

# Leiden University Bachelor's Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague 2021-2022



**Universiteit  
Leiden**  
The Netherlands

Discover the world at Leiden University

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# Welcome to Leiden University!

Are you looking for a bachelor's programme at a world-class Dutch university? Leiden University offers upwards of 50 bachelor's programmes so you're sure to find one that suits you. Fourteen bachelor's programmes taught in English, international classrooms with students and teachers from all over the world: these are just some of the things that make Leiden University a truly international university.

There are some 30,000 students at Leiden University, but you'll always be more than just a number; your lecturers will know you by name. We'll do our utmost to give you the best-possible support. And if you can and want to do more, we'll challenge you at every step of the way. This is why we offer our talented and motivated students honours education, courses at the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts and a broad range of minors.

At Leiden University theory and practice go hand-in-hand. Learning is not only about remembering facts and consolidating information; it's also about applying what you learn. In addition to the knowledge they'll give you, our programmes will develop your intercultural and academic skills, teach you how to carry out academic research independently and then present your findings, verbally and in writing. At Leiden University it's all about participation, interaction, collaboration and learning by doing.

Another fact not to be overlooked is that Leiden is a real student city. If you didn't know better, you might think that the historic and lively city of Leiden was made for students. Its atmospheric

and compact centre has everything that students could wish for: from university buildings to student pubs and from student accommodation to student associations. Studying and living in The Hague broadens your perspective on the world and quickly gives you an international network. Studying in a city full of embassies, multinationals and international courts certainly has its advantages!

After all these years I still look back with a lot of pleasure at my own student years at Leiden University. I wish you a lot of inspiration in finding the programme that suits you and hope you have the same great experience of studying at Leiden University as I did!

Prof. Carel Stolker  
*Rector Magnificus Leiden University*



# Discover the world at Leiden University

Are you curious, critical and involved in the world around you? At Leiden University you will develop the knowledge and skills you will need in your future career, make a valuable contribution to tackling the various issues facing modern society and benefit from the inspiring academic community we have to offer.

## Be a part of it

For over 440 years, students and lecturers from all over the world have come to Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands. Leiden University offers you a truly international experience with 120 nationalities represented in a unique mosaic of cultures. We are a small-scale academic community where there is room for personal contact and regard for your talents and opportunities.

## Learn from the best

Leiden University is among the top 100 universities in prominent international rankings. Our academic staff include many top scholars with an international reputation

of excellence. You will have the chance to closely interact with Leiden's scholars and thinkers, conducting your own research and exploring topics that are timely and relevant.

## Look beyond your boundaries

Leiden University attaches great value to freedom of spirit, thought and speech, and is open to everyone who is willing to get the best out of themselves. What binds us is the search for solutions for current global challenges, a search that we conduct with an open mind. We do not shy away from difficult discussions and we allow one another the space to disagree. We expect the same active, open-minded and critical attitude from you.

-  7 faculties
-  16 nobel prizes
-  50 bachelor's programmes
-  80 master's programmes
-  123 nationalities
-  7,100 staff members
-  30,869 students
-  122,140 alumni

# Why should you study in Holland?

The Dutch education system is interactive, student-centred and focused on teamwork, which makes it easy to meet other students. The teaching method at Dutch higher education institutions is founded on respect for each individual's opinions and convictions in a diverse and plural society. At Leiden University this translates into providing students with both the attention and freedom they need to develop their own opinions and creativity in applying new knowledge.

## Live in one of the safest and happiest countries in the world

Holland is one of the safest countries in the world, according to the 2019 Global Peace index and is among the top 10 happiest countries in the world.



## Value for your money

The quality of Dutch institutions is well-recognised. In addition, the tuition fees and cost of living are considerably lower than in other English-speaking countries. The Netherlands is an affordable destination.



## Be part of an international community

Holland's many international students come from 200 different countries. Dutch society is strongly connected to other cultures, the global community and the world. The Dutch are open-minded and direct, so it is easy to meet them and exchange ideas.



## Fun Facts



## Plenty of international career opportunities

Holland is the 17th largest economy in the world. Some of the world's biggest multinationals, including Philips, Heineken, KLM, Shell, ING and Unilever, are Dutch. Holland is a world leader in many areas of expertise, including agriculture, water management, art & design, logistics and sustainable energy.

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### Dutch people are the tallest in the world

With an average height of 184 cm for men and 170 cm for women, Dutchies are the tallest people in the world. Scientists say it's because of their DNA, nutrition and welfare, others say it's because of their copious consumption of dairy products.

2

### Dutchies love their coffee

After Scandinavians, the Dutch are the world's biggest coffee drinkers. They drink no less than 140 litres of coffee a year on average. That's 3.2 cups a day!

