionally overlap, in which case we will contact you to find a solution. However, this rarely happens, so do not worry about it. Just indicate your preferences!

3. Other Electives and minors

Besides the 3rd-year electives offered by FPN, students have the following options to complete their elective program:

1. The Professional in Psychology: An Internship (PSY3379)
2. Courses/minor programs at other UM faculties
3. Courses/minor programs at other universities in The Netherlands
4. Electives at universities outside The Netherlands (Electives Abroad)
5. MaRBLe

3.1 The Professional in Psychology: An Internship (PSY3379)

Under specific conditions (see below) a maximum of 6 credits can be awarded to students who finished an external internship, in a module entitled "*The Professional in Psychology: An Internship*" (PSY3379; see web catalogue).

Students can work in a variety of 'settings': e.g., (mental) health care facilities, rehabilitation centres, schools, but also companies, such as recruitment agencies. Suitable institutions or companies provide students the opportunity to gain practical experience, relevant for becoming a psychologist. If the student wants to obtain ECTS for this practical work, FPN has to approve the institution or company, the supervisor at the institution or company, and the content of the work before the student starts working there. Students can only obtain ECTS for work conducted at one (and not multiple) institute(s).

Requirements

- Supervision by supervisor (i.e., a psychologist) of host organisation
- Minimum workload of 28 study hours per ECTS
- Assessment by an individually written report (paper)
- Content should be related to the objectives of the FPN bachelor program
- Internships must be approved by the coordinator of PSY3379
- In general, internships are awarded a maximum of 6 ECTS.

Note

- This practical experience cannot be used to fulfil the prerequisites regarding the theoretical background and working experience set for the psychodiagnostics registration (i.e., the BAPD) and/or vLOGO.
- This is a student-initiated module, which means that a student can only be enrolled in this elective, if s/he has found an internship on his or her own. The internships are not offered by FPN staff.

Participation and the individually written report have to start and to be completed between July 2019 and January 2020. Approval should be obtained before the start from the coordinator of this module (see contact details below).

Since this internship will usually be 6 ECTS, students have to complete additional elective courses for 18 ECTS in total. When you apply for more electives at FPN, indicate the total number of courses you need including PSY3379. Next, select PSY3379 as your first preference, followed by the other electives you prefer.

Further information and Contact

For further information and admission contact the coordinator of this module: **Alicia Walkowiak** (Dept. of Work and Social Psychology). Email: alicia.walkowiak@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Phone: 043 3884215 / 3881908

3.2 Courses at other UM faculties

Electives or Minor programs are available at most faculties at Maastricht University[1]. So-called "university-wide Minors" usually run in periods 1, 2 and 3 and will earn you a minimum of 24 ECTS and a maximum of 30 ECTS.

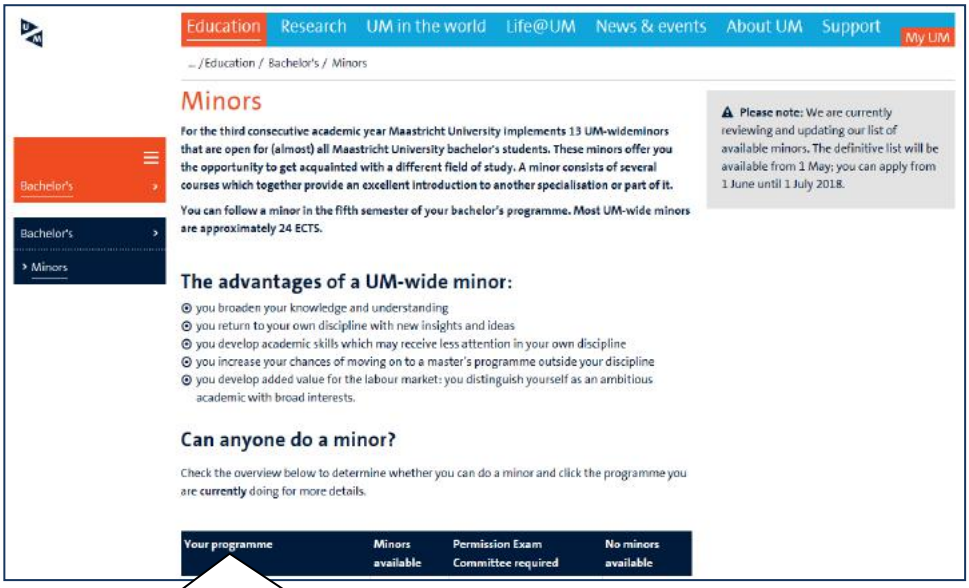
Requirements[2]

- The elective should be at the level of second year bachelor or higher
- Content should not overlap or only minimally with mandatory courses of the FPN bachelor program
- Content should be related to the objectives of the FPN bachelor program
- Electives must be approved by the FPN Board of Examiners

- **Website**

For more information see the UM webpage on "Minors" (updated annually in the beginning of May).

