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Information session and Q&A: Research Master's course registration

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Research Master's in Communication Science: the two tracks

Academic Track

Research Master's Academic
Communication Research

Professional Track

Research Master's
Professional Communication
Research





How is the Research Master's built up?

Overview of curricula

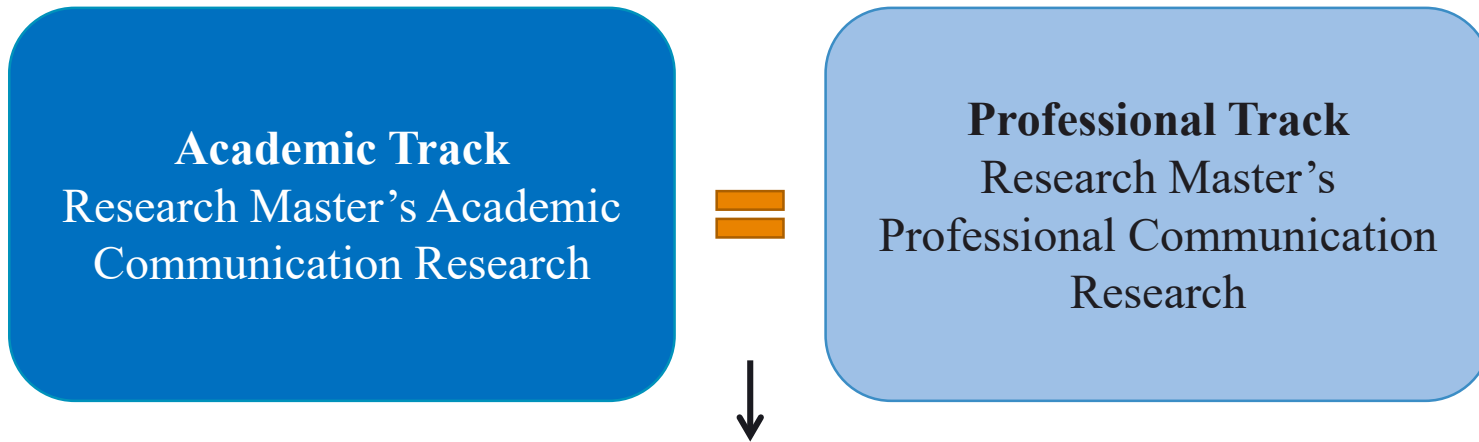
Academic Communication Research	ECTS without internship	ECTS with 12 ECTS internship	Professional Communication Research	ECTS with 12 ECTS internship	ECTS with 18 ECTS internship
<i>Substantive coursework</i>			<i>Substantive coursework</i>		
ABC	6	6	ABC	6	6
Choice	30	30	Choice	30	30
<i>Methodological coursework</i>			<i>Methodological coursework</i>		
Survey Design	6	6	Survey Design	6	6
Experimentation in the Social Sciences	6	6	Experimentation in the Social Sciences	6	6
Content Analysis	6	6	Content Analysis	6	6
Research and Data Ethics	3	3	Research and Data Ethics	3	3
Choice	30	18	Choice	18	12
<i>Research participation</i>			<i>Research participation</i>		
Evaluating Academic Research	6	6	Evaluating Professional Research	6	6
ASCoR Research Participation	6	6	Professional Research Participation	6	6
Academic internship (or Methodological coursework)	0	12	Professional Research Internship	12	18
<i>Dissertation Module</i>			<i>Dissertation Module</i>		
Thesis	18	18	Thesis	(Ctrl) ▾ 18	18
Thesis Communication: Item for lay or academic audience	3	3	Thesis Communication: Item for lay or professional audience	3	3
Total	120	120	Total	120	120





What are the *similarities* and *differences* between the tracks?

Similarities



Both tracks have the same:

Theoretical coursework Module of 36 EC consisting of:

- 6 EC mandatory course → Advancing and Building Communication Science Theory
- 30 EC of theoretical choice courses in Communication Science

Both tracks have the same:

Methodological coursework module of 33 EC consisting of:

- 21 EC mandatory courses → Content Analyses, Survey Design, Experimentation (each 6 EC), Research & Data Ethics (3 EC)
- Minimum of 12 EC (or 18 EC) methodological choice courses

Both tracks have the same:

18 EC Thesis



What are the *similarities* and *differences* between the tracks?

Differences

Academic Track
Research Master's
Academic Communication
Research



Depending on taking an Academic Research Internship yes or no? The amount of EC in method courses choice section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without internship → 30 EC of method courses With 6 EC Internship → 24 EC of method courses With 12 EC internship → 18 EC method courses
Research Participation Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating Academic Research ASCoR participation (mandatory) With or without Academic Research Internship 6 or 12 EC (choice)
Thesis Module	Thesis Communication: academic audience (3 EC)

Professional Track
Research Master's
Professional
Communication Research



Depending on Professional Research Internship size in ECs? The amount of EC in method courses choice section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 EC Professional Research (participation + Internship) = 12 EC method courses 18 EC Professional Research (participation + Internship = 18 EC method courses
Research Participation Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating Professional Research 6 EC (mandatory) Professional Research Participation 6 EC (mandatory) Professional Research Internship (mandatory) 12 or 18 EC
Thesis Module	Thesis Communication: professional audience (3 EC)



Future career perspectives

Researcher in the field of
Communication Science

Some possible considerations:

- I am sure I want to do a PhD after my Research Master's programme
- I don't know what I want to do after my Research Master's, but I like doing research and methodology
- I like doing research, but I am not sure whether I want to work in Academia
- I am analytical, I like to research things, and especially when I can apply them in society or the business

Both Tracks (Academic and
Professional) are applicable





What does a study plan look like?

