

PhD training – summary information for potential candidates and supervisors

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Training plan

- 30 EC in three areas:
 - Content and theory (10 EC)
 - Methodology, methods and techniques (10 EC)
 - Academic and transferrable skills (10 EC)
- Check out the training plan manual on the website
- Plan varies per individual candidate
- It is discussed at the start or shortly after the start

Compulsory

- Induction (skills; 0.5 EC)
- Research Integrity and Responsible Scholarship (content and theory; 2 EC)
- Attending a scientific conference (content and theory; 1 EC, or 2 EC when presenting)
- Prepare you defense (skills; 0.5 EC)
- Obtain 10 EC in first year

Other

- Writing a Data Management Plan (1 EC) is not required as a course, but the plan itself is part of the Go / No Go product, so it is very useful to follow
- GSSS organizes many courses; see the website
- VU offers many courses in the various VU graduate schools to all VU PhD candidates through the PhD Portal (<https://vu.nl/en/research/phd>)
- Training and courses organized outside VU (e.g. a summer school) can be included in the plan

More information is provided on the GSSS website <https://vu.nl/en/about-vu/more-about/the-graduate-school-of-social-sciences>.

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