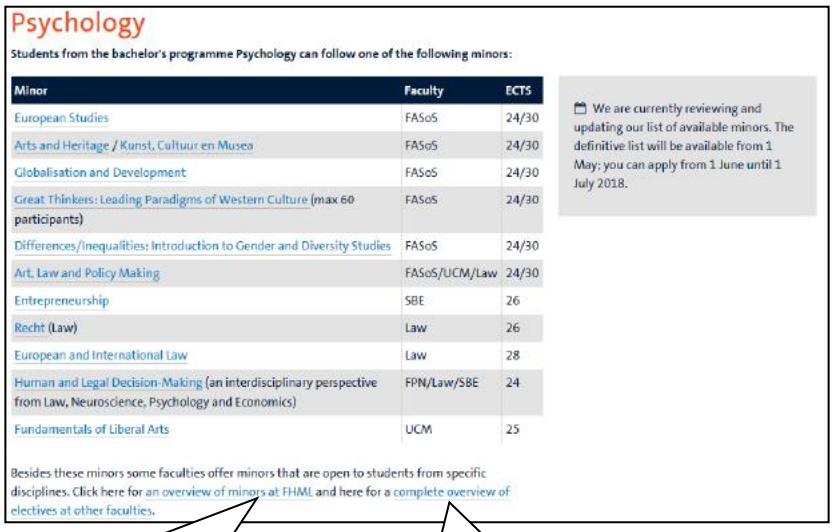
➢ https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelors/minors



select **Psychology** under *Your Programme*, or go directly to…

➢ https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelors/minors/psychology

[1] EER art. 3.7.1 *Minor* and 3.7.3 *Electives outside the Faculty*
[2] EER art. 3.7.3.b. *Electives outside the Faculty*



Psychology

Students from the bachelor's programme Psychology can follow one of the following minors:

Minor	Faculty	ECTS
European Studies	FASoS	24/30
Arts and Heritage / Kunst, Cultuur en Musea	FASoS	24/30
Globalisation and Development	FASoS	24/30
Great Thinkers: Leading Paradigms of Western Culture (max 60 participants)	FASoS	24/30
Differences/Inequalities: Introduction to Gender and Diversity Studies	FASoS	24/30
Art, Law and Policy Making	FASoS/UCM/Law	24/30
Entrepreneurship	SBE	26
Recht (Law)	Law	26
European and International Law	Law	28
Human and Legal Decision-Making (an interdisciplinary perspective from Law, Neuroscience, Psychology and Economics)	FPN/Law/SBE	24
Fundamentals of Liberal Arts	UCM	25

We are currently reviewing and updating our list of available minors. The definitive list will be available from 1 May; you can apply from 1 June until 1 July 2018.

Besides these minors some faculties offer minors that are open to students from specific disciplines. Click here for an overview of minors at FHML and here for a complete overview of electives at other faculties.

Click here for "**minors at FHML"**e.g. the minor *Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg*

Click here for a "**complete overview of electives at other faculties"** or go directly to

- https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/bachelors/minors/minors-electives-other-faculties

Examples of UM-wide minors (but there are many more!):

Human and Legal Decision-Making (24 ECTS), an interfaculty minor of FPN, Law and SBE. Courses include:

- PSY3375 Neuropsychology and Law (Coordinator M.Jelicic; Period 1, 6 ECTS)
- LAW3024 Methodological, theoretical and practical aspects of research on human and legal decision-making and neurosciences (Period 1, 6 ECTS)
- LAW3021 Law and Neurosciences (Period 2, 6 ECTS)
- EBC2103 Economic Psychology (Period 2, 6 ECTS)

For more information regarding the content of this minor, please contact Dr. David Roef (david.roef@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

Mental Health/Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg (24 ECTS) a minor of Health Sciences at FHML. Courses are in Dutch and include:

- GGZ2021 Kinder- en Jeugdpsychopathologie (Coordinator C.Meesters; Period 1, 12 ECTS)
- GGZ2022 Stemmingsstoornissen (Coordinator N.Geschwind, Period 2, 12 ECTS)

