

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS RESEARCH MASTER OF GERONTOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2026-2027

In order to be eligible to take a course, you usually have to meet certain enrolment requirements. These requirements can be both pre- and corequisites. The requirement may be blocking or advisory in nature. At the VUB, there are 4 types of enrolment requirements:

1. Binding prerequisite
2. Advisory prerequisite
3. Binding corequisite
4. Advisory corequisite

Below you will find the definition of the different types of enrolment requirements. Check out the specific enrolment requirements for your programme on the next page.

BINDING PREREQUISITE

Due to certain risks and safety issues, you can only enrol in course X if you have passed, been exempted from or deliberated for course Y. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding prerequisite.

ADVISORY PREREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you have taken course Y. Although this prerequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without having taken course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

BINDING COREQUISITE

You can only enrol in course X if you are also simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. In order to achieve the learning results of course X in a safe/good way, a registration for course Y is necessary. It is not possible to register for courses if you do not meet the binding corequisite.

ADVISORY COREQUISITE

The curriculum council strongly recommends that you only enrol in course X if you are simultaneously registered for (or have already passed/been exempted from) course Y. Although this corequisite is not binding and it is possible to register for course X without simultaneously taking course Y, it is your own responsibility not to follow the programme's advice. This means that you do not have the required competencies.

HAVE A LOOK AT THE ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PROGRAMME



Enrolment requirements Research Master of Gerontological Sciences (120 ECTS-credits) 2026-2027

MASTER 1 (60 ECTS)

Course title	Sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Master Classes Statistics (Quantitative & Qualitative)	1+2	6					
Biological and Biomedical Fundaments of Ageing	1	6					
Psychological Fundaments of Ageing	1	6					
Social Fundaments of Ageing	1	6					
Ethics Related to Ageing	1	3					
Systematic Literature Review Part 1	1	3					
Systematic Literature Review Part 2	2	9		Systematic Literature Review Part 1			
Clinimetrics and Comprehensive Gerontological Assessment	2	6		Master Classes Statistics (Quantitative & Qualitative)			
Master Thesis Part 1	2	6		Master Classes Statistics (Quantitative & Qualitative)			
Writing a Research Application Part 1	2	6		Ethics related to ageing			
Organisational and Intercultural Aspects of Ageing	2	3					

MASTER 2 (60 ECTS)

Course title	Sem	ECTS	Binding prerequisite	Advisory prerequisite	Binding corequisite	Advisory corequisite	Additional requirements
Scientific Internship Part 1	1	18			Master Thesis part 1		
Advanced Master Classes Statistics (Quantitative & Qualitative)	1	3		Master Classes Statistics (quantitative & qualitative)			

Writing a Research Application Part 2	1	3			Writing a research application part 1		
Master Thesis Part 2	2	24	Master thesis part 1				CO = All of the obligatory master courses. In order to enroll for the Master Thesis, students must be enrolled in the final year of their study programme, and must effectively be able to graduate in that year.
Scientific Internship Part 2	2	6			Scientific Internship part 1		
Expert Master Classes Quantitative Statistics (elective course)	1	3		Master Classes Statistics (quantitative & qualitative)			
Personal Development A	1+2	6					
Personal Development B	1+2	3					
Academic English 1	1	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)
Academic English 1	2	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)
Academic English 2	1	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)
Academic English 2	2	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)
Academic English 3	2	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)
Academic English 5	2	3					In order to be allowed in this course you have to pass the language test. For more information please contact The Academic Language Centre (ACTO)