

TEACHING AND EXAMINATION REGULATION 2009-2010
**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN RESEARCH IN SOCIAL AND
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

Faculty Social and Behavioural Sciences

Tilburg University

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SECTION 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.1 Applicability of the regulation

This regulation applies to the instruction and (preliminary) examination(s) of the following Master's programmes:

1. Master's degree programme in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences

Henceforth to be called 'the programme'. It is provided within the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences of Tilburg University, henceforth to be called 'the faculty'.

Article 1.2 Definitions

In this regulation, the following definitions apply:

- a) The law: de Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (WHW, 'the higher education and academic research act');
- b) Student: a person who has been registered at the university for receiving instruction and/or taking the (preliminary) examinations in one or more programmes;
- c) Course: an educational unit of the programme, in the sense intended by the law;
- d) Extra optional course: a course that can be chosen on top of the compulsory programme;
- e) Practical: a practical training, as referred to in article 7.13 of the law in one of the following modes:
 - writing a thesis;
 - writing an essay, paper or trial project;
 - executing a research assignment;
 - participating in fieldwork or an excursion;
 - attending a traineeship;
 - participating in any other instruction activity aimed at acquiring certain skills;
- f) Examination: the Master's examination of the programmes;
- g) Preliminary examination: examination of a particular course;
- h) Examiner: person responsible for taking an evaluating (preliminary) exam;
- i) Semester: part of the academic year beginning on September, 1st and ending on a date to be set by the Faculty, approximately January, 31; or beginning on this date and ending on August, 31. In both semesters, at least one week must be scheduled for examinations and re-examinations;
- j) ECTS credits: credit points in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System.

Any other terms have the meaning accorded to them by law.

Article 1.3 Aims of the programme

The aims of the programme are:

1. the acquisition of knowledge, insight, and skills in the fields covered by the programmes;
2. the acquisition of an academic attitude;
3. the preparation for a career at an academic level, or as an academic.

Article 1.4 Form of the programme

The programmes are taught on a full-time basis.

SECTION 2 ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Article 2.1 Study load

1. The study load is expressed in ECTS credits.
2. The programme has a study load of 120 ECTS credits.
3. The courses of the MSc programme in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences have a study load of 3 or 6 ECTS credits. The first year thesis of the MSc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences has a study load of 12 ECTS. The master's thesis of the MSc programme in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences has a study load of 24 ECTS credits.

Article 2.2 Composition

1. The programme comprises the courses listed in appendix 1.
2. In the enumeration referred to in the first clause, no courses must appear that already formed part of the Bachelor's examination that provides access to the Master's programme.

SECTION 3 (PRELIMINARY) EXAMINATIONS OF THE PROGRAMME

Article 3.1 Periods and frequency of the (preliminary) examinations

1. Every academic year, there are two opportunities to take preliminary examinations in the courses referred to in Article 2.2, with the exception of the Master's thesis and the first year thesis of the MSc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences. For the Master's thesis and the first year thesis of the MSc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences, the opportunity to take the preliminary examination is offered at least once per academic year.
2. In deviation from the provision in the first clause, the opportunity to take a preliminary examination in a course that is not taught in a particular academic year, is offered to the students at least once.

Article 3.2 Form of the preliminary examinations

1. Subject to the provision in the second clause, the preliminary examinations in the courses mentioned in Art. 2.2 are written preliminary examinations as a rule. At the request of the student, the Examination Committee can grant permission to take a preliminary examination in a form other than the original form. The Examination Committee can decide that the preliminary examination of a course takes a different form.
2. Students with a functional disorder are given the opportunity to take preliminary examinations in a manner adapted as much as possible to their individual handicap. If necessary, the Examination Committee seeks expert advice before deciding.

Article 3.3 Oral preliminary examinations

1. No more than one person at a time is examined orally, unless the Examination Committee has decided otherwise.
2. An oral preliminary examination is public, unless, in a special case, the Examination Committee has decided otherwise, or unless the student raises objections.

Article 3.4 Determining and publicising preliminary examination results

1. The results are published on Tilburg University's website within 15 working days after the day the preliminary examination was taken.
2. As soon as an oral preliminary examination has been taken, the examiner determines the result and hands a pertinent written statement to the student.

3. For a preliminary examination other than written or oral, the Examination Committee determines in advance in what way it will be taken and within what period the student will receive a written statement specifying the result.
4. The student has the right of inspection, referred to in Art. 3.6, as well as the right of appeal to the appeal committee for the examinations.

Article 3.5 Period of validity

1. In principle, the period of validity of passed courses is unlimited.
2. In deviation from the provision in the first clause, the Examination Committee can impose a complementary or a substitute preliminary examination for a preliminary examination that was passed more than five years earlier, prior to allowing the student to take the Master's examination.
3. For the period of validity of an exemption for a course, clauses 1 and 2 hold.

