

The EuroScholars Program

A European Academic Research Experience

METHODS & LITERATURE REVIEW - COURSE DESCRIPTION

General EuroScholars Program Information

The EuroScholars curriculum ideally consists of maximum 30 ECTS (1 semester of full-time study).

Participants can choose from one of the 2 program options. Each total up to maximum number of 30 ECTS to be earned per semester (which is equivalent to 15 US semester credits and a full-time workload for 1 semester).

The minimum number of ECTS that can be earned for research is 18 per semester.

Option 1 (higher research focus)

- Language & culture course (classes + exam)*
- Participation in research project including article/presentation (research) and including Methods & Literature review (independent study)**

Option 2 (research + coursework)

- Language & culture course (classes + exam)*
- Participation in research project including article/presentation (research) and including Methods & Literature review (independent study)**
- 1 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 / affiliation with the university but is not part of the university. Therefore, some North American institutions might not accept the credits for the language course. **The language course typically appears on the official transcript from the following host universities: the University of Geneva and KU Leuven.** Note: at Leiden University, the Dutch language courses 1 / 1A will NOT be added on your official transcript. The Leiden University official transcript will only show the grades and ECTS a student has obtained for the research and if applicable, an elective course offered by Leiden University itself. 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.

** Methods & Literature review, is not a specific course, but is part of the research component where students are conducting independent study.

*** Option 2 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 is between 2 - 8 ECTS. Not all elective courses will be denoted on host university transcripts with a letter or numeric grade (for example some may be listed as pass/fail). 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

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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.

Aim of the course

- Student must acquire profound knowledge of the subject of the research project.
- Student must obtain enough 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 enough by the student's academic supervisor (mark according to the grading system of the host university).

Literature

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

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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) must 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.