3

### Flat as a pancake

The Netherlands is a very flat country. The Vaalserberg is the highest point in (the European part of) the Netherlands. It's only 322.7 metres high and located in the south-easternmost edge of the country in the province of Limburg.



Scan QR-code for a 360° tour of Leiden

# Leiden City of Discoveries

Leiden is a lively university city that's brimming with history and boasts a student culture that's tangible just about everywhere. Get a taste of what you can expect of Leiden as your future student city.

## Leiden's history

Situated at what has traditionally been an important junction where waterways and roads intersect, stands a city that will enchant you: Leiden. The city is famous not only for its university, but for its almshouses, museums and glorious history. The spirit of the Golden Age lives on here, in a place where Rembrandt was born and inspired so many other influential painters. But even after this era Leiden continued to attract scientists, artists and industry. The canals, the historical buildings, the charming narrow lanes, the treasuries of knowledge, culture and science: Leiden is definitely worth seeing.

## A student city with character

Leiden University has contributed to the city's unique atmosphere for almost 450 years. The historical centre of Leiden is full of student unions and associations, student accommodation and university buildings. It is truly a student city.

## Student associations and clubs

Leiden is renowned for its many student clubs and associations organised around sports, music and social life in addition to cultural associations. There are over 20 main associations, including the International Student Network. Clubs focused on mutual interests in music, photography, theater, MUN, different cultures, and more abound. Great for socialising, and making new friends, you'll be in good company: even King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands was a member of a Leiden student association!

## Vibrant city centre

Whether you are a member of a student association or not, Leiden's vibrant city centre is the place to be if you want to relax or socialise. Enjoy a cool beer on the canal at Annie's bar, order a legendary Rappenburger at Barrera or let your feet do the talking on the dance floor at the Kroeg.



# What you need to know about... Leiden

**124,417**  
residents

**1,243**  
national monuments



**28**  
km of canals



**14**  
museums



**154**  
restaurants

**650**  
shops

**74**  
pubs



## A visual feast

Parties are, of course, an inherent part of being a student, but whatever you do make sure you also see the wealth of sights Leiden has to offer. Its ancient canals, intimate courtyards and fabulous landmarks, such as the Pieterskerk, the Academy Building and the Burcht (Fortress) make Leiden pure eye candy.

## Small-scale and central

Leiden is a winning combination of small and fun, yet big in character as a student city. Thanks to its compact layout it's never more than a short bike ride from your accommodation to college, and you're more or less guaranteed to meet someone you know along the way. What's more, it's also centrally located between the Netherlands' main cities. With a little effort, you can cycle to the beach in 30 minutes, while Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Utrecht can all be reached within 45 minutes by train. Our second location in The Hague is only a 10-minute train ride away as well!

Read more about the city of Leiden:

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-leiden](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-leiden)

## FAMOUS FORMER STUDENTS:

Rembrandt van Rijn

DJ Armin van Buuren



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The Hague

# The Hague City of Peace, Justice and Security

The Hague proudly claims the title of the city of Peace, Justice and Security. It is the seat of government, home of the Dutch monarchy, NATO, the International Criminal Court, embassies and consulates from around the world, plus hundreds of organisations, multinational companies, knowledge centres and think tanks.

## International environment

The Hague is deeply involved in building a safe and just world, with the impressive, world-famous Peace Palace at the centre of it all. It is the perfect environment to encourage dialogue and debate. You can immediately apply what you learn as a student in the international environment that The Hague offers. Attend guest lectures by highly respected experts or intern at one of the many institutions that help to shape our world – all right in your own backyard!

## A coffee with the prime minister

The Hague is home to both the government of the Netherlands and the King, so don't be surprised if you find our prime minister

sitting next to you while you're having a cappuccino. If you pass by Noordeinde Palace, you can see for yourself if the King is working.

## A city full of art and culture

With the most historic sites per square metre in the Netherlands, The Hague oozes culture and history. Gazing straight into the eyes of Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring at the Mauritshuis museum is just a beautiful, five-minute-walk away from losing all sense of perspective at Escher in Het Paleis. Go on from there to discover Madurodam, where you'll find the whole of Netherlands at your feet (in miniature).



# What you need to know about... The Hague

**527,748**  
residents

**160**  
international organisations



**70**  
beach pavilions



**365**  
pubs

**20**  
museums

**500**  
restaurants

**2,750**  
shops



## City by the sea

Are you more of a city person? Or more inclined to seek out nature? Why choose between city and beach, when The Hague offers both? You can smell the sea from the heart of the historic city centre. The Hague has eleven kilometres of sandy beach within cycling distance of the historic city centre. Take in a breath of fresh air, jump on a surfboard or find a spot to relax at one of the more than seventy beach pavilions along the boulevard. This is the perfect place to take a breather with your new-found friends from around the world.