Request-for-Approval Procedure

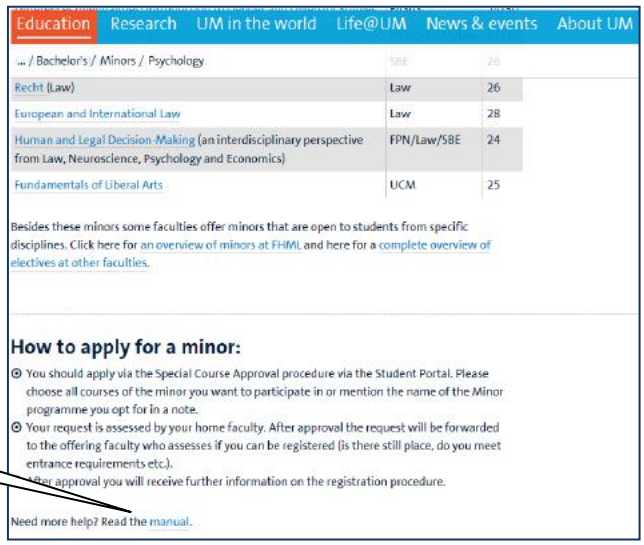
Students who want to participate in courses or minors at other faculties should apply via "*Special course request*" (see below), at least 6 weeks before a course starts. The procedure is as follows:

1. Registration is usually open between 1 June and 1 July (check the webpage).
2. Make sure to be re-registered for the coming academic year (via Studielink).

3. Login to Student Portal and go to *My Courses*.
   - Click the button *Add/Remove Course* underneath *Current Courses*.
   - In the pop-up click ***Special course request***
   - You can open/close the *instructions* how to complete the special course request.
   - In the next screen you see an overview of the special course requests you may have already done.
   - Click on *Next*
     a) At *Programme* select Bachelor Psychology from the drop-down list
     b) At *Module* enter the course code of the module you want to participate in. (If you do not know the code, you can enter * as wildcard in your search).
     c) Click the button next to *Module* and a pop-up will open. Click *Search* and select the course you want by clicking the grey square in front of the line.
     d) At *Academic Session* select course period from the drop-down list. (NB. Only periods during which the course will be offered are shown).
     e) At *Text/Justification* add the title of the UM-wide minor if you want to participate in the course as part of a UM-wide minor. (Some courses will only be approved if you participate in all courses of that minor.)
   - Click *Next*
   - Check the information you provided. If it is correct, click *Submit*.

You will be informed when the request has been approved or denied, and you will be booked by the faculty that organizes the elective/minor.

N.B. Pay attention to the booking periods!



A **manual** describing the *Request-for-approval Procedure* in more detail is available via this link.

For further questions, please contact the secretariat of the Board of Examiners at FPN (see page 3 for contact information).

3.3 Courses at other universities in The Netherlands

Students can also take courses or minor programs outside Maastricht University, i.e. at other Dutch universities or research institutions.

Requirements[1]

- The elective should be at the level of second year bachelor or higher
- Content should not overlap or only minimally with mandatory courses of the FPN bachelor program
- Content should be related to the objectives of the FPN bachelor program
- Electives must be approved by the FPN Board of Examiners

Request-for-Approval Procedure

Send a request for approval to the FPN Board of Examiners (email via AskPsy) at least 6 weeks before the course starts (see page 3 for contact information). Clearly indicate that you request approval to take an elective at another university in the Netherlands, and make sure to provide the following information:

- Your name and ID number;
- Host university (Name and City)
- Course information, including
    a. Course code and title
    b. Course description (in English or Dutch, or a link to an English description on the web)
    c. Course level
    d. Number of ECTS
    e. Period (start and end dates of the course)

You will receive a response from the FPN Board of Examiners within 4 weeks after the request in your mailbox.

N.B. Students are responsible for passing on the study results they receive from other faculties or universities to the Examination Administration Office of the Education Office ('Bureau Onderwijs') at FPN.

[1] EER art. 3.7.3.b *Electives outside the Faculty*

3.4 Courses outside the Netherlands (Electives Abroad)

FPN students have the opportunity to take electives at an FPN partner university outside the Netherlands. The FPN International Relations Office (IRO) is responsible for the selection of students who wish to take electives abroad. (See page 3 for contact information.)

Requirements[1]

Students:

- Should have passed all 1st-year courses, and all 2nd-year courses of periods 1, 2 and 3;
- Should have fulfilled the Experimental Obligation ("proefpersoonverplichting");
- Should complete module the PSY3378 *Intercultural Awareness* (see web catalogue)

The (content of the) elective:

- Should be at the level of 2nd-year bachelor or higher;
- Should be related to the objectives of the FPN bachelor program;
- Should not considerably overlap with mandatory courses of the FPN bachelor program;
- Should be approved by the FPN Board of Examiners.