Article 3.6 Right of inspection

1. During at least six weeks after the publication of the results of a written preliminary examination, the student is allowed to inspect his/her assessed work. Also at his/her request, a copy of this work is provided at cost price.
2. During the period mentioned in the first clause, every interested person can take cognisance of the questions and assignments of the preliminary examination in question, as well as of the norms on the basis of which the assessment was made.
3. The Examination Committee can determine that inspection and cognisance take place at a particular place and at not less than two particular fixed times. If the party concerned can prove that force majeure prevented him/her from appearing at that particular place and those particular times, he/she will be given another opportunity, if possible within the period mentioned in the first clause.

Article 3.7 Exemption

At the student's request and after hearing the examiner in question, the Examination Committee can exempt a student from a preliminary examination for a course, if the student has completed a course in a Master's programme which completely covers all course objectives.

Article 3.8 Examination

1. The Examination Committee determines the result of the examination as soon as the student has submitted sufficient proof of the preliminary examinations passed by him/her and of the academic skills thus acquired.
2. Before determining the result of the examination, the Examination Committee itself can make an inquiry into the student's knowledge with respect to one or more subjects or aspects of the programme, if and insofar as the results of the preliminary examinations in question give the committee cause to do so.

Article 3.9 Degree

1. Those who have passed the examination of the MSc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences are granted the title 'Master of Science'.
2. The conferred degree is indicated on the certificate of the examination.

SECTION 4 ADMISSION, PRELIMINARY TRAINING

Article 4.1 Admission committee

Admission to the programme is assigned to the Director of Studies, the vice-dean for Research.

Article 4.2 Preliminary training and admission

1. The programme has one starting moment, namely August 27th, every year.
2. Admissible to the programme are those who, at the Faculty Social and Behavioural Sciences of Tilburg University, have passed an examination in any of the Bachelor's or Master's degree programmes mentioned below including the listed courses.
 - a. Psychology
 - b. Sociology
 - c. Organisation Studies
 - d. Human Resource Studies
 - e. Leisure Studies
 - f. Admissible to the programme, via the admission committee referred to in Art. 4.1, are those who, in the Netherlands or abroad, have passed a Bachelor's or Master's degree that, in the judgement of the admission committee, is equivalent to that referred to in the previous clause, or are in possession of a certificate of equivalent preliminary training.
3. Admissible to the MSc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences, via the admission committee referred to in Art. 4.1, are those who, in the Netherlands or abroad, have passed a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a relevant discipline (psychology, sociology, organisation studies, human resources studies, leisure studies, or an equivalent academic background). Applications are evaluated on:
 - a. A Bachelor's or Master's degree, which provided undergraduate training in a relevant discipline (such as psychology, sociology, organisation studies, human resources studies, and leisure studies). If students from outside the Netherlands apply, students can only be admitted if they have completed a program that minimally covers one of the bachelor's programmes at Tilburg University, mentioned in article 4.2.2.;
 - b. An average score of at least 7.5 (75%) for the courses in the second- and third-year of a Dutch bachelor's programme, or an equivalent average score in a non-Dutch system for the courses in the second- and third-year bachelor's programme;
 - c. Sufficient knowledge of the English language. Students who are non-native speakers of English will have to pass the TOEFL, a language admissions test, with a score of at least 600 (paper and pencil), 250 (computer), 100 (internet-based). The IELTS language test – score of at least 7.0 (with at least 6.5 for the separate elements) – will also meet the requirements;
 - d. In exceptional cases, the Examination Committee can decide that the applicant's English proficiency meets the requirements as stated in article 4.2 section 3 c without submittal of official certification.
 - e. Strong motivation, excellent skills and sufficient talent for doing scientific research. In case of disagreement, the Director of Studies will decide. Students will have to show the Bachelor's thesis or a comparable essay from the Bachelor's degree;
 - f. Supportive evidence of a suitable attitude and motivation for the successful completion of the programme will have to come from an application letter and two letters of reference. In case of doubt, the board of the Graduate School can decide to have an additional interview as part of the selection procedure.

Article 4.3 Admission inquiry: procedure

1. Students who do not come from an EEA country and do not possess a permanent residence permit for EEA countries must have submitted their request to be admitted to the programme as of September 1st of any year to the admission committee before April 15 of the same year. Students who come from an EEA country or possess a permanent residence permit for EEA countries must have submitted their request to be admitted to the programme as of September 1 of any year before May 15th of the same year at the latest.
2. In view of the admission to the programme as intended in Art. 4.2, the admission committee makes an inquiry into the knowledge, insight, and skills of the candidate. To complement written proof of the training programme(s) completed by the candidate, the

committee may decide to have certain knowledge and skills tested by experts within or outside the university.