Read more about the city of The Hague:  
[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-the-hague](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-the-hague)

## MUST SEES IN THE HAGUE:

*Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring*

*The Mondriaan collection*

*The Peace Palace*



# Student life and support

Leiden University offers many options for students to be social and to develop themselves personally outside the classroom. It all starts with our introduction weeks and ends with our alumni helping you with career support. It is very helpful to become part of the Leiden University community – so don't miss out!

## A Warm Welcome

Coming to a new country to study is certainly exciting, but it can be daunting as well. Get started on the right foot by taking use of our Warm Welcome Service, where you will be met at the airport and provided with travel information and assistance with post-arrival formalities. Try to plan your arrival for one of these dates!

When you're new in Leiden or The Hague it is also a good idea to register for one of the introduction weeks. You can expect to make life-long friends and fully experience your new city before starting your classes. Experience everything Leiden and The Hague have to offer, participate in fun activities and meet lots of new people. You will learn more about your programme and find out some practical things, such as how to get a bike! Both Leiden University locations have its own week. Choose the one most relevant to you and feel at home right away!

- ([🌐 orientationweek.org](https://www.orientationweek.org))
- The Hague Orientation Programme ([🌐 hopweek.org](https://www.hopweek.org))

## How to feel at home quickly

- Join a student association. Some are affiliated with a particular study programme, while others are open to all students for debates, symposia, field trips, and social events.
- Join the International Student Network. The ISN organises trips, clubs, dinners, cultural and social events, and can also help with practical questions.
- Become a member of one of the other international student networks, such as Leiden United, the Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE), or the United Nations Students Association (SIB-Leiden).
- Become a member of the Leiden University Sports Centre, to stay fit at Plexus and USC in Leiden or the Buzz in The Hague.
- Join an independent sports club in either city, for football (soccer), baseball, basketball, windsurfing, running, rowing, or many other sports.

Read more about student life:

- ([🌐 bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-life](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-life))

## Support services

The well-being and success of our students is very important to us at Leiden University. For assistance related to your application, paying tuition, registration and other administrative help, you can find the Student Affairs Front Office in the Plexus student center in Leiden, and the Beehive student center in The Hague.

### Student counsellors

We have a number of specialised student counsellors available. Not only can they help in legal, financial and other non-academic matters, they can also assist you in developing study-related skills. The skills package that is offered consists of individual counselling or workshops designed to support you in your academic performance. Topics covered include thesis writing, time management, stress management and planning. In addition, our counsellors are also available to help resolve study and personal problems.

### Programme study coordinators

Each programme has its own study coordinators who can answer questions about matters related to your chosen study programme. You can consult the study coordinator on issues such as timetables, exam grades, choice of subjects and application for graduation.

### Fenestra Disability Centre

Leiden University makes every effort to ensure that students with a functional disability or learning disorder are able to follow their chosen study programme. The Fenestra Disability Centre can assist these students with practical support and relevant information.

Read more about student support:

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-support](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-support)

## Career Support

Your study time will go faster than you think, so you need to consider your study choices and future plans from the very beginning. You might have questions about your study plan or the job market, vacancies or job-application procedures. How will you find a job that suits you, create a professional CV, learn interviewing and networking skills? Make an appointment with a career counsellor at the career service office or participate in one of the many useful workshops they run to prepare you for the job market. Or why not do our Study Career Check? This checklist will soon make it clear to you which activities will boost your chances on the job market.

