

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The Research Master of Gerontological Sciences is aimed at students with an academic Bachelor or Master degree:

- Bachelor of Political Sciences and Sociology specialisation Sociology Minor Management, Care and Policy in Gerontology (VUB);
- Bachelor in a field relevant to Gerontology (Social Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Psychology, Physical Education and Kinesiology, Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy, ...);
- Preparatory Programme in Management, Care and Policy in Gerontology (VUB).

Candidate students from outside the EEA may require evidence of adequate knowledge of English through one of the following criteria:

- Holder of a diploma of primary, secondary or higher education where English was the language of instruction;
- Successfully completed at least 1 school year of secondary education where English was the language of instruction;
- Successfully completed an education programme in the higher education sector where at least 15 ECTS credits were taught in English;
- Successfully completed general secondary education in Belgium;

- Succeeded in one of the following language tests:
 - a. TOEFL: minimum level 213 computer-based, 80 internet-based;
 - b. IELTS: minimum level academic module 6.5;
 - c. Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE), grade B;
 - d. Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), grade C;
 - e. TOEIC: minimum level: 860.

Exceptions to the language requirement may be granted by the programme director on the basis of an interview. Prospective students will be selected by the programme director on the basis of a well-justified application and an interview. The following criteria will be used to rank and select candidates:

- Motivation for starting the Research Master of Gerontological Sciences
- Interest in at least one of the following research areas within the Gerontology:
 - o Biological and Biomedical Gerontology
 - o Social Gerontology
 - o Psychological Gerontology
 - o Organization of health care in an ageing and intercultural society
- Study results obtained in the previous education can also be taken into consideration but is not an absolute eligibility criterion.

Application deadline

Prospective students are advised to apply as soon as possible, even if they have not yet obtained their degree. Applications can only be submitted through our website www.vub.ac.be/en/apply

- Students who require a visa (non-EU/EEA nationals) need to submit their application before April 1st
- Students who do not require a visa must apply before September 1st
- Note: if the proof of English proficiency or APS certificate is not ready before the deadline, you can always submit it later instead of missing the deadline

Tuition fees

The tuition fee for the Research Master in Gerontological Sciences for 2019-2020 is € 939/year and € 3243/year for respectively EEA and non-EEA students, given you take up all 60 credits in one year. A detailed overview of the tuition fee and its calculation can be found on:

www.vub.ac.be/en/tuition-fees

Contact

www.vub.ac.be/gerontological-sciences