Language Courses as part of your electives program:

- should not be an English language course;
- will only be granted ECTS if you obtain at least 12 ECTS for other elective courses in the same language;
- will be granted a maximum of 6 ECTS
- Should be approved by the FPN Board of Examiners.

Request-for-Approval Procedure

Use the online form "*Request for approval for electives abroad 2020-2021*" (available on https://www.askpsy.nl/electives-bachelor-2020-2021) to request approval of the FPN Board of Examiners at least 6 weeks before the course starts. Make sure to provide all of the following information on the form:

- Your ID number and email address
- Host university (Name, City, Country)
- Course information, including
    a. Course title
    b. Language of instruction
    c. Direct web link to course description (in English)
    d. A PDF or Word document of the course description. If not available, you can copy the text of the web link in a Word document.
    e. Level of this programme (e.g. bachelor, master)
    f. Number of ECTS (European universities) or local credits (non-European universities). Credit conversion of local credits vs. ECTS can be found on the relevant partner university page on www.askpsy.nl/iro/fpn-partner-universities

You will receive a response from the FPN Board of Examiners at your UM e-mail account within 4 weeks.

[1] EER art. 3.7.3. *Electives outside the Faculty;* 4.2.2 *Prior Knowledge; Entrance Requirements*

N.B. Students are responsible for providing the International Relations Office with the official grade transcript from their host university. For information on how to submit your grade transcript to the IRO, see www.askpsy.nl/iro/after-your-stay-abroad.

The International Relations Office will provide the FPN Board of Examiners with a certified copy of the grade transcript for the transfer of credits. The study abroad credits will be awarded based on the official grade transcript, after fulfilment of all pre-requisites of the module PSY3378 *Intercultural Awareness*. The credits will appear on your Student Portal within 2-3 weeks after receipt of the grade transcript and after fulfilment of PSY3378.

Further information

- www.askpsy.nl/iro/home

3.5 MaRBLe

Students, who fulfil certain criteria, can also participate in a research project, a so-called MaRBLe-project (Maastricht Research Based Learning)[1]. This can be a project under the supervision of a staff member of FPN or from another faculty within Maastricht University at other Dutch universities or an FPN partner university abroad within the framework of MaRBLe.

Participation in a MaRBLe project has to be done in the first and second semester of the 3rd year bachelor program. The MaRBLe research project will be 12 ECTS. In addition, students participating in a MaRBLe project have to complete elective courses for 12 ECTS in total, i.e. two elective courses of 6 ECTS. Finally, their bachelor thesis should be based on their MaRBLe project. Upon successful completion of the MaRBLe project a separate certificate will be issued with the diploma.

For *MaRBLe* students should complete the following:

MaRBLe Components	*Period*
Research project (12 ECTS)	1-3
Elective courses (12 ECTS)	1-3
Bachelor thesis based on MaRBLe research project	1-4

Requirements

Minimum requirement for final participation in the MaRBLe project in year 3 is that both year 1 and 2 are completed. For complete information regarding the requirements for application and participation in MaRBLe, see the Education and Exam Regulation, article 3.7.4.

Further information and Contact

For further information about the MaRBLe program see www.AskPsy.nl/marble, or contact the coordinator of MaRBLe, **Arie van der Lugt** via email at: marble-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl

[1] EER art. 3.7.4 *Maastricht Research Based Learning (MARBLE)*

4. Extra Electives

In addition to the 24 ECTS for electives, students can take extra electives at FPN, other UM faculties or other universities in the Netherlands.

Conditions

1. *Conditions for extra FPN Electives*
   - 3rd-year students* are admissible, provided that there is sufficient capacity.
   - 4th-year students* are admissible, provided that there is sufficient capacity.
   - Other students are not admissible.

2. *Conditions for extra electives at other UM-faculties*
   - 3rd-year students* are admissible, provided that the general requirements for *Electives outside the Faculty* (EER art. 3.7.3) are fulfilled
   - 4th-year students* are admissible, provided that the general requirements for *Electives outside the Faculty* (EER art. 3.7.3) are fulfilled, and when only one component of the bachelor still has to be completed in order to graduate.
   - Other students are not admissible.

3. *Conditions for extra electives at other Universities in the Netherlands*
   - All students are admissible, provided that the general requirements for *Electives outside the Faculty* (EER art. 3.7.3) are fulfilled

Request-for-Approval Procedure

For extra electives at FPN send a request for approval via Ask Psychology, at least 6 weeks before the course starts.

For extra electives at other UM faculties or other universities, see corresponding paragraphs in sections 3.2 and 3.3, respectively.

You will receive a response from the FPN Board of Examiners within 4 weeks after the request via Ask Psychology in your mailbox.

** 3rd- year and 4th-year refers to the year of enrolment*