



International programme, Police Academy of the Netherlands

**Applied
Research in
the Context
of European
Policing**

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Police Academy of the Netherlands. Our international English-language Bachelor's Programme in Applied Research in the Context of European Policing (MARCEP) is unique in Europe, offering a combination of policing and research.

Asking good questions is extremely important in good policing. But as police officers we often focus on finding the answers. If there is a problem, it has to be fixed quickly – so that peace and order are restored. The aim of the minor is to broaden and expand your perspective when you are confronted with the issues that arise during police work.

It aims to train you to ask questions that incorporate multiple perspectives. And this is necessary, because good policing cannot stop at the border.

European cooperation is vital in relation to several important policing themes. One of the focuses of this course is the European security agenda. We look at terrorism and radicalisation, organised criminal groups and cybercrime. Your participation in this course will contribute to Europe-wide policing and cooperation.

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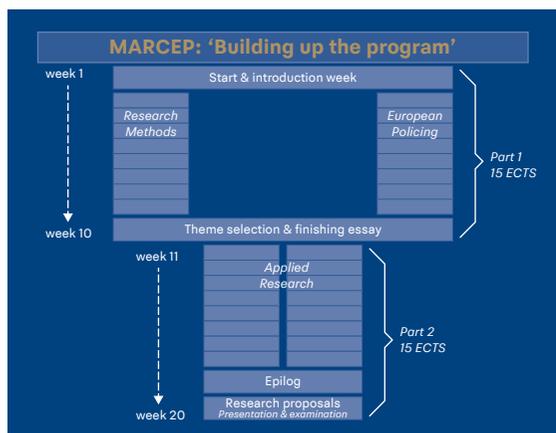
Programme & content

The first week of the minor in Applied Research in the Context of European Policing is an introductory programme. You will receive valuable information concerning your stay in the Netherlands and at the Police Academy. You will also get to know Apeldoorn and Dutch culture (including the culture of the Dutch police), and meet Dutch and international students.

After the introductory week, you will start working on European Policing and Research Methods. Although these are not completely separate and they are both designed to sharpen your mind, the focus of the first is on the pursuit of knowledge, while the focus of the second is on specific European policing topics.

After these initial weeks, the two lines are brought together in what we call Applied Research. Here, you will use the insight and knowledge that you gained from European Policing and Research Methods to compile a research proposal. For this, you will receive

coaching and guidance from our staff. You will also learn which research questions are currently relevant within the Dutch police force and how research is done and organised within the police organisation. You can attend the whole minor or just the first part of European Policing and Research Methods (15 ECTS).



European Policing

Lectures, sessions and visits
1. The backbone
2. Terrorism and security dilemmas
3. Radicalisation as a local phenomenon
4. Public order, party and drugs
5. Trafficking in human beings
6. Organised Crime Groups (OCG): undermining the system
7. Cybercrime: the daily, invisible treat
8. Crossing the border

The programme on European policing enables you to think about and work with themes of European policing that apply to all European countries.

The programme approaches European policing through a framework of three dimensions: the geographical level (European, national, local), legal aspects (law, culture and organisation), and European strategic themes (terrorism, cybercrime and organised crime).



Research Methods

Lectures	Afternoon sessions
0. Introduction	-----
1. Setting the scene: approaches	0. "Me and research"
2. Developing research questions	1. Setting the scene: approaches
3. Fixed research design	2. Developing research questions
4. Flexible research design	3. Fixed research design
5. Historical research	4. Flexible research design
6. Qualitative data analysis	5. Historical research
7. Judicial research methods	6. Qualitative data analysis
8. Quantitative data analysis	7. Judicial research methods

While the European Policing programme will focus more on different themes (such as cybercrime and terrorism), the methodological programme will equip you with the tools to research these and other themes. One of the main aims of the methodological programme is to strengthen your analytical and critical thinking skills and to provide you with different perspectives on how to respond to the real-life issues that police organisations across Europe are facing. You are therefore expected to utilise your own experiences and work on themes that are of personal interest to you.





Studying at the Police Academy

Studying at the Police Academy gives you a number of advantages:

- Our programme is accredited
- We offer an English-language minor
- We give you the opportunity to conduct research within or for the Dutch police, so that you can broaden your experience
- You will be enrolled in an international class, together with students from the Dutch Law Enforcement Bachelor's degree programme
- The programme is worth 30 ECTS, distributed over several exam assignments
- You can also attend a part of the programme for 15 ECTS
- We offer diverse police activities and cultural excursions.

Personal study coaching

We place a high value on personal contact, which is why you can expect excellent study supervision from an instructor and a 'study buddy', who will show you around the Police Academy.

You can also choose to spend time with a host family. The host will be an employee of the Dutch law enforcement services and will be on hand to help you settle into life in the Netherlands and the Dutch police force.





Accommodation

The Police Academy can arrange housing on request. There are two options:

Renting through a housing association. The accommodation will usually include a communal area; kitchen facilities such as a refrigerator, cooker, and cooking utensils; as well as a shared bathroom and Internet connection.

Students can also arrange their own housing. The different housing options are subject to availability.

The Police Academy

The Police Academy in Apeldoorn is housed in an historic building and has all the modern facilities that are needed for law enforcement training - from shooting ranges to extensive outdoor practice grounds. The Academy also has a modern media library, where you can work or search for information at any time. We have a restaurant where you can satisfy your hunger and a study lounge where you can enjoy sandwiches, coffee, and other refreshments.

Police culture

During the programme you will get to know Dutch police culture. You will learn about Dutch law enforcement by going on excursions with your host family to various law enforcement locations.

Apeldoorn & Hoge Veluwe

The Police Academy is located in the heart of the Netherlands in the city of Apeldoorn, where you will both study and live. The rest of the country is within easy reach using public transport. Amsterdam, for example, is only an hour away by train.

Apeldoorn is a city with a great deal to offer, including extensive shopping facilities, an entertainment district and a cinema, as well as a range of cultural attractions such as Paleis Het Loo, a palace which was once owned by the Dutch royal family. The Police Academy is situated in a beautiful forested area close to the Hoge Veluwe National Park. More information on Apeldoorn can be found at www.dutchdailynews.com/apeldoorn.

Information

Are you interested in studying at the Dutch Police Academy? Please visit www.politieacademie.nl/en for more information. You can also download the Study Guide. The contact point for any questions you may have about the minor, studying at the Dutch police Academy and accommodation is Student Exchange at the Staff International Relations and Internationalisation (SIRI) student.exchange@politieacademie.nl or 0031 (0)88 6622069