### Leiden University Mentor Network.

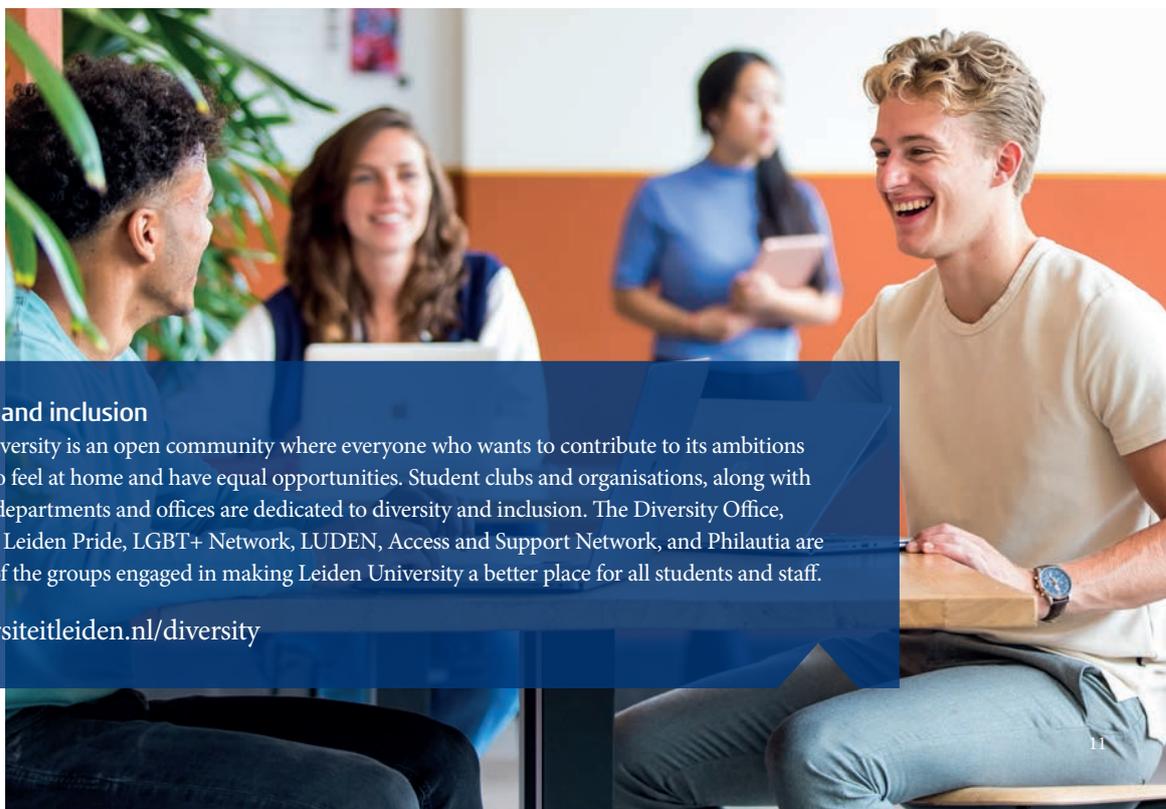
Leiden University Mentor Network is an online platform which makes it easy to get in touch with experienced alumni in your chosen field and ask them for advice on career choices and opportunities. You can also ask a mentor if you want to know more about a particular organisation and how it works.

### Good perspective on the job market

Leiden University's good name will help you find a job after you graduate. Our own research has demonstrated that Leiden University alumni fare very well on the job market. No less than 74% of our alumni are (extremely) satisfied with their first job and three-quarters of them found a job in less than three months.

Read more about career support:

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/career](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/career)



### Diversity and inclusion

Leiden University is an open community where everyone who wants to contribute to its ambitions and to all to feel at home and have equal opportunities. Student clubs and organisations, along with university departments and offices are dedicated to diversity and inclusion. The Diversity Office, IncLUision, Leiden Pride, LGBT+ Network, LUDEN, Access and Support Network, and Philautia are just some of the groups engaged in making Leiden University a better place for all students and staff.

[universiteitleiden.nl/diversity](https://universiteitleiden.nl/diversity)

# What students have to say



'Some friends of mine who were also studying here were very positive about Leiden. They told me that courses are taught in English, the Dutch speak English very well, the course is 3 years instead of 4, and there are a lot of students with an international background so you can meet lots of different people. That appealed to me. And to be honest: I also chose Leiden because it's cheaper to study here than in the UK. There is a nice mix of lectures and tutorials, and ***I like the interaction between students and lecturers in the tutorials.*** Those are small groups, so there is more room for personal contact, which keeps you engaged. Also, thanks to those small groups it's easy to get to know people. I now study a lot with the people I got to know through the tutorials, and we keep each other motivated.'

Roxanne Hernandez  
Psychology



'The Hague is an enjoyable city and offers easy access to Rotterdam, Amsterdam and the beach. It's very convenient that everything at the university is so close together. It's a nice change from having to walk 20 minutes from one building to the next, as I have to do at home. ***I was also pretty impressed by the professors.*** In the first semester there was a course on water management by a US professor from California. Then there was a course on Eastern Europe, taught by someone from Russia. I would definitely say that is a big plus of the faculty: they have all these professors with a background in the field they teach, bringing in valuable experience with them.'

Jared Gustafson  
Leiden University College The Hague



'I chose the Netherlands because of its high standard of education and because studying here is affordable. Within the Netherlands, Leiden seemed to be the best university for my course. Leiden University is in the top 100 in the world in leading international rankings. Also, I liked the fact that the campus was in The Hague, a city full of international organisations and NGOs. And The Hague really is the judicial capital of Northern Europe. It is a really lovely city, less crowded than Amsterdam, quite peaceful, and has a nice mix of modern and old buildings. ***The students on the course are really supportive of each other.*** Because we all are from different backgrounds, we each have different interpretations of the things we learn during lectures.'

