

COLLOQUIUM DOCTUM REGULATIONS FACULTY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE 2024–2025

Entrance examination regulations for the Psychology programme at Maastricht University (UM), pursuant to Section 7.29 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW)

Article 1 Participation requirements

In order to qualify for participation in the entrance examinations as referred to in Section 7.29 of the WHW, hereinafter to be referred to as colloquium doctum, candidates must:

- a. fail to meet the previous education requirements set out in Section 7.24(1) of the WHW (possession of a diploma of pre-university education), and may not have been exempted from this requirement on the basis of Section 7.28 of the WHW;
- b. have submitted an application to this end to the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee and paid the requisite registration fee for the examination;
- c. be 21 years of age or older at the time of taking the colloquium doctum.

Article 2 Colloquium doctum committee

The colloquium doctum will be administered by the UM Psychology colloquium doctum committee appointed to this end by the Faculty Board, hereinafter to be referred to as the committee.

Article 3 Application

1. Applications to take a colloquium doctum can be submitted to the UM's Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience colloquium doctum committee, email: Bofex-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl by means of the appropriate application form.
2. Applications can be submitted until **15 May** prior to the academic year for which the applicant wishes to enrol.
3. At minimum, the application must include:
 - a concise curriculum vitae;
 - an extract from the register of residents (not older than one year);
 - copies of grades transcripts and diplomas. The committee may require that these copies are certified.

Article 4 Registration fee

1. Participation in the colloquium doctum is subject to a €100 registration fee. This amount must have been transferred to Maastricht University bank account number 65.76.25.418 in the name of UM Randwyck (and stating budget number [5001000009](#) and Psychology colloquium doctum) by **1 June at the latest**. (IBAN: NL47INGB0657625418; BIC INGNL2A)
2. In the event of cancellations up until one month before the colloquium doctum, any registration fees already transferred will be reimbursed. No reimbursements will be provided if cancellations are submitted after this date.

Article 5 The entrance examination

The colloquium doctum will include an assessment aimed at determining whether the candidate is suited to take part in the UM Psychology degree programme and is sufficiently proficient in Dutch and/or English to effectively take part in this education. The degree programme will be offered on a full-time basis, in the form of two tracks: the Dutch-language track and English-language track.

Article 6 Components

1. The colloquium doctum consists of the following components:
 - Dutch-language track:
 - an assessment of the candidate's oral and written command of the Dutch language;
 - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of pre-university education-level Mathematics A;
 - an assessment of the candidate's receptive command of the English language;
 - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of biology.
 - English-language track:
 - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of pre-university education-level Mathematics A;
 - an assessment of the candidate's receptive command of the English language;
 - an assessment of the candidate's knowledge of biology.
2. The UM Psychology colloquium doctum assessment regulations, hereinafter to be referred to as the assessment regulations, contain a more detailed description of the requisite knowledge level. The assessment regulations constitute a part of these regulations.

Article 7 Exemptions

1. The committee may grant exemptions for one or more of the components specified in Article 6(1).
2. If possible, exemption requests should be submitted along with the application to take a colloquium doctum, and at least four weeks before the date of the exam for the component for which exemption is being requested. Such requests must be motivated and should include the written documentary evidence needed to reach a decision on the exemption. The committee will decide whether or not to grant the exemption or exemptions within a period of four weeks.
3. The committee may grant a provisional exemption on the basis of grounds that arise after 1 June and before the start of the academic year. In such cases, the committee may grant the exemption subject to the condition that these grounds do actually arise before the start of the academic year. The committee will then determine the results at the earliest possible opportunity after this precondition has been met.
4. Non-participation in components for which a provisional exemption has been granted will be at the candidate's own risk.

Article 8 Results

1. The results of the colloquium doctum will be expressed in the form of an 'admissible' or 'inadmissible' valuation. The assessment procedures for the various components are recorded in the assessment regulations.
2. The results will be determined within four weeks of taking the colloquium doctum or resit, unless Article 7(3) applies. The participant will receive written notification. Participants may lodge an appeal against the results within 30 days of receipt. Appeals should be sent to the Complaint Service Point.

Article 9 Resits

The institutes where the individual components are tested determine whether a candidate is eligible to resit the component in question.

Article 10 Admission to the bachelor's phase

Successful completion of the colloquium doctum can offer the candidate access to the Dutch or English-language track of the bachelor's phase of the UM Psychology degree programme. Successful completion of the Dutch-language track components can offer the candidate access to the Dutch-language track. Successful completion of the English-language track components can

offer the candidate access to the English-language track. However final admission depends on the outcome of Decentral Selection*.

