

MSc Population Studies

KEY FACTS

- › Start programme: September or February
- › Duration: 12 months
- › Tuition fees EU / non-EU: approx. €2,000 / €11,200

COURSES

- › Contemporary Population Issues
- › Life Tables and Population Projections
- › Population Policies & Interventions



GENERAL INFORMATION

What are the underlying processes in population change, ageing, fertility, migration, health, regional differences and what are the inequalities therein? How does the timing and occurrence of life events such as childbirth, marriage, divorce and death, relate to individual choices made within the historical, cultural and institutional context?

Our objective is to train young professionals in the theories, methods and skills required to comprehend population dynamics. Knowing about demographic behaviour of people is key to understanding population change.

You will learn about:

- › pressing population issues as healthy ageing, population decline, integration of migrants, health inequalities and poverty
- › individual decision-making processes behind demographic events, such as family formation, residential choices and migration, nutrition and health care use
- › collecting and interpreting demographic data
- › methods and techniques to analyze demographic data: life table analysis, population projections, advanced survey analysis, qualitative research methods
- › population policies and intervention programmes

The Master's thesis topic is integrated in the research theme of the Population Research Centre: "Population and Wellbeing in Context". This comprises topics such as population decline, population ageing, global migration, life of migrants, healthy ageing in society, families, households, residence, causes of death, lifestyle, child health, nutrition, access to health care, place making of elderly.

To get an impression of the Master Population Studies and the population issues covered visit our Webclass Population Studies. Please go to www.rug.nl/nestor and log in with username frw-Webclasspopstudies and password webpopst2014!

Career prospects

Our alumni gain employment at:

- › (interdisciplinary) research institutes
- › universities (lecturer, PhD student)
- › (inter)national statistical offices
- › national planning and government offices
- › United Nations agencies
- › NGOs, like Doctors without Borders
- › private companies (e.g. as data-manager or communication expert)

More information

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www.rug.nl/prc/education/master/

WHY CHOOSE US?

- › unique combination of analytical and social demography
- › multidisciplinary and strong scientific orientation
- › interactive and research driven teaching
- › international classroom

Application deadlines

For entrance in September:
non-EU students May 1; EU students July 1

For entrance in February:
non-EU students Nov 1; EU students Dec 1

Details: www.rug.nl/howtoapply

Admission

- › Bachelor's degree in a relevant field, including at least two courses in statistics.

- › TOEFL 550/213/79 or IELTS 6.0

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