Dhwani Goel  
International Relations and Organisations

# Read more about student life in Leiden and The Hague at our student blog!

 [theleidener.com](https://theleidener.com)



'I recently became a member of the University Sport Centre: I wish I'd done it earlier. You stay fit and it's also a great way of meeting new people. The biggest differences between studying in Leiden and Brazil? You have much more autonomy in the Netherlands, students operate more independently. I had to learn to manage my time. Also in Leiden, if they ask you to read something beforehand, they mean it. ***The lecture itself focuses more on discussion than on the reading material itself***, so it's important to have studied that in advance. I definitely prefer that to Brazil. It makes the studying time more effective, you get to make the most of it. Furthermore, Leiden and The Hague have a strong international focus and has a rich university history. Leiden has good rankings and gets positive feedback from people who studied there before me.'

**Laura Keidann Rodrigues da Silva**  
English Language and Culture

'I did attend The Hague Orientation week, and through that I got to know the other students and the city really well. The week really helped me to understand the students and the city and it was also great for small practical things like the housing options, traveling options, etcetera. I find Leiden University to be very liberating. It's a place where you're free to express your opinion and are expected to be open to other people's opinion. Everybody who attends ultimately wants to make the world a better place with future jobs they're aiming for. That common goal gives a sense of collectiveness. ***I like the fact that the university is a catalyst of tolerance***. The interaction with other students is very positive. It's clear what a Leiden student should be and do. We study together a lot, and together we took the initiative to create revision classes to prepare for exams.'

**Akif Aliyev**  
International Relations and Organisations

'I was in British high school finishing my A-levels, and I wanted to study somewhere outside of the UK. I started looking at European universities and I found Leiden. It looked great: it had a rich historical background which made it very prominent. I looked at all the photos and YouTube-movies and Instagram-posts, and thought it was very pretty. ***I like the feeling that I am part of its history***. The university offers a lot of support, for example, through its study coordinators. My coordinator is very approachable and super helpful. I can always reach out if I have a problem. I really like the Netherlands. I love the bicycle culture: people cycle everywhere. I like to explore different areas and find new cafés with my friends. Leiden is also a safe place, I'm not afraid of walking outside at night, it's a trusted little bubble.'

**Ishana Durante-Bose**  
Psychology

# Application and admission

Once you've decided on the right programme for you, making your application is the next step. To apply, just follow these steps.



## Step 1: Check the admission requirements

### 1. Academic requirements

An educational diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO) is the minimum requirement for admission to any bachelor's programme. This includes over 50 international diplomas listed on our website. Some programmes may have additional requirements, so please check per programme.

### 2. Language requirements

Proficiency in English is required for admission to all English-taught programmes. Leiden University accepts the following English language tests (results must not be more than 2 years old):

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): academic modules only, with a minimum score of 6.5 or 7.0 for most English-taught bachelor's programmes.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): with a minimum score of 90 or 100 (internet-based) for most English-taught bachelor's programmes.
- Cambridge English Exam: Advanced (CAE) with minimum grade C or Proficiency (CPE).

Please see the individual programme descriptions for exact scores.

You can be exempted from this requirement if you:

- have an (English-taught) International Baccalaureate diploma or a European Baccalaureate with English as language 1
- completed your schooling in the USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia or Canada (except French taught programmes in Canada)

### 3. Programme specific requirements

The specific academic entry requirements for each bachelor's programme are mentioned under each programme description at

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/en](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/en)

## Step 2: Check the application deadlines



**1 December 2020 (Early Bird/Non-EEA)**  
**1 April 2021 (Regular)**  
Leiden University College The Hague



**15 January 2021**  
Numerus Fixus programmes (Psychology, International Relations and Organisations)



**1 April 2021**  
Bachelor's programmes for students who

- Require a student visa or residence permit



**1 May 2021**  
Programmes with a compulsory matching module (Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Security Studies and English Language and Culture)



**15 June 2021**  
Bachelor's programmes for students who

- Do not require a visa or residence permit to study in the Netherlands
- Are not applying for a programme with compulsory matching or numerus fixus



### Step 3: Collect the required documents

You will need to submit a variety of required documents along with your application for the Admissions Office to assess.

These include:

- Copy of valid passport or European ID card
- Dutch residence permit (if applicable)
- CV (résumé)
- Copies of diplomas and official transcripts in the original language (with official translations if these documents are not in English, Dutch, German or French).
- Proof of English-language proficiency
- Any additional documentation required per programme

### What happens next?

- The Admissions Office will start processing your application once the application fee has been paid and inform you of any missing items.
- Admissions decisions are made in 6-8 weeks on average.
- If you are informed that your application has been successful, congratulations!
- The next step is to actively accept your offer. Follow the instructions given.
- Complete your enrolment by paying your tuition fee.
- Follow the instructions concerning visa (if applicable) and other registration details,
- Register for the Warm Welcome Arrival Days and the relevant orientation week.
- Welcome to Leiden University! See you soon!

