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 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 programme 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.

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 to all students with a university Bachelor's diploma in:
• Philosophy
• a Bachelor’s degree in another subject, provided you have followed at least 60 ECTS credits in Philosophy courses (to be decided upon by the selection committee). For more information, please check:
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