Two public universities offer study programmes in psychology on all three academic levels: University of Tartu (www.ut.ee) and University of Tallinn (www.tlu.ee). All programmes meet European regulations, are accredited by the international or national board of experts in psychology and are continuously evaluated by Estonian Higher Education Quality Agency.

Work opportunities after graduation:
After the completion of bachelor level the graduates find work in the fields of personnel selection, sales & advertising, management, consulting & counselling. However, those interested in counselling are strongly encouraged to continue their education, and those specializing in clinical psychology are required to have at least a master level degree in psychology and a certificate of qualification. The Union of Estonian Psychologists in collaboration with the Estonian Qualifications Authority assesses the applicants’ qualifications and issues certificates for both clinical and school psychologists.

All in all about 60% of the students who finish bachelor studies will enroll in master level studies.

Doctoral students usually combine their studies with part-time work as researchers or lecturers in the universities and many of them continue to do so after they have defended their PhD; some of them proceed to work in research institutions or on independent projects that are funded by the government.

Psychology at the University of Tartu:
Since 1802 the courses of psychology became a regular item in the curriculum and has been taught almost without interruptions. For example, the first lecturer, G.B.Jäsche, a student of Immanuel Kant, read 54 times the course of psychology during his 37 years of professorship at UT.

Currently the total number of psychology students in UT is about 400.

The Department of Psychology has a teaching and research staff of ~ 50 persons (6 professors).

From 2005 to 2009 11 PhD degrees on psychology were granted.

The main research areas are: experimental psychology, personality psychology, developmental psychology, psychophysiology.

Admission:
• Bachelor studies - test of academic aptitude (TAA), entrance examination, results of two secondary school state examinations;
• Master studies - a bachelor’s degree in psychology, or a corresponding level of education; results of the studies at the preceding academic level; the entrance examination, a written research plan.
• Doctoral studies - results of the previous studies; the groundedness and the feasibility of the project of the doctoral research.

Fees: Annual tuition fee is 1800 €. The studies of approximately 50% of UT students are funded from the government subsidies.

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