### Step 4: Start your application

#### 1. Apply in Studielink

All students who would like to apply to a programme at Leiden University will need to start in Studielink, the national online system for students applying to a programme at a Dutch university.

[🌐 studielink.nl](https://studielink.nl)

#### 2. Complete the application form

After applying in Studielink, you will receive login details to the Leiden University Online Application Portal (uSis). There you can finalise your application by uploading the required documents and answering some additional questions. Don't forget to click submit!

#### 3. Pay the application fee

The application fee of €100 is non-refundable and entitles you to apply for up to three programmes within the same academic year. The €50 application fee for Leiden University College is separate from the main application fee.

Find out all details about admission and application at:

[🌐 universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application](https://universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application)



# Financial matters

Before embarking on your studies at Leiden University, it is important to thoroughly research the financial aspects of your stay.

## Tuition fee

The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on your nationality, your study programme and whether you have already obtained a Dutch higher education diploma. If you are a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) country, Suriname or Switzerland and this is your first bachelor's in the Netherlands, the tuition fee is €2,168. Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay an additional institutional tuition fee of €2,485. The Dutch cabinet has decided to halve the statutory tuition fees for specific groups of first-year bachelor's students. These students will be entitled to pay the halved fee once during a consecutive period of 12 months. Please visit the website for more detailed information. If you are not a national of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland, the tuition fee for most bachelor's programmes is €11,800.

Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay an additional institutional tuition fee of €2,485. However if, on the basis of your Dutch residence permit, you are eligible for student finance from the Dutch education agency you are entitled to pay the lower statutory tuition fee. Are you unsure whether which fee you have to pay? Check our website for more details.

More information:

[universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee](https://universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee)

## Student finance & student travel pass

When studying at Leiden University you may be entitled to Dutch student finance and a student travel pass. Whether you are eligible depends on several factors, such as your nationality and length of stay. Students who are eligible for Dutch student finance may also apply for a student travel pass.

## Working while studying while

Do you need to find a paid job to cover some of your expenses while studying in the Netherlands? While finding employment is not impossible, it may well prove a difficult task. Working for the university is a possibility, and can be arranged through our JobMotion office. However, only a limited number of positions are



available each year. Many jobs outside of the university require a good command of Dutch, and depending on your nationality, you will face some restrictions. If you are from an EU/EEA country, from Switzerland or Japan, you will not need a work permit. All other nationalities require a special work permit and can only work for a maximum of sixteen hours a week. This information is subject to change, so check the current rules when looking for employment. All in all, we advise you not to rely on finding a paid job when financially planning your study costs.

### The Holland Scholarship

Excellent international bachelor's students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) enrolling in an English-taught bachelor's programme starting in September 2021 are eligible to apply. The award consists of a onetime payment of €5.000, received in the first year of your studies.

The full list of scholarships, grants and loans for prospective students as well as a list of search engines for scholarships can be found on our website.

More information:

[universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid](https://universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid)

## Estimated monthly expenses

	<b>Rent*</b> (incl. water and electricity)	€350 – €700
	<b>General living expenses</b> (food, clothes, phone, personal expenses)	€300 – €350
	<b>Transport</b> (depending on where you live and whether you ride a bicycle)	€40 – €100
	<b>Health and liability insurance</b>	€80 – €120
	<b>Books/study materials</b>	€50 – €100
	<b>Social activities</b>	€70 – €150
	<b>Total</b>	€890 – €1,520

\*the estimated rents are based on unfurnished rooms. based on unfurnished rooms.



# Housing

Universities in the Netherlands do not own the accommodation that is available to students, and as such, Leiden University cannot guarantee housing for incoming students\*. Most students will rent a room or share facilities in an apartment or house with fellow students. As Leiden University is an urban campus, student housing is spread throughout the cities of Leiden and The Hague in addition to the surrounding areas. Finding accommodation in either city can be difficult. We recommend that you start your search as soon as you can, as it is your responsibility to find a room prior to your arrival.

## Find housing the Dutch way!

House hunting in the Netherlands can be challenging, so we strongly recommend starting as early as possible. You may be unfamiliar with procedures and prices; websites and advertisements are often in Dutch. On our website you can access up-to-date information, intended to help international students to find accommodation and avoid possible pitfalls. You can independently look for housing via private landlords or housing associations. There are a number of housing organisations that can assist, such as DUWO. Social media platforms are also a good source to help find options and possible roommates. The housing website offers a list of tips and tricks for finding housing on your own.

