

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS NUMERUS FIXUS AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

GENERAL

What is a Numerus Fixus/selection procedure?

The Bachelor's program in Psychology is a Numerus Fixus program with a fixed number of places and a selection procedure by the educational institution. Your position on the ranking list is determined based on your average grade, your result for the knowledge test and potentially by your motivation assignment.

Where can I find general information regarding Numerus Fixus and selection?

On this website a lot of information can be found: <https://help.studielink.nl/en/category/202/numerus-fixus-programme-via-studielink/>

Scroll down to "Numerus Fixus programme via Studielink".

How many places are available?

There are 700 places available in total for both the Dutch and the English taught Psychology program. The allocation of the ranking numbers is based on the outcome of the selection procedure results. There is no fixed number of places per track (Dutch/English) and the track for which you applied does not affect your position on the ranking list in any way.

For how many Numerus Fixus programs can I apply?

You can apply for maximum two Numerus Fixus programs at the same time.

When do I have to apply for the academic year 2024/2025?

You can register in **Studielink** between October 1, 2023 and January 15, 2024 23.59 ((Central European Time (CET))

What can I do if I missed the deadline?

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accept new applications after January 15, 2023 23.59 ((Central European Time (CET))).

How often can I apply?

In the Netherlands there is a maximum of three selection attempts allowed per Numerus Fixus program (Psychology in this case). Universities can decide to reduce the number of attempts. At **Tilburg University** you can apply twice for the selection procedure of the Bachelor's program in Psychology. Selection results cannot be carried over to the next year.

What is a used selection attempt?

If you have an active enrollment in Studielink after January 15, this will count as one used attempt. Even if, for example, you withdraw your enrollment after January 15, if you would not submit your application in Osiris Aanmeld, if you do not participate in the selection procedure and thus in all these cases you will be not assigned a ranking number. This also applies if you ultimately do not meet the admission requirements.

REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION

How can I apply?

First, you need to register in Studielink. The deadline for your Studielink registration is January 15, 2024 23.59 (Central European Time (CET)).

In addition to your registration in Studielink, you also need to submit your application in Osiris Aanmeld. Within 24 hours after your Studielink registration, you will automatically receive an email from Tilburg University regarding the procedure to provide all the required documents to the selection committee via our online application system (Osiris Aanmeld).

When do I need to submit my application in Osiris Aanmeld?

The application in Osiris Aanmeld must be submitted latest by January 31, 2024.

Which documents do I have to provide?

For further information regarding which documents you need to provide and when you need to do so, please read the information under “Step 2: Prepare your application documents” at this [website](#).

When will I be updated on the status of my application?

As soon as you submitted your application, we will start with the assessment of your application documents as soon as possible. You will be informed on the admission decision within 6 weeks. If it turns out that you are admissible, you will receive a provisional conditional admission letter. Separately, you will receive further information regarding the selection procedure as well as an invitation to participate in the knowledge test and the motivation assignment between end January and end February.

Can I apply for both the Dutch taught as well as the English taught Bachelor’s program in Psychology at Tilburg University?

No, you can only apply for one of these programs at the same time. You can switch once and register for the other program in Studielink (Psychology – Dutch **or** Psychology – English). However, please be informed that you must switch no later than January 15, 2024 23.59 (Central European Time (CET)).

SELECTION PROCEDURE

What are the criteria of the selection procedure and how are these weighted?

The following criteria apply to selection procedure:

- A. Average high school grade.
- B. A selection assignment consisting of a knowledge test.
- C. A selection assignment consisting of a motivation assignment.

The selection criteria A and B are weighted in the ratio of 40-60% respectively.

In case of identical final scores of two or more candidates after applying selection criteria A and B, a ranking number will be assigned to each of these candidates based on their score on the knowledge test. E.g., if there are two candidates with an identical final score of 6,594 and the result for the knowledge for candidate A is an 7,33 and the result for the knowledge for candidate B is an 7,47 then candidate B will be awarded the highest ranking number of the two ranking numbers - e.g. ranking number 542 and 543.

In case no unique ranking number can be assigned to candidates by application of the foregoing, the order of the ranking numbers will be determined by the grade for the subjects English, Mathematics and Biology successively. Criterion C (motivation assignment) will be used by the Selection Committee to differentiate between candidates to whom no unique ranking number could be assigned even after applying the above.

Can I prepare for the knowledge test and the motivation assignment?

For the knowledge test, you can prepare by studying the study material that will be available approximately one week before the selection procedure (knowledge test and motivation assignment) takes place.

The study material will consist of literature and video clips. Three psychology related topics will be involved in the knowledge test. For the motivation assignment no preparation can be done.

Of course you will be informed about when and how to access the study material timely.

When and how are the knowledge test and the motivation assignment scheduled?

The selection assignments B (knowledge test) and C (motivation assignment) will be organized **online** on March 9, 2023.

Candidates will be informed about further instructions and of course also about the exact time for the knowledge test via the invitation which may be expected between the end January and the end of February.

Is it possible to do a trial knowledge test or to see a sample of a knowledge test?

No, this is not possible.

Will candidates with e.g. a certain previous educational background or specific subjects or excellent grades get any plus points?

No, no plus points are being awarded to candidates who have completed a certain prior education. The allocation of each ranking number is based on above-described selection criteria and procedure.

RANKING LIST, ACCEPTING A PLACE AND CHANCE OF PLACEMENT

What are my chances to start in the Bachelor's program Psychology at Tilburg University?

This is difficult to predict. Your position on the ranking list is determined by several factors: your average grade, your score for the knowledge test and possibly your motivation assignment. Of course, it also plays a role how these results compare to those of other candidates.

When will the ranking results be published?

On April 15, 2023 you will receive a notification via email about your ranking number. Besides, you can view your ranking number via your Studielink account as of this date. You will also receive a notification in case your ranking number is 700 or above; you will then be on the waiting list.

How can I accept my place?

If you are awarded a ranking number between 1-700, you will automatically receive another email (next to the first email that informs you about your ranking number). In this email, you will find instructions on how to accept your place. Please make sure to accept your place within 14 days. If you fail to do so, your place will expire and will be automatically offered to the first candidate in line on the waiting list.

If you are awarded a ranking number higher than 700, you will also receive a notification email and you will be on the waiting list. As soon as someone does rejects/cancels his offer, the place will be allocated to the first candidate in line on the waiting list. This means that if you are not immediately allocated a place, there is still a chance that you will be allocated a place at a later moment.

Have many candidates who were initially on the waiting list have been offered a place at a later moment over the last few years?

Over the last few years (almost) all candidates who were initially on the waiting list have been offered a place at a later moment. The allocation of vacant places will continue until August 31.

How much chance do I have to get a place after all if I am on the waiting list?

Of course, this depends on your position on the waiting list. If you have ranking number 803, the chance that you still get a place is of course considerably higher than when you have ranking number 1195. Available places will of course be allocated in order; as soon as the first candidate withdraws, this place will be allocated to the candidate with ranking number 701 etc. etc. The turnaround time can take a few days, weeks or in some cases a few months. Of course, you can always contact the Admission Coordinator Numerus Fixus if you would like to receive an indication of the turnaround time or if you have other questions about the waiting list. The allocation of vacant places will continue until August 31.

***** HOW TO GET IN TOUCH *****

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Admission Coordinator Numerus Fixus (Katrien van Gorp) via: psychology-numerusfixus@tilburguniversity.edu