Article 11 Effective date

These regulations entered into force on 1 September 1993 and were amended on 15 January 2024.

*Decentralized selection is a procedure with which prospective students can get a place in some higher education courses in the Netherlands.

UM Psychology colloquium doctum assessment regulations

1. Dutch-language track

1.1 Dutch language proficiency

The candidate's Dutch language and writing skills component must be obtained at DUO (<https://duo.nl/particulier/staatsexamen-vo/aanmelden-en-kosten.jsp>). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the Dutch language and writing skills component before 15 August 2024.

1.2 Knowledge of mathematics

The mathematics component (Mathematics A) must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl>), via the Online Mathematics Placement Test (omptest.org), via DUO (<https://duo.nl/particulier/staatsexamen-vo/aanmelden-en-kosten.jsp>) or via Centrale Commissies Voortentamen (<https://www.ccvx.nl/>). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the mathematics component (Mathematics A) before 15 August 2024.

1.3 English language proficiency

For the English language proficiency, productive and receptive command of the English language must be demonstrated. The following options are possible for this:

Option 1: TOEFL iBT® Test <https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/schedule.html>

- FPN criteria to be admitted; TOEFL iBT: 80

Option 2: IELTS Online <https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-online>

- FPN criteria to be admitted; IELTS: 6.0

Option 3: Cambridge B2 First exam format
<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/first/exam-format/>

- FPN criteria to be admitted; Cambridge First B2: Grade B (scale 173-179) or, Grade C (scale 160-172)

Option 4: The TOEIC® Tests <https://www.ets.org/toEIC/test-takers/about/bridge.html>

- FPN criteria to be admitted; TOEIC listening and reading: 670; speaking and writing: 290

The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the English language proficiency before 15 August 2024.

1.4 Knowledge of biology

The biology component must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl>), via DUO (<https://duo.nl/particulier/staatsexamen-vo/aanmelden-en-kosten.jsp>) or via Centrale Commissies Voortentamen (<https://www.ccvx.nl/>). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the biology component before 15 August 2024.

2. English-language track

2.1 Knowledge of mathematics

The mathematics component (Mathematics A) must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<https://www.boswell-beta.nl/en/>), via the Online Mathematics Placement Test (omptest.org), via DUO (<https://duo.nl/particulier/staatsexamen-vo/aanmelden-en-kosten.jsp>) or via Centrale Commissies Voortentamen (<https://www.ccvx.nl/>). The

candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the mathematics component (Mathematics A) before 15 August 2024.

2.1 English language proficiency

For the English language proficiency, productive and receptive command of the English language must be demonstrated. The following options are possible for this:

Option 1: TOEFL iBT® Test <https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/schedule.html>

- FPN criteria to be admitted; TOEFL iBT: 80

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The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the English language proficiency before 15 August 2024.

2.3 Knowledge of biology

The biology component must be attained at the Boswell Institute (<http://www.boswell-beta.nl/en/>), via DUO (<https://duo.nl/particulier/staatsexamen-vo/aanmelden-en-kosten.jsp>) or via Centrale Commissies Voortentamen (<https://www.ccvx.nl/>). The candidate must submit evidence of their successful completion of the biology component before 15 August 2024.

3. Assessment of individual components

The completed components will be assessed by the institutions where they have been taken.

4. Results

The colloquium doctum will have been successfully completed once all components have been graded with a 'pass'. The result will then be 'admissible'. In all other cases, the result will be 'inadmissible'.

6. Exemptions

Exemptions for a component will be graded as a 'pass'.

7. Effective date

These regulations entered into force on 2 February 1995 and were amended on 15 January 2024.

APPLICATION FORM FOR PSYCHOLOGY COLLOQUIUM DOCTUM

Address all correspondence to:

Maastricht University
Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience Board of Examiners
Bofex-fpn@maastrichtuniversity.nl

The undersigned hereby registers for the Psychology colloquium doctum entrance examination for the Psychology degree programme in the 2024–2025 academic year.

Surname

First names

Date of birth

Place and country of birth

Address

Postcode **Town/City**

Telephone number

Nationality

Email

Track Dutch English

EXEMPTION REQUEST

The undersigned hereby requests exemption from the following course components (check preferred components):

Dutch English
 Biology Mathematics

Please enclose an appendix explaining why you believe you are eligible for each of the exemptions requested. Enclose copies of any relevant documents,

Please include: - Concise curriculum vitae
- Extract from the register of residents (no older than one year)
- Copies of all relevant diplomas and accompanying grades transcripts

Town/City **Date**

Signature