
METHODS & LITERATURE REVIEW - COURSE DESCRIPTION

General EuroScholars Program Information

The EuroScholars curriculum ideally consists of 30 ECTS (1 semester of full-time study). There are two basis options, option 1 with a higher research focus and option 2 with an elective course in the field of research. Within the options different choices can be made on the number of credits per course/project:

Option 1

- 6 ECTS Language & Culture Course/s (*classes*)
- 6 ECTS Methods & Literature Review (*independent study*)
- 18 ECTS Research Project (*research*)

Option 2

- 6 ECTS Language & Culture Course/s (*classes*)
- 6 ECTS Methods & Literature Review (*independent study*)
- 12 ECTS Research Project (*research*)
- 6 ECTS Elective in the research area (*classes*)

NOTE: If the student has sufficient initial knowledge and experience to participate in the research project, it may be agreed between all parties not to do the Literature Review 'course' but to add those 6 ECTS to the actual research project, totaling 24 ECTS for that part.

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:
 - Leiden Research project 'Behavioral Biology' entry requirement: intermediary knowledge on Behavioral Biology;
 - 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, 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.