

Regulations capacity limitation for the Master programmes Psychology, ESSB

Article 1 Applicability

These regulations govern the capacity limitation and (selection) process for the individual master programmes in Psychology (hereinafter: the programmes) and apply to and govern all candidates who apply during 2025-2026, for enrolment in 2026-2027.

The programmes are provided by the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, hereinafter referred to as: ESSB.

Article 2 Definitions

1. EER: the ESSB Master's and pre-master Education and Examination Regulations 2025-2026.
2. Programme: the individual master programme in Psychology
3. Track: (Dutch-language track) master Psychologie or (English-language track) master in Psychology.
4. Specialisation: specialisations as stipulated in Appendix IV, section D of the EER.
5. Candidate: the person who would like to enroll in the programme.
6. Act: the Higher Education and Research Act.
7. Capacity limitation: a maximum capacity of (new) enrolments per year for the master programmes in the Netherlands as referred to in article 7.53 of the Act.
8. Admissions requirements: requirements that are stipulated in section 2 of the EER and which candidates should meet in order to be admissible to the master programme.

Article 3 Selection process

1. With reference to article 7.53 of the Act, a maximum capacity limitation is in place for the clinical specialisations of the master programme Psychology. For 2026-2027 the maximum intake is:
 1. Clinical Psychology – 100
 2. Klinische Psychologie – 100
 3. Forensic & Legal Psychology – 70
 4. Klinisch Kinder – en Jeugdpsychologie – 50
2. Based on admissions requirements, as stipulated in section 2 of the EER, the admissibility of the candidate for the chosen Master specialisation is established.

3. In addition to this assessment of admissibility, selection of candidates from the pool of candidates for the master specialisation are based on the following criteria:
 - a. the overall average grade for all Bachelor courses (weight 60%);
 - b. the performance on a proctored online statistics test assessment (weight 30%);
 - c. the answers on motivational questions (weight 10%) for entering the chosen master programme in Psychology at Erasmus University Rotterdam and which are assessed through closed questions. The closed questions will involve (a combination of) multiple choice questions and/or items to be rated on a five-point scale.
4. Candidates can submit their application for their master specialisation in Studielink up until the 1st of April 2026, 23:59 CEST.
5. All candidates are informed within 14 working days if their application is complete. No later than 13th of May, all applicants who are deemed eligible for admission will receive an invite to take part in the online statistics and motivation tests.
6. The assessment will take place on Thursday the 20th of May 2026 between 13.30 – 16.30 CEST. Candidates who hold residency in the Netherlands will take the assessment on campus in Rotterdam. Candidates who hold residency outside of the Netherlands are offered to take part in the assessment online (proctored).
7. Candidates are themselves responsible for completing the assessment using suitable hardware and software.
8. The selection procedure is only conducted in full. This means that if a candidate fails to complete the assessment, no selection criteria can be applied, and the candidate is no longer entitled to a ranking number based on which the available spots are offered.
9. Following the closure of the (online) assessment, scores will be determined for each of the criteria for all candidates who completed the online assessment. The final score determines the ranking of the candidate.
10. The selection of candidates will be conducted by the Selection Committee Psychology, consisting of representatives of staff, management and the admissions team of the ESSB.

Article 4 Placement of candidates

1. All candidates can see their rank number no later than 1st of June via e-mail. Candidates with a rank number that lies within the capacity set for the specialisation of their choice, will first receive an invitation to enroll for a guaranteed place in the chosen master programme for 2025-2026, provided they

also meet the remaining formal admission requirements as referred to in article 3, sub 2 of these regulations, if applicable.

2. Candidates with the highest rank number, that lies within the capacity set for the master specialisation of their choice, will be informed that they have 2 weeks to accept or decline the offer. If the candidate declines the offer, or if the candidate does not confirm acceptance (i.e.: does not respond), he/she will automatically drop out.
3. If a candidate drops out from the ranking his/her place will be automatically given to the next candidate on the ranking list by Studielink. Places will be offered up until August 31.
4. Students with a rank number that falls outside the set capacity will be informed of this process, i.e., the possibility that they receive an offer in June-August.
5. The invitation to enroll is only applicable for enrollment in 2026-2027. Candidates cannot switch between specialisations, or transfer an invitation to enroll, or rank number to another academic year.

Article 5 Appeals

Decisions of the Selection Committee are open to appeal through the Advisory Committee on Objections of Erasmus University within 6 weeks after the decision has been sent to the candidate. The notice of appeal should be submitted through cbe@eur.nl

Article 6 Amendments

1. Amendments to these regulations will be adopted in a separate decision by the dean and will have no effect in the current academic year. The foregoing provision may only be derogated from if such will not unreasonably prejudice the interests of the candidates.
2. Furthermore, no amendment may disadvantage a student by influencing a decision with respect to a student taken by the Selection Committee, pursuant to these regulations.

Article 7 Publication

The dean is responsible for the publication (via Internet) of these regulations, as well as for any amendments.

Article 8 Entry into force

These regulations will come into effect on 1 March 2026.