UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Master's in Philosophy

Philosophy of the Humanities and the Social Sciences

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'The Philosophy department at the University of Amsterdam is the largest in the Netherlands, and it has a long tradition in training Philosophy students. We are also very proud of our Spinoza Chair.'

In the Philosophy of the Humanities and the Social Sciences programme, you will study philosophy in conjunction with another field of study for two years. There are two specialisations:

• philosophy of the social sciences
• philosophy of the humanities

In the first specialisation, you will learn to look philosophically at subjects such as sociology, political science, anthropology, economics or public administration. In the second, you will study philosophy in conjunction with disciplines such as history, literary studies, art history, et cetera.

Your philosophical specialisation will take up 60 ECTS; the other 60 ECTS will be devoted to the study of one of the social sciences or a humanities discipline, resulting in a highly interdisciplinary programme. You will flesh out the study programme in consultation with the Master's coordinator based on your interests and prior education.

Career prospects

After completing the Philosophy of the Humanities and the Social Sciences programme, you will be broadly educated and you will possess very good analytical skills. This will be extremely useful in an academic career, but also in a wide range of other professions.

You will be able to work in many fields, precisely because you have studied philosophy in conjunction with another discipline, e.g. as a researcher or teacher in semi-academic contexts, such as governmental institutes and investigative journalism, or in education.

Entry requirements

This Master's programme is open to students with a Bachelor's degree from the UvA, or an equivalent degree from another university, in:

• Philosophy, provided you meet the entry requirements for education at Master's level in the field of the social sciences or the humanities.

• A Bachelor's degree that provides access to education at Master's level in the field of the social sciences or the humanities, which includes a (relevant) minor in Philosophy worth 30 ECTS and a Philosophy of Science module.

• A university Bachelor's degree other than the ones specified above. The Examinations Board will then look at the specifics of your Bachelor's degree, your grade point averages and your Bachelor's thesis, as well as your motivation. It is possible that that you must first complete the pre-Master's programme, provided you are eligible for this. Please check:

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