

Regulations numerus fixus and decentralized selection for the bachelor's programme

Psychology, ESSB Article 1 Applicability

These regulations govern the numerus fixus and decentralized selection process for the bachelor's programme Psychology (hereinafter: the Programme) and apply to and govern all candidates who apply during 2025-2026, for enrolment in 2026-2027.

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

Article 2 Definitions

1. EER: the ESSB bachelor Education and Examination Regulations 2025-2026
2. Programme: the Bachelor's programme in Psychology
3. Track: (Dutch-language track) Psychologie or the (English-language track) International Bachelor in Psychology.
4. Candidate: the person who would like to enroll in the programme.
5. Act: the Higher Education and Research Act.
6. Numerus fixus: a limitation of the capacity of a (track within the) bachelor's programme in the Netherlands as referred to in article 7.53 of the Act.
7. Admissions requirements: requirements that are stipulated in section 2 of the EER and that candidates should meet in order to be admissible to the programme.

Article 3 Maximum capacity and selection criteria

1. With reference to article 7.53 of the Act, a numerus fixus with decentralized selection is in place for (both tracks of) the bachelor programme Psychology. For 2026-2027 the maximum total intake is 600 students, divided over the Dutch-language track Psychologie (400 places) and the English-language track International Bachelor in Psychology (200 places).
2. Based on admissions requirements, as stipulated in section 2 of the EER, the admissibility of the candidate for the chosen track of the bachelor's programme is established.
3. In addition to this assessment of admissibility, selection of candidates from the pool of candidates will take place based on the following criteria:
 - a. the unweighted grade point average of the grades of the most recent, completed academic year of the education that gives admission to the programme;
 - b. the score on a knowledge test; and

- c. the score on a motivation/study attitude test.
4. Each of these selection criteria weighs 33,3%.
5. The selection instruments are described in Article 5.

Article 4 Application procedure

1. Candidates can submit their application for the bachelor's programme Psychology in Studielink and complete their application in the EUR Admissions Portal up until the 15 January 2026, 23:59 CET.
2. All candidates are informed within 10 working days if their application is complete.
3. On 2 February all applicants with complete applications will receive an e-mail with a link to the preparation material and access to the assessment as mentioned in Article 5, paragraph 2.

Article 5 Selection procedure

1. On Monday 2 February, the selection assessment will be made available to candidates with a complete application. The assessment closes for all candidates on 2 March, 23:59 CET.
2. The selection assessment consists of the following components (tests):
 - a. a sample test;
 - b. a knowledge test; and
 - c. a motivation/study attitude test.
3. The sample test (see Article 5.2, sub a) does not play a role in the selection. This test is not about knowledge or about motivation/study attitude. The sample test is exclusively meant for candidates to try out the software. Only once the sample test is completed candidates can proceed to the other parts of the selection assessment.
4. The knowledge test (see Article 5.2, sub b) is subject to a time limit within which the test must be completed. This means the following. Candidates can start the knowledge test at their preferred time between Monday 2 February and Monday 2 March 23:59 CET. After starting the knowledge test, candidates must complete it in one sitting and within two hours. If this time is exceeded, the test will be automatically closed and only the answers completed up to that point will be included in the assessment.
5. For each of the components (tests) the following applies: after starting it, you must complete it completely before you can start one of the tests.

6. Candidates are themselves responsible for completing the selection assessment in the assessment software before the deadline, and (for the knowledge test) within the time limit.
7. Candidates who are entitled to extra time on the basis of a diagnosed functional impairment must complete the form provided for this purpose by Thursday 5 February 23:59 CET at the latest, to request half an hour extra time for the knowledge test.
8. Following the closure of the online assessment, scores will be determined for each of the criteria, as stipulated in Article 3.3, for all candidates who completed the online assessment. Each of these scores weighs 33,3% in the final score.
9. In consideration of the labour market opportunities available to graduates of the two tracks, the ranking numbers are distributed as follows:
 - A separate ranking list applies to the Dutch-taught track of the Bachelor in Psychologie, with **400 available places**.
 - A separate ranking list also applies to the English-taught International Bachelor in Psychology, with **200 available places**.
10. The selection of candidates will be conducted by the Selection Committee Psychology, consisting of representatives of staff, management and admissions & exchange team of the ESSB.
11. The selection procedure will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure its continued quality and effectiveness, also based on nationality, scores per selection criterion and study results (if applicable), of ranking numbers and student numbers. Candidates who participate in the selection procedure agree with this condition.

Article 6 Placement of candidates

1. All candidates can see their ranking number on 15 April in Studielink.
 - For the Dutch-taught track Bachelor in Psychologie, candidates with a ranking number between 1-400 are offered a place in the Programme and receive an invitation to enroll in the Programme in 2026-2027.
 - For the English-taught International Bachelor in Psychology, candidates with a ranking number between 1-200 are offered a place in the Programme and receive an invitation to enroll in the Programme in 2026-2027.

This offer is on condition that the candidate meets the admission requirements as stipulated in section 2 of the EER.

2. Candidates who receive an offer enroll via Studielink must accept or decline the offer within 14 days. If the candidate declines the offer, or if the candidate does not accept the offer (i.e.: does not respond), the offer automatically lapses.
3. When an offer lapses, the offered place will automatically be offered by Studielink to the next candidate on the respective ranking list the candidate has been placed on (either the Dutch track or English-track). No places will be offered after 14 August, 23:59 CET.
4. Candidates can participate in the selection procedure a maximum of three times.
5. The offered place is only applicable to study year 2026-2027. A candidate cannot switch between tracks or transfer an offer or ranking number to another academic year.

Article 7 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 gas@eur.nl.

Article 8 Selection Attempts¹

1. It is nationally decided that applicants have three selection attempts available. A selection attempt is used when the applicant has (had) an active application in Studielink after 15 January. This applies regardless of whether the selection assessment has been completed, and regardless of whether the application was withdrawn after 15 January.
2. Applicants who fail their VWO final exam or certificate between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 may request the university to cancel their selection attempt for the 2026–2027 academic year.
 - a. To demonstrate that the applicant did not pass, supporting documentation showing that the applicant failed must be submitted. This request can be submitted between 1 July and 31 August 2026 via bachelor@essb.eur.nl.
3. Failure to submit additional information (on time) or failure to participate in the selection assessment are not valid reasons for cancelling a selection attempt.

Article 9 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

¹ This article has been added on 17 February 2026

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 10 Publication

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

Article 11 Entry into force

These regulations will come into effect on 21 October 2024.