
METHODS & LITERATURE REVIEW - COURSE DESCRIPTION

General EuroScholars Program Information

The EuroScholars curriculum ideally consists of maximum 30 ECTS (1 semester of full-time study). There are 3 basis options, within the options different choices can be made on the number of credits per course/project:

Participants can choose from one of the 3 program options (each totals up to 30 ECTS, which is the equivalent to 15 U.S. semester credits):

- Option 1 (higher research focus)
6 ECTS Language & culture course (classes + exam)*
24 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (research)
- Option 2
6 ECTS Language & culture course (classes + exam)*
6 ECTS Methods & literature review (independent study)
18 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (research)
- Option 3 (research + coursework)
6 ECTS Language & culture course (classes + exam)*
6 ECTS Methods & literature review (independent study)
12 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (research)
6 ECTS Elective course in the field of research (classes + exam)**

* At most of the European Host institutions, the Language course is provided by a Language Center which has a collaboration with the university but is not part of the university. Therefore, some North American institutions might not accept the credits for the language course. Students are strongly advised to check this with their study advisor before setting up the learning agreement. If applicable, the student can request the Research Project Supervisor to add extra elements to the research project in order to earn the missing credits in order to meet the requirements of the home institution.

** Option 3 is not possible at all universities or in all academic areas as it depends on availability of courses taught in English at the Host Institution. At some European Host institutions, the credits for the elective course(s) are higher or lower than the aforementioned 6 ECTS. The credits of 6 ECTS is an average. Students are strongly advised to check this with their study advisor and Research project supervisor before setting up the learning agreement in order to meet the requirements of the home institution. The number of credits can then be adjusted if applicable

Undergraduate Course; 6 ECTS; European level 400

Language of instruction

English

Target group

Undergraduate students third/fourth year bachelor-students participating in the EuroScholars program.

Duration

Approximately 1 - 1,5 month, preferably to be concluded before the student starts the research project.

Entry requirements

- Intermediary/general knowledge of the field of study of the research project.
- Examples:
 - o Leiden Research project 'Behavioral Biology' entry requirement: intermediary knowledge on Behavioral Biology;



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o Leiden Research project 'Social Decision Making', entry requirement: some major (not only introductory) courses in Political Science. Entry requirement for the Research project is also having followed courses in Methods & Statistics of Political Science see below for additional course information)

Aim of the course

Student must acquire profound knowledge of the subject of the research project. Student must obtain sufficient knowledge and tools to carry out and to conclude the project with a positive result.

Type of course

Independent study of literature or follow some research project related scientific books or articles that will enhance the student's knowledge on the specific subject of the research project they will participate in.

Examination

Written paper: summary/short paper on implications of the literature for the project (both approx. 10 A4-pages) and an oral exam (reproduction and discussion). Both need to be valued sufficient by the student's academic supervisor (mark of 5,5 or higher).

Literature

To be decided individually per student. The definitive literature is for the supervisor to decide.

Graduate Course; 6 ECTS; European level 500/600

Graduate applicants are expected to already have a profound knowledge of the subject of the research project and experience with conducting academic research. This would make a methods literature review superfluous.

However if a literature review is considered valuable for the student's contribution to the program, the student and academic supervisor can decide to include 6 ECTS (level 500/600) of Method & Literature Review in the program.

The result (examination) has to be an oral exam (discussion on theses formulated upon the literature by the student or in relation to other knowledge of the field of study) and a written critical review of the literature read. The language of instruction is English.