Individual study plan Research Master's in Communication Science (Professional Track, version 12 ECTS Prof Research Internship)

Personal details:

First name:	
Last name:	
Student number:	
e-mail:	

ECTS Requirement check:

	Selected	Required
Substantive	6	36
Methodological coursework*	21	39
participation	24	24
Dissertation module	21	21

*Note! 12 ECTS of your method courses of choice needs to fulfill the requirement of being statistical/empirical in focus. Check the list on the course catalogue Par.

Course Requirement check:

Content Analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experimentation in the Social Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Evaluating Professional Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advancing and Building Communication Science Theory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research & Data Ethics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communication:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Instructions: Please select courses with the help of the online course catalogue (we recommend 30 ECTS per semester) and check if you fulfill the requirements in the overview on the left. Make sure to select the courses for the right block(s). If the course is not listed, please write your preference in the 'Other/extra' category. Note that some spaces will remain unfilled, but don't forget your Professional Research Participation, Research Internship and Thesis preparation Phase I. Send your complete studyplan to graduateschoolofcommunication@uva.nl.

2020-2021, semester 1					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
Communication Science Theory (Block 1)	Theoretical course	6	Experimentation in the Social Sciences (Block 2)	Methodological course	3
Other/extra					

2020-2021, semester 2					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
Content Analysis (Block 1)	Methodological course	6	Survey Design (Block 2)	Methodological course	6
			Evaluating Professional Research	Research Participation	6
Other/extra					

2021-2022, semester 1					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
		Professional Research Internship (incl. Research Participation) 18 ECTS		Research Participation	
				18	
Other/extra					

Thesis Preparation Phase I

2021-2022, semester 2					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
		Thesis		Thesis	
				18	
Other/extra				Thesis Communication: prof. audience (Block 3) Thesis	
				3	

Individual study plan Research Master's in Communication Science (Academic Track)

Personal details:

First name:	
Last name:	
Student number:	
e-mail:	

I want to schedule my mandatory 6 ECTS ASCoR Participation in:	
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I want to schedule my optional 8 ECTS Academic Research Internship* in:	
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I want to schedule my optional 12 ECTS Academic Research Internship*	
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*Note! You can only choose either the 6 ECTS or the 12 ECTS Academic Research Internship, but not both.

ECTS Requirement check:

	Selected	Required
Substantive (theoretical)	6	36
Methodological coursework**	21	51
Research participation	6	12
Dissertation module	21	21

Course Requirement check:

Content Analysis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Experimentation in the Social Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Evaluating Academic Research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advancing and Building Communication Science Theory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Research & Data Ethics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thesis Communication: academic audience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Note! 12 ECTS of your method courses of choice needs to fulfill the requirement of being statistical/empirical in focus. Check the list on the course catalogue Par. 2

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Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
Communication Science Theory (Block 1)	Theoretical course	6	Experimentation in the Social Sciences (Block 2)	Methodological course	3
Other/extra					

2020-2021, semester 2					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
Content Analysis (Block 1)	Methodological course	6	Survey Design (Block 2)	Methodological course	6
			Evaluating Academic Research	Research Participation	6
Other/extra					

2021-2022, semester 1					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
		Thesis		Thesis	
				18	
Other/extra					

Thesis Preparation Phase I

2021-2022, semester 2					
Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
		Thesis		Thesis	
				18	
Other/extra				Thesis Communication: academic audience (Block 3) Thesis	
				3	



Practical issues & deadlines

- **15 May 2020 Study plan**

You will receive your study plan template (based on the track you have chosen) including some instructions.

- **18 May 2020 course catalogue online**

Want to read course descriptions of Research Master's programmes → mid-May course catalogue for 2020-2021 will be available

- **Deadline 28 May 2020 hand-in study plan**

Between 18 May and 28 May you can puzzle your individual study plan. Email it to: graduateschoolofcommunication@uva.nl.

Please note, that you yourself have to check in rooster.uva.nl if the chosen courses for the first semester, don't overlap

- **Before 8 June 2020 courses enrolled**

We will enroll you in the courses for the first semester of your study plan starting from September 2020. Please check whether you are enrolled correctly and whether your courses don't overlap.

- RM study advisor Lena Kublenz – Gabriel – available for questions via:

Email: graduateschoolofcommunication@uva.nl or phone appointments on Monday (appointments can via made via the Education Desk: educationdesk-cs@uva.nl)