3. Within 6 weeks after the application, which can be submitted in the period specified in Art. 4.3.1, the admission committee takes an admission decision as intended in the same article.
4. Admission is granted subject to the condition that the candidate, at the latest on the commencement date of the programme chosen by him/her, meets the requirements with respect to knowledge and skills evidenced by the certificates of the training programmes attended.
5. In the written statement with respect to admission, the student is alerted to the possibility of appeal to the appeal committee for the examinations.

SECTION 5 PROGRAMME COUNSELLING

Article 5.1 Study progress administration

1. The *Centrale Studentenadministratie* (DEA-SA, 'Central Student Administration') registers the students' individual course results.
2. DEA-SA directs the accessibility of the study progress data on the Internet, as well as the information on this.

Article 5.2 Counselling

1. In the framework of the admission procedure, the faculty can make an arrangement with the student about the individual organisation of the programme he/she attends.
2. The faculty sees to it that every student receives sufficient guidance in the course of the programme.

SECTION 6 TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 6.1 Changes

1. Changes in this regulation are decided on by the board of the Graduate School, after hearing the educational committee and consulting the faculty council, in a separate decision.
2. A change in this regulation does not concern the current academic year, provided that it cannot reasonably be argued that this prejudices students' interests.

Article 6.2 General hardship clause

The Examination Committee may, in the event of a major injustice, decide in individual cases to make an exception to the Teaching and Examination Regulations in the student's favour.

Article 6.3 Publication

1. The faculty board sees to the fitting publication of this regulation, of the rules and guidelines laid down by the Examination Committee, and of the changes in these documents.
2. Every interested person can obtain a copy of the documents referred to in the first clause from the faculty office.

Article 6.5 Date of commencement

This regulation comes into operation on September 1st, 2009.

Laid down by the Dean on July 2nd, 2009.

Appendix 1 to Article 2.2
Composition of the master's programmes

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences
'Psychology and Society' programme (in English)

Year 1

Semester 1

500810	Social Psychology of Economic Behaviour	6 ECTS
500812	Social Psychological Theories	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424808	Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research	6 ECTS
- 424805	Research master: Categorical Data Analysis	6 ECTS

Semester 2

400824	Research master: Advanced Cross-Cultural Psychology	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424806	Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research	6 ECTS
- 424807	Linear Structural Models	6 ECTS
400847	Research master: International Traineeship	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: First year paper	12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

	Research master: Academic skills	6 ECTS
400842	Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools	
400844	Research master: Academic Skills: Programming	
400823	Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics	
400841	Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English	
400843	Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English	
400846	Research master: Intern traineeship year 1	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	

Year 2

Semester 1

500846	Social influence	6 ECTS
500814	Affective Processes	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424802	Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data	6 ECTS
- 424803	Research master: Comparative Case Studies	6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

400856	Research master: Intern traineeship year 2	6 ECTS
400835	Research master: Research skills	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	6 ECTS
400848	Research master: Master's thesis	24 ECTS

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences
Track 'Biological Psychology'

Year 1

Semester 1

400855	Research master: Current Research in Medical Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Cognitive Neurosciences	6 ECTS
500825	Medical psychology I: theory and research	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424808	Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research	6 ECTS
- 424805	Research master: Categorical Data Analysis	6 ECTS

Semester 2

400827	Research master: Cognitive neuroscience and clinical neuropsychology	6 ECTS
500832	Psychosomatic models of explanation	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424806	Research master: Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research	6 ECTS
- 424807	Research master: Linear Structural Models	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: First year paper	12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

	Research master: Academic skills	6 ECTS
400842	Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools	
400844	Research master: Academic Skills: Programming	
400823	Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics	
400841	Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English	
400843	Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English	
400846	Research master: Intern traineeship year 1	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	

Year 2

Semester 1

400847	Research master: International Traineeship	6 ECTS
500814	Affective processes	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424802	Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data	6 ECTS
- 424803	Research master: Comparative Case Studies	6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

400856	Research master: Intern traineeship year 2	6 ECTS
400835	Research master: Research skills	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	6 ECTS
400848	Research master: Master's thesis	24 ECTS

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences
Track 'Organisation Studies (incl. Human Resource Studies)'

Year 1

Semester 1

440803	Complexity within organisations	6 ECTS
760800	Human Resource Studies	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424808	Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research	6 ECTS
- 424805	Research master: Categorical Data Analysis	6 ECTS

Semester 2

400832	Research master: Interorganisational relationships	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424806	Research master: Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research	6 ECTS
- 424807	Research master: Linear Structural Models	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: International traineeship	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: First year paper	12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

