

## Fact Sheet 2025/2026

# Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience

### International Relations Office (IRO)

At Maastricht University, each faculty/school has its own International Relations Office (IRO). For FPN exchange students the FPN IRO is their main point of contact before, during and after their exchange period at FPN. The FPN IRO assists exchange students with all the formalities for registration and supplies all the information needed to make a stay successful. You can contact us via email: [fpn-iro-incoming@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:fpn-iro-incoming@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

### Postal address

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International Relations Office  
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### Visiting address

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6229 ER Maastricht

### Exchange homepage

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange>

### FPN exchange homepage

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/fpn/exchange>

### Staff

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### Language of instruction

English

### Language requirements

Minimum recommended level of English proficiency: 'B2' of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).  
In order to successfully participate in our courses an advanced level of English is necessary. Students do not need to provide a proof of language proficiency. Instead, we kindly ask students to take responsibility for having a sufficient knowledge of English prior to their studies at FPN.

### FPN Exchange Guide

Visit the FPN Exchange Guide, a helpful tool to get to know FPN.

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/education/exchange/fpn/incoming-students/fpn-incoming-exchange-guide>

### Explore our Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/iro\\_fpn/](https://www.instagram.com/iro_fpn/)



### Semester dates

#### Fall semester

Late August - January (Period 1, 2, 3), or  
Late August - December (Period 1, 2)

#### Spring semester

Late January - July (Period 4, 5, 6),  
or Late January - June (Period 4, 5)

#### Full Year

Late August - July, or  
Late August - June

### Nomination deadline (via e-mail)

Fall semester / Full Year: 30 April  
Spring semester: 30 October

### Application deadline

Fall semester / Full Year: 15 May  
Spring semester: 15 November

### Introduction

Prior to the start of classes, introduction days takes place.  
FPN's introduction days entails a Problem Based Learning (PBL) training, a campus tour and a social event.

## Important note:

If you want to take a resit (= second chance to pass the exam) there are no other opportunities to participate other than you being present in Maastricht to take the exam at the scheduled day/time/location.

On a different note: it is equally important to know that if you still have to take exams of your home university it is not possible to take them here in Maastricht. You either go back and take them at home, or you make arrangements to take the exams in your own country before you come to Maastricht.

### Application procedure

If your home university has a formal exchange agreement with our faculty, you can apply for an exchange period at the International Office of your own university. All exchange students need to be nominated by their home university. Please contact the International Relations Office of your home university to be nominated for the Maastricht University Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience exchange programme. Once your nomination is received, you will be provided with the application instructions.

### Courses

In the [course overview](#) you can find all the information you need about FPN bachelor's courses, such as the course coordinator(s), learning outcomes and competences, number of ECTS, literature and prerequisites.

### Course selection

When selecting courses, please note that some courses will assume knowledge of topics covered in previous courses, called prerequisites. If you do not meet these requirements, you are not allowed to select these courses. Students are responsible for making sure that they have the required knowledge to take courses that state certain prerequisites.

### Master's courses (Fall only)

Students who have obtained 180 ECTS during their bachelor's programme (or equivalent) can submit a request to the Board of Examiners to take up to two master's courses from the one-year master's programme in Psychology.

### Course selection period

Fall / Full Year:

Exchange students receive a link (!)

In June of each year

Spring / Full Year:

Exchange students receive a link (!)

In November of each year

### Course registration

At Maastricht University students have to register for their courses and exams. This is **not** applicable to exchange students. The FPN Education Office books the courses and exams for exchange students.

### Course schedule / time table

About two weeks before the start of each course period your personal course schedule / time table will be published in the Student Portal.

### Teaching method

The Problem-Based Learning system. For more information please refer to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMtLXXf9Sko>

### Study load

There are about 10-15 study hours per week. These consist of lectures, tutorial groups and practicals. Classes take place multiple days a week, and vary per week/period. In addition to classes, you should expect about 20 hours of independent learning per week.



Campus Randwyck

### Housing

Are you planning to live in Maastricht for your studies, we must strongly advise you to arrange this urgently because available student housing in Maastricht is very limited. We strongly advise you not to come to Maastricht if you have not found housing in or around the city before the start of the academic year. Should you come to Maastricht against our advice without having arranged housing, please know that UM cannot help you because UM itself does not offer student housing and there are no online classes. For more information have a look at

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/studeren/studentenleven/um-guesthouse>

Please take into account the mandatory introduction days and examination days when booking a room.

### Sport Facilities

[UM Sports](#) is a place where students, employees and alumni get together to work out for student-friendly prices.

### Studying in the Netherlands

<https://www.studyinnl.org/>

### Living in Maastricht

[www.mymaastricht.nl](http://www.mymaastricht.nl)

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/lifeum](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/lifeum)

### (Free) Dutch language preparation

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com)

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### Language Courses

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/other-offices/language-centre>

### Social activities in Maastricht

[https://www.instagram.com/fpn\\_placebo/](https://www.instagram.com/fpn_placebo/)

[www.esn-maastricht.nl](http://www.esn-maastricht.nl)

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/student-life>

### Visa and residence permit

Applying for a visa and/or residence permit is only possible via the Maastricht University Visa Office. <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/studeren/toelating-inschrijving/visa-legal-residence>

### Virtual campus tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBjSZUjZPuc>