



KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT
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Master of Educational Studies

Objectives

This theoretically-oriented programme aims to provide professional development for students interested in education and, in particular, for those seeking to pursue a management career in an educational (policy) institution. By focusing on one or more subfields of educational studies, students acquire in-depth knowledge of educational processes, policy, innovation and research.

The programme involves individual assignments, as well as research seminars, led by experienced scholars, who offer insights into basic theories and recent developments in the field. Practical teacher training is not included in the programme.



Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences





Admission requirements

Direct access:

- Bachelor in de onderwijkskunde.

Access through the Preparatory Programme: Master of Educational Studies:

- Bachelor in Educational Sciences
- Bachelor in de Pedagogische Wetenschappen
- Bachelor in Psychology
- Bachelor in Social Sciences

After admission:

- Another Master's degree or Bachelor's degree after preferably four years of study.

A proof of English proficiency is requested from all candidates. Only official TOEFL- or IELTS-test results will be accepted.

The required minimum scores are:

- TOEFL (computer-based) 250 pt.
- TOEFL (internet-based) 100 pt.
- TOEFL (paper-based) 600 pt.
- IELTS 7-7,5 pt.

Exceptions may be made for students coming from countries where English is the first official language.

- Chinese students need an APS certificate.



Application procedure

Students apply to the Selection Board of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences. An online application form can be found on the website of the International Admissions and Mobility Office: www.kuleuven.be/applicationform/?js=1.

The deadline for application is

- 1 April for non-EEA citizens
- We prefer to receive the applications of EEA citizens before 1 June. However, EEA students with the required background and language proficiency may enrol until the end of September.
- Non-EEA citizens living in Belgium may also apply until 1 June

After evaluation by the Selection Board, applicants will be informed about the result of their application as soon as possible.

Programme

Preparatory programme in Educational Studies

To ensure that all students have the necessary academic writing skills and methodological skills required for successful completion of the Master of Educational Studies, a preparatory programme consisting of two courses was designed. Successful completion of the preparatory programme is required to obtain the degree of Master of Educational Studies, but both programmes can be completed simultaneously.

Completion of this preparatory programme is compulsory for all students (except those with a Bachelor's degree in 'Onderwijkskunde'). Students who achieve a high score on tests organized at the beginning of the academic year may be exempted from one or both course units.

PREPARATORY PROGRAMME	
COURSE	CREDITS
• Academic Writing	4
• Applied Statistical Methods, Part I	3

More information on the preparatory programme is available on: www.kuleuven.be/onderwijs/aanbod/opleidingen/E

Master of Educational Studies

Students take at least 45 credits in basic courses, methodology courses and electives, while completing a Master's thesis (15 credits) under the supervision of a senior staff member.

The programme's core curriculum focuses on three areas: theoretical insight, knowledge of educational macro, meso and micro processes, and methodological skills. By selecting an area of specialisation and choosing electives according to their interests, students can deepen their knowledge of a particular educational topic.

The Master's thesis, finally, enables them to develop expertise in educational research and to contribute to it.



MASTER OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES	60
COURSE	CREDITS
Basic courses	10-13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philosophy of Education (<i>Professor J. Masschelein</i>) 	4
Basic courses: electives	
Choose at least two courses.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of Modern Educational Systems (<i>Professor M. Depaepe</i>) Education in Relation to Society and Culture (<i>Professor I. Nicaise</i>) Comparative and Intercultural Education (<i>Professor D. Wildemeersch</i>) 	3 3 3
Seminar	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Seminar in Educational Studies: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods (<i>Professor S. Ramaekers</i>) 	5
Master's thesis	15
By completing a Master's thesis, you gain experience of the research process.	
Select extra courses from modules and optional courses, so that the complete programme consists of 60 credits in total.	
Modules	10-15
Module 1: Instructional Science	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational Psychology (<i>Professor J. Elen & Professor W. Van Dooren</i>) Instructional science: language & maths (<i>Professor L. Verschaffel & Professor W. Van Dooren</i>) Designing Learning Environments: (<i>Professor J. Elen & Professor G. Clarebout</i>) 	5 5 5
Module 2: Education at the Class, School and System Level	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational Policy (<i>Professor M. Simons</i>) Educational Effectiveness (<i>Professor J. Van Damme</i>) Educational Innovation and School Improvement (<i>Professor G. Kelchtermans</i>) 	5 5 5
Module 3: Lifelong Learning and Adult Education	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating Learning in Adult Education and Professional Training & Development (<i>Professor F. Dochy & Professor D. Wildemeersch</i>) Principles and Models of Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education (<i>Professor H. Baert</i>) 	5 5
Optional courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applied Statistical Methods, Part II (<i>Professor A. Carbonez & Professor K. Marchal</i>) Principles and Concepts of Experiential Education (<i>Professor F. Laevers</i>) Children and Adolescents with Special Educational Needs (<i>Prof. H. Grietens, Prof. P. Ghesquière and Prof. K. Petry</i>) Applied Distribution-Free Statistical Inference (<i>Professor P. Onghena</i>) Meta Analysis (<i>Professor W. Van Den Noortgate</i>) Mixed and Multilevel Models (<i>Professor G. Verbeke</i>) Educational Measurement (<i>Professor R. Janssen</i>) European Perspectives on Religion (<i>Professor T. Merrigan</i>) Principles and Models of Teacher Education (<i>Professor S. Janssens</i>) Case Studies and single-case designs (<i>Professor P. Onghena</i>) Topics in Parenting, Child Welfare and Disabilities (<i>Prof. B. Maes, Prof. H. Grietens, Prof. P. Ghesquière, Prof. I. Noens, Prof. K. Van Leewen, Prof. K. Petry</i>) 	3 5 5 4 4 4 5 6 3 5 5

For detailed descriptions of this programme's courses and for the course timetable, please consult www.kuleuven.be/onderwijs/aanbod/opleidingen/E



Career prospects

Graduates of the Master of Educational Studies programme have acquired a thorough understanding of educational models and methodology related to pedagogical problems. They have also developed skills in educational analysis, in conducting scholarly educational research, in designing instruments and in guiding innovation practices. Finally, they have gained insight into educational policies, school development, instructional psychology and professional and continuing education.

Upon completion of the programme, MES graduates can pursue careers as advisors or managers in schools or in other educational settings. They are also qualified to play a role in the creation and implementation of educational policies, in labour organizations and organizations concerned with vocational and professional education and in community education and lifelong learning. Successful graduates may go on to undertake a PhD programme at a Belgian university or abroad, before embarking on an international career.

Practical information

- Programme type: Initial Master's programme
- Degree awarded: Master of Educational Studies
- Credits: 60 (one year full-time or two years part-time)
- Deadline for application: 1 April for non-EEA applicants; 1 June for EEA-applicants
- Tuition fee: see www.kuleuven.be/registration/fees.
- Start of the academic year: Last Monday of September
- Language of instruction: English



More information

www.kuleuven.be/ma/MES

General information:

K.U.Leuven - International Office
www.kuleuven.be/english

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