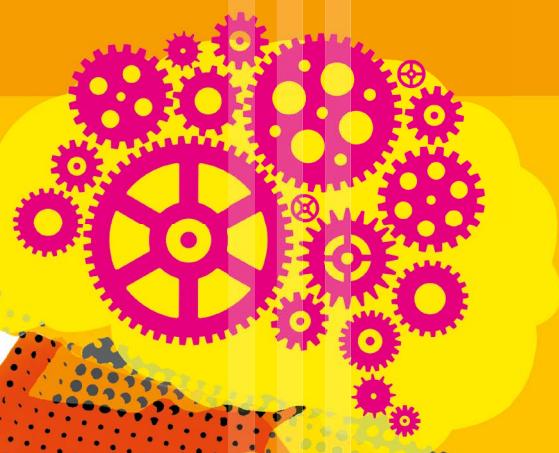


MASTER'S DEGREE

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY



Environnement



INTRODUCTION

This master's degree trains professionals and researchers specializing in human behaviour in relation to the protection, planning and management of social spaces and natural or historic sites.

These new psychologists also play an essential role in the organization and assessment of the consultation practices mentioned in the charter for sustainable development between stakeholders and the various publics.

They act as internal and external consultants for research units, local authorities, public and associative bodies, and businesses, etc. In addition to solid theoretical and methodological training, these objectives are also achieved through the following procedures:

- Gradual development of students' ability to reflect and take action autonomously
- Promotion of personal work
- Preparation for teamwork with a multidisciplinary perspective
- Preparation and experience of professional life in the specific field of human relations and mankind's relationship with the environment
- Preparation for research in social psychology and social psychology in the environment

The master's degree is a two-year course (four semesters). Each year involves a significant number of hours dedicated to internships and includes production of research followed by a dissertation and viva.

The classes in this specialization are provided in association with the CHROME multidisciplinary lab (detection, management and assessment of chronic and emerging risks, EA7352) at the University of Nîmes.



OBJECTIVES

The master's degree has a dual research and professional objective. It enables graduates to use the title of psychologist in professional spheres and to continue studying psychology at PhD level. The title of psychologist implies a certain number of skills, such as the ability to carry out various types of interviews with in-depth analysis of the request, to collect data on group and individual behaviour using observation grids, to design and complete psychological reports and exams, and the ability to manage groups, lead meetings and carry out institutional analysis. Thanks to its dual objective, graduates of this master's degree will also be able to complete the various stages of psychology research. In particular, psychologists need strong written skills and the ability to listen, analyse and summarize. The research component of the course provides transferable skills for outside graduates direct professional sphere, meaning they are able to complete documentary research work in French and English, set up experimental and observational initiatives, and write reports and present the results using digital supports such as PowerPoint. More specifically, the specialization aims to provide solid knowledge in the following areas:

- The fundamental theories of social psychology: social cognition, social representations;
- Fundamental knowledge of general environmental psychology: the nature of mankind's relationship with nature, the social dimensions of space, environmental risks and stresses;
- digital tools and statistics;
- Related disciplines in environmental social science (urban history, human geography, architecture, urban planning, political science, environmental law);
- Research practices and methodology;
- Psychology practices and methodology;

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **The course is aimed at students with a bachelor's degree in psychology (access in first year of the master's degree) or 60 ECTS in a master's degree (access in the second year of the master's degree) in psychology, preferably with an emphasis in social psychology. Students of a similar level from other disciplines (sociology, urban planning, architecture) may also be admitted, although they will not be awarded the title of psychologist.**

SKILLS AND EXPERTISES

In terms of skills, the specialization enables students to:

- Master tools for gathering and processing social psychology data: investigation, observation, experimentation, group steering techniques;
- Design and create comprehensive approaches to research, action research, assessment and intervention in the specific field of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental);
- Develop strong interpersonal skills: working in teams and partnerships, leading meetings, seeking funding, negotiation, mobilizing teams;
- Develop strong initiative and project management skills: analysis, planning, budgeting, communication, assessment. Written and spoken presentations;
- Master general IT tools and statistical software;
- Develop strong English skills.

At the end of the course, graduates will be able to use the title of psychologist.



KEY FIGURES

54.5%
of students graduated
in 2017.

76.2%
of graduates were
employed 30 months
after completing the
Master's degree.

Source: OVIE (Unimes Student Life and Employment Observatory) surveys of graduates from 2012, 2013 and 2014



POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

The Social and Environmental Psychology program enables access to employment that involves completing audits, assessment, advising decision-makers, and supporting publics affected by construction, and is designed to prepare graduates for joining multidisciplinary teams composed of various stakeholders in the field of environment. Graduates from previous years have been recruited for a wide variety of positions:

- Environmental project managers,
- Planning researchers,
- Sustainable development project managers,
- Espace Info Energie consultants,
- Waste sorting consultants,
- Environmental educators,
- Social psychologists,
- Environmental quality managers,

Additionally, the degree's dual focus on research and professionalization enables graduates to continue on to a PhD in psychology and therefore research professions.

ECTS Credits: 120

Duration: 2 years

Level of studies: BAC +5

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Apprenticeship/further education
- Validation of prior experience (VAE)

INTERNSHIP

- 1 month in first year
- 3 months in second year

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