Introduction
How can policy makers influence economic, societal and personal welfare? How can we measure and model this welfare? What lessons regarding policy design can be learned from this? This specialisation refines the mainstream economics approach of ‘incentives matter’ by addressing why certain incentives achieve their goal and others do not. In the process, insights from, amongst others, psychology, sociology, and philosophy will be incorporated. Economics, Behaviour and Policy offers courses that shape your understanding of how policy affects economic performance on the macro, meso, and micro level. You will be equipped with modern economic methods, building a critical attitude towards the application of economics for policy design.

Why should you choose Economics, Behaviour and Policy in Nijmegen?
• A broad perspective on economic policy design in an international context
• A focus on recent scientific insights and modern methods of applied research
• Small group teaching and close contact with professors and their research
• An excellent reputation in the Netherlands and abroad
• Good career prospects across the world

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Six specialisation courses (36 ECs)
• One elective course (6 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).
Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor's degree in Economics or a closely-related discipline from a research university with a sufficient number of courses on research methods, behavioural economics, economic policy, etc. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/economics/admission.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education. Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl. International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

Best traditional university
Radboud University is the best traditional university in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2016 edition of the Dutch university information guide 'Keuzegids Universiteiten'.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Economics, Behaviour and Policy at Radboud University? Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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