**Study programme:** Master of Physics / Master in de Fysica

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# Strengths of the study programme(s)

* + - * The master programme has a logical and flexible structure that offers a good balance between specialized and broadened knowledge. Next to the master’s thesis, the programme contains three clear groups of connected courses: the first group is dedicated to advanced, general physics courses, the second contains highly specialized physics courses within the domain of the master’s thesis, the courses in the third group are oriented towards the work field either society related or research related.
* The master programme is strongly research based and the specialization profiles it offers (Condensed Matter Physics, Nuclear Physics and Theoretical Physics) are strongly related to and integrated with the research lines within the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Moreover, the educational methods fully embrace the research skills and approaches (presentations, literature study, paper discussions…).
* The thesis consists of an original research work by the student. It proves to be a powerful training in becoming a truly independent researcher.
* All students are given an inside view into other international research labs and large-scale research facilities through several lab visits during the master programme.
* Through several info sessions, a clear programme guide, and low-barrier personal advice from study advisors and programme director, students are well supported in planning their studies.

# Planned actions

* The programme will continue to improve the coherence and connection between the different related courses in the programme (learning lines) by organising ‘learning-line’ discussions among the didactic teams of courses.
* The programme aims to further intensify the integration of its own research topics and state-of-the-art experiments within the different master courses, e.g. by including demo’s and lab visits.
* In order to stimulate the master students to participate more in internships and in international Erasmus exchange programmes, the programme wishes to optimize the communication on these possibilities and set up pre-defined exchange packages of courses that can be taken up by students during their exchange abroad.