	Research master: Academic skills	6 ECTS
400842	Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools	
400844	Research master: Academic Skills: Programming	
400823	Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics	
400841	Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English	
400843	Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English	
400846	Research master: Intern traineeship year 1	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	

Year 2

Semester 1

400845	Research master: Advances in Organization Studies	6 ECTS
400849	Research master: Advances in Human Resource Studies	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424802	Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data	6 ECTS
- 424803	Research master: Comparative Case Studies	6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

400856	Research master: Intern traineeship year 2	6 ECTS
400835	Research master: Research skills	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	6 ECTS
400848	Research master: Master's thesis	24 ECTS

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences

Track 'Sociology'

Year 1

Semester 1

400810	Recent Advances in Sociology	6 ECTS
400808	Life Course Analysis	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424808	Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research	6 ECTS
- 424805	Research master: Categorical Data Analysis	6 ECTS

Semester 2

400824	Research master: Advanced Cross-Cultural Psychology	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424806	Research master: Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research	6 ECTS
- 424807	Research master: Linear Structural Models	6 ECTS
400847	Research master: International Traineeship	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: First-year paper	12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

	Research master: Academic skills	6 ECTS
400842	Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools	
400844	Research master: Academic Skills: Programming	
400823	Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics	
400841	Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English	
400843	Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English	
400846	Research master: Intern traineeship year 1	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	

Year 2

Semester 1

400809	Micro and Macro Analysis	6 ECTS
400801	Solidarity and social policy	6 ECTS
1 Elective out of the following courses:		
- 424802	Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data	6 ECTS
- 424803	Research master: Comparative Case Studies	6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

400856	Research master: Intern traineeship year 2	6 ECTS
400835	Research master: Research skills	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	6 ECTS
400848	Research master: Master's thesis	24 ECTS

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences
Track 'Methodology and Statistics'

Year 1

Semester 1

424808	Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research	6 ECTS
424805	Research master: Categorical Data Analysis	6 ECTS

Semester 2

424806	Research master: Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research	6 ECTS
424807	Research master: Linear Structural Models	6 ECTS
400847	Research master: International Traineeship	6 ECTS
400830	Research master: First year paper	12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

	Research master: Academic skills	6 ECTS
400842	Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools	
400844	Research master: Academic Skills: Programming	
400823	Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics	
400841	Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English	
400843	Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English	
400846	Research master: Intern traineeship year 1	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	
400853	Research master: Capita selecta: mathematical methods	6 ECTS

Year 2

Semester 1

424802	Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data	6 ECTS
424803	Research master: Comparative Case Studies	6 ECTS
424804	Research master: Optional subject for students in the Methodology and Statistics track	6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

400856	Research master: Intern traineeship year 2	6 ECTS
400835	Research master: Research skills	6 ECTS
400851	Research master: Research colloquia	6 ECTS
400848	Research master: Master's thesis	24 ECTS

Msc in Research in Social and Behavioural Sciences
Track 'Psychology and Mental Health'

Year 1

Semester 1

- 1 Elective out of the following courses:
- 500840 Clinical Psychology 6 ECTS
 - 500838 Infant Mental Health 6 ECTS
- 1 Elective out of the following courses:
- 424808 Research master: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological Research 6 ECTS
 - 424805 Research master: Categorical Data Analysis 6 ECTS

Semester 2

- 500807 Treatment Methods 6 ECTS
- 1 Elective out of the following courses:
- 424806 Research master: Data Collection and Analysis of Data in Survey Research 6 ECTS
 - 424807 Research master: Linear Structural Models 6 ECTS
- 400847 Research master: International Traineeship 6 ECTS
- 400830 Research master: First-year paper 12 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

- 500806 Diagnostics 6 ECTS
- Research master: Academic skills 6 ECTS
- 400842 Research master: Academic Skills: Bibliographic tools
- 400844 Research master: Academic Skills: Programming
- 400823 Research master: Academic Skills: Basic, Applied and Professional Ethics
- 400841 Research master: Academic Skills: Academic Writing in English
- 400843 Research master: Academic Skills: Oral Presentations in English
- 400846 Research master: Intern traineeship year 1 6 ECTS
- 400851 Research master: Research colloquia

Year 2

Semester 1

- 500837 Emotions and Well-Being 6 ECTS
- 1 Elective out of the following courses:
- 424802 Research master: Analysis of Multilevel and Longitudinal Data 6 ECTS
 - 424803 Research master: Comparative Case Studies 6 ECTS

Semester 2

- 500847 Research master: Forensic Psychology 6 ECTS

Semester 1 and 2

- 400856 Research master: Intern traineeship year 2 6 ECTS
- 400835 Research master: Research skills 6 ECTS
- 400851 Research master: Research colloquia 6 ECTS
- 400848 Research master: Master's thesis 24 ECTS