## Housing Office

You can also apply for a housing offer through the university Housing Office. Leiden University Housing Office reserves a limited number of rooms each year for international students who apply early enough. Here you will be assisted in finding

accommodation in Leiden or The Hague. Accommodation ranges in location, size, number of people with whom you share facilities and rental fees. All housing locations and options are listed on the Housing Office website. Our advice: due to limited availability, the university cannot guarantee accommodation to all students who request housing. Accommodation is allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so request housing early! There's no need to await the outcome of your application for admission.

## \*Residential Concept at Leiden University College

All first- and second- year students of the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme live in LUC's building. Each student will receive a self-contained studio apartment with all the necessities. Leiden University College is the exception in terms of Housing at Leiden University.

More information:

[universiteitleiden.nl/housing](https://universiteitleiden.nl/housing)

## Residence Life Support

In a number of housing locations there are Residence Assistants to help international students feel at home in Leiden and The Hague. They aim to bring students together, create a sense of community and foster a safe and tolerant living environment. They also offer support in practical and personal matters, and can refer you to Leiden University's wide range of professional support staff if required.



# How to choose a programme?

Choosing a study programme is a big responsibility. You have many resources available to assist in your research and planning. Leiden University wants to help you be well-prepared and confident to make an educated decision when the time comes. Here are some suggestions to help you along the way.



## Discover yourself

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Talk to your family, your friends, your teachers and your counsellor at school. Inventory your interests and talents:

- What inspires you?
- What are your favourite subjects?
- What are you good at?
- What don't you like to study?
- Are you independent or do you need extra guidance?



## Design your list

2

What's most important to you in your university choice?

For example:

- Reputation of the university
- Study programmes and subject choices
- Large lectures or small classes (or a mix of both?)
- Cultural, extra-curricular and social opportunities
- Internships and study abroad options



## Do your research

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The world is at your fingertips so search it!

- Check out programme details in this brochure and on our website
- Find us on social media
  -  [facebook.com/universiteitleiden](https://facebook.com/universiteitleiden)
  -  [instagram.com/universiteitleiden](https://instagram.com/universiteitleiden)
  -  [youtube.com/universiteitleiden](https://youtube.com/universiteitleiden)
- Ask your counsellor for input





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# Overview of programmes

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# Archaeology

Archaeology is an exciting discipline, in which you combine many different skills and fields of knowledge. You venture out into the world to discover, study and interpret traces of past societies in the landscape. But you also work with both your head and your hands in the classroom, in the lab and at your desk, applying academic theories and high-tech methods, and analysing archaeological materials. This enables you to

reconstruct the way of life in societies that we can no longer 'see'. Yet archaeology is much more than just excavations. Archaeology graduates find work as a field archaeologist or an independent consultant, or they work in policy, at museums, in heritage management or public relations. Alternatively, you could continue in academia and become a university researcher after your master's degree.



## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Curriculum bachelor Archaeology – World Archaeology

Year 1	60 ec	Year 2	60 ec	Year 3	60 ec
● World Archaeology	15 ec	● Deep History	5 ec	● Minor/Study Abroad	30 ec
● Landscape Dynamics	10 ec	● Complex Societies	5 ec	● Archaeological Theory	5 ec
● Material Studies	5 ec	● Imperial Powers, Global Cultures	5 ec	● Designing Archaeological Research	5 ec
● Past and Future	5 ec	● Landscape Archaeology Projects	5 ec	● Science Communication: Archaeology in the 21st century	5 ec
● Introduction to Heritage Studies	10 ec	● Bioarchaeology	5 ec	● Internship	5 ec
● Archaeological Field Techniques	10 ec	● Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	5 ec	● Thesis	10 ec
● Field School 1	5 ec	● Material Cultures	5 ec		
		● Seminars	15 ec		
		● Field School 2	10 ec		



### Curriculum bachelor Archaeology – Heritage and Society

Year 1	60 ec	Year 2	60 ec	Year 3	60 ec
● World Archaeology	15 ec	● Deep History	5 ec	● Minor/Study Abroad	30 ec
● Landscape Dynamics	10 ec	● Complex Societies	5 ec	● Archaeological Theory	5 ec
● Material Studies	5 ec	● Imperial Powers, Global Cultures	5 ec	● Designing Archaeological Research	5 ec
● Past and Future	5 ec	● Heritage Protection in the 21st century	5 ec	● Science Communication: Archaeology in the 21st century	5 ec
● Introduction to Heritage Studies	10 ec	● Globalisation in World History: An Archaeological Perspective	5 ec	● Internship	5 ec
● The Early Modern Era	5 ec	● Economy and Ecology	5 ec	● Thesis	10 ec
● Anthropological Research in Practice	10 ec	● Museums in Contemporary Societies	5 ec		
		● Heritage Seminars	10 ec		
		● Research Preparation	5 ec		
		● Heritage Fieldwork	10 ec		

The courses in green indicate the overlapping courses in both specialisations.

