

## What is NIG?

<https://www.nigovernance.nl/>

A joint research school ...	... in which 12 universities in the Netherlands and Flanders collaborate...	... offering a post graduate program for PhD candidates ...	... and a vibrant research network with research colloquia, an annual conference and more
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The 12 NIG-member universities are Delft, Leiden, Maastricht, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Tilburg, Twente, Utrecht, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Antwerp, Amsterdam and Ghent. NIG connects scholars in public administration and political science.

## Who can participate in NIG courses?

1. PhD-candidates from NIG-member universities who want to **complete the full NIG-curriculum** of 30 ECTS. If you sign up for the program for a one-off fee (1700,-) you have free access to all NIG-courses and all NIG conferences throughout your PhD-career. The NIG-curriculum allows for elective courses elsewhere, making it possible to combine the NIG-program with courses at your local graduate school and also, for instance, international summer or winter schools in research methods, such as those offered by the ECPR.
2. PhD-candidates from NIG-member universities who “just” want to participate in a **bigger number of NIG-courses** yet not the full curriculum. If you plan to participate in three or more courses and would aim to participate in NIG’s popular annual conferences, it is cost-efficient to sign up for the full program at the one-off fee of 1700,- euro’s.
3. PhD-candidates who want to follow **just one or two NIG-courses** or are affiliated to non-member universities. You can simply sign up for specific courses and pay the required fee for that course.

However: NIG offers more than courses only ...

### Why would you enroll in the NIG-program?

<p><b>It helps you to develop your PhD-project, and ...</b></p> <p>NIG offers a set of courses on key issues (core themes, integrity, design, etc.) that help you develop your PhD-project</p>	<p><b>... helps you to develop as an academic in general, and ...</b></p> <p>The program will also help you develop more broadly as an academic researcher</p>	<p><b>... immerses you in the broader academic community, and ...</b></p> <p>By joining NIG, you become part of <i>the</i> academic network in public administration and political science in the Netherlands and Flanders.</p>	<p><b>... offers an internationally accredited post-doctoral degree.</b></p> <p>If you complete the full program (30 EC, incl. 15 ECTS in electives) you will have an internationally accredited (EAPAA) post-doctoral degree.</p>
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### The NIG program is ...

<p><b>... flexible ...</b></p> <p>You can enroll in specific courses in different years of your PhD</p> <p>You can add electives outside of the NIG-curriculum to your individual curriculum</p> <p>You can choose to participate in only a selection of courses</p>	<p><b>... non-exclusive ...</b></p> <p>The NIG-curriculum offers elective courses (more will be developed over the coming years)</p> <p>If you aim to participate in other courses (at the local graduate school, a methods summer school or otherwise), these can be accepted as electives in your individual NIG-curriculum</p>	<p><b>... field-specific ...</b></p> <p>The NIG builds on the joint forces and knowledge of 12 public administration or political science departments</p> <p>The curriculum builds on the best and the brightest in our field.</p> <p>All courses are developed for <i>and</i> given by academics in our disciplines</p>	<p><b>... cost-efficient</b></p> <p>If you choose to enroll in the NIG-program, your institution will pay a modest one-off fee. This will give you access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All NIG-courses during your PhD-trajectory</li> <li>- Free participation in the Annual work conference</li> <li>- The right to participate in one of the (currently) six research colloquia</li> </ul>
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