

Schedule BSS Premaster 2021-2022

Nature of the Premaster

The courses are designed for distance learning and require substantial self-tuition skills. In their home country students can follow online videos, do assignments, study the mandatory literature and engage in peer discussion at the digital learning environment of SPO. The exams can also be done in their home country, except for the exams of Test Theory and Statistics 3, those exams will take place in Groningen.

Communication and supervision

The main course materials are the digital lectures and the books. The lectures are accessible in the Digital Learning Environment (DLO). Lecturers can provide additional teaching materials or assignments. The lecturer communicates on this using the DLO. We expect students to create a digital Student Community on the DLO. They can start discussions on the content of the courses or pose questions, using the discussion platform within the course. The lecturer will monitor this discussion and will interfere on a weekly base, only during the course.

Lecturers

Statistics 1: Don van Ravenzwaaij

Statistics 2: Alexandra de Raadt

Statistics 3: Alexandra de Raadt

Research Methods: Tassos Sarampalis

Test Theory: Rob Meijer

Qualitative Research Methodology: Anne Kievitsbosch

Exams

Exams can be Multiple Choice tests or written reports. In case of Multiple Choice Tests the test will be available only within a certain time frame and will normally have a time lock. This means that the test has to be completed within a fixed time frame (mostly two hours), after starting it.

A Skype interview afterwards, can be part of each of the exams.

Students are not allowed to share information on the exams during the exams. This is considered as fraud. Students who do, will be excluded from the program. Students are considered to have knowledge on research ethics and plagiarism, and to act in accordance to the regulations as to avoid unethical behavior. Among other things, this means that students are not supposed to copy text from the internet, and present it as their own answers to questions.

Literature

See course descriptions on the website.

General statement: order your books in time, sometimes it takes a while before they arrive at your place!

Schedule

Week	Statistics 1	Statistics 2	Statistics 3	Research Methods	Test Theory	Qualitative Research Methods
36	X					
37	X					
38	X					
39	X					
40	X					
41	X	X		X		
42	X	X		X		
43	Exam	X		X		
44		X		X		
45	Resit	X		X		
46		X	X	X	X	X
47		X	X	X	X	X
48		Exam	X	Exam	X	X
49			X		X	X
50		Resit	X	Resit	X	X
51			X		X	X
52			X		X	X
1			Exam		Exam	Exam
2						
3			Resit		Resit	Resit
4						

Exact exam dates:

Statistics 1 – Exam October 28th

Statistics 1 – Resit November 11th

Statistics 2 – Exam December 2nd

Statistics 2 – Resit December 16th

Statistics 3 – Exam January 6th

Statistics 3 – Resit January 20th

Research Methods – Exam November 30th

Research Methods – Resit December 14th

Test Theory – Exam January 4th

Test Theory – Resit January 18th

Qualitative Research Methods – Exam January 5th

Qualitative Research Methods – Resit January 19th