The Master of Science in Educational Studies offers a research oriented programme providing broad expertise related to the field of education. This entails:

- a thorough understanding of several theoretical approaches and methodologies to study, evaluate and discuss educational issues;
- the necessary competencies and skills to conduct educational research, design instruments, develop training modules and curricula, guide and evaluate innovation processes, and engage with the historical and global aspects of education;
- insight into instructional psychology, school development, intercultural education, professional and continuing education, and educational policies.

Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

The Master of Science in Educational Studies is a part of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences. The faculty offers a challenging and dynamic study environment with a strong link between research and teaching. Its degree programmes provide a varied, appealing and research-based education of high academic quality.

Your profile

- You seek to develop a research-based understanding of educational processes, taking into account the various factors that play a role at the level of day-to-day practice, organisation, educational policy, and society.
- You are driven by a will to learn how to optimise education through more advanced, evidence-based practices and policies.
- You have a sound methodological competence, a good basic knowledge of theoretical frameworks and basic insights in the historical, philosophical, socio-economical and socio-cultural embeddedness of educational processes and dynamics.

Admission requirements

To be directly admitted to the Master of Science in Educational Studies, you must have obtained an academic bachelor’s degree in ‘onderwijskunde’ or ‘pedagogische wetenschappen’. Holders of a bachelor’s or master’s degree in the humanities, social sciences, agogic sciences or any other bachelor’s or master’s degree in combination with a teaching qualification, may be admitted to the Master of Science in Educational Studies after successful completion of the preparatory programme (at least 60 ECTS). The preparatory programme provides the necessary knowledge base before advancing to the master's programme itself. It consists primarily of educational and methodological courses.

All students must also provide evidence of sufficient English proficiency.

Programme admission: ppw.kuleuven.be/master-in-educational-studies
General admission: www.kuleuven.be/admissions
Preparatory programme: www.kuleuven.be/ma/vesel
Programme

The Master of Science in Educational Studies consists of a master's thesis (24 ECTS) and compulsory educational courses (31 ECTS). You can complete your programme with electives up to a total of at least 60 ECTS.

For detailed descriptions of the courses and for the course timetable, please consult www.kuleuven.be/ma/mesel/programme.

Application procedure

KU Leuven uses an online application system. You can download and submit your application form via www.kuleuven.be/application.

Students with a Flemish degree can consult www.kuleuven.be/inschrijven.

Career perspectives

Master of Science in Educational Studies graduates pursue careers as educational advisors, coordinators or managers in schools or in other educational settings. They are also qualified to play a role in the design and implementation of educational policies, in labour organisations and organisations concerned with vocational and professional education, as well as in community education and lifelong learning. Successful graduates are also equipped to participate in research projects in Belgium and abroad and may go on to undertake a PhD before embarking on an international career.

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