Please note: the program is still subject to change. The final curriculum can be found at [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology)

Location: Leiden 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS

**2015** English-taught programme established

**11** nationalities

**90** largest lecture size

**25** maximum tutorial size

 [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology)



### Why study Archaeology in Leiden?

- The Faculty of Archaeology has earned a place in the top ten archaeology research and teaching institutes in the world.
- Leiden Archaeology has a strong, global emphasis, with wide networks in international research
- Leiden Archaeology offers excellent facilities, such as our state-of-the-art laboratories

### Shine new light on the big issues of today

In the bachelor's programme in Archaeology, you study early examples of topical issues like:

- globalisation
- mass migration
- social inequality through time
- human impact on the environment
- cultural heritage and cultural identity

### Two specialisations

In Leiden you can choose between two specialisations within the Archaeology bachelor's programme: World Archaeology or Heritage and Society. World Archaeology gives an overview of the development of humans and cultures in a wide diversity of areas around the world, from the Americas to the Middle East. The Heritage and Society specialisation has a stronger focus on more recent history and societal problems arising from events in the past or processes such as climate change. You also learn more about heritage and policy, and how to translate research results and archaeological finds to appeal to a wider audience.

### Fieldwork internship

With a minimum of 10 weeks of internships required, there are many opportunities to go abroad. Join one of the projects of our staff members going on around the globe, for example:

- The Udruh Archaeology Project in Jordan
- The Frontier Landscape Project in Portugal
- Les Cottés in France

Other examples of internship opportunities include digs in the Dominican Republic, Italy, Nicaragua, Greece, or at Barnham in the United Kingdom, Schöningen in Germany and the Veluwe right here in the Netherlands!

### Your future career

The Archaeology programme in Leiden gives you a solid basis for a national or international career in archaeology, heritage management, heritage policy or within the museum world. We consider it important that during your studies you are exposed to other cultures, not just from the past but also from the present. This prepares you for an increasingly globalised job market, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

Leiden University offers varieties of post-graduate specialisations in Archaeology that give students opportunities to deepen their knowledge of their field of interest and participate in many archaeological projects in the Netherlands and abroad.

As a Leiden alumnus you can:

- conduct academic and professional archaeological research in the field or in the lab;
- specialise in heritage studies and consultancy;
- work in commercial archaeology, regional development and capacity building, museums and more.



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‘My research touches different aspects of Indigenous heritage, like the Yucatec Maya in Mexico, but I am particularly interested in the role of indigenous art forms – like music, cinema, video, and digital activism – in cultural and linguistic revitalisation. This means that my focus is on contemporary views of heritage. My goal is to show that if we want to understand the value of archaeological heritage and cultural history, we need to pay attention to the knowledge and perspectives that living people have about this.’

Genner Llanes Ortiz  
Assistant Professor

# Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges

The interdisciplinary Liberal Arts & Sciences programme at Leiden University College: The Hague is centered around Global Challenges, major issues facing humanity across the globe:

- **Peace & Justice:** politics, international law, conflict studies, diplomacy, right to health
- **Diversity:** gender, language, race, social constructs, respect, ethnic health inequality
- **Sustainability:** earth, responsibility, environment, toxicology, climate change
- **Prosperity:** poverty, wealth, economics, good governance, development, healthcare

This thematic approach to Liberal Arts and Sciences is unique to LUC. The programme provides students with broad knowledge of the wider world as well as in-depth study in a specific area of interest. The four themes enable students to understand and engage with interdisciplinary thinking. Stemming from these four themes, there are 6 different major students can choose from as from their second year.

Excellent personal and academic support, dynamic teaching methods and an intensive pace of study are all elements of the LUC experience. After all, it is the honours college of the university! Additionally, you will live and learn on-campus with the other first and second year students, in a community focused on making an impact on society. In year three you will live off-campus in the city of The Hague and crown your LUC career with your capstone project, a final piece of independent research incorporating the knowledge and skills you have acquired during your studies.

## Why study at LUC The Hague?

- An international environment with 50 different nationalities all living together in a residential setting in The Hague.
- Intensive and small-scale education using dynamic teaching methods and close interaction between students and professors.
- A flexible programme that allows a student to think critically, and connect different issues through interdisciplinary thinking and developing Global Citizenship skills.



There are six majors to choose from at LUC:



Location: The Hague 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS

**2010** English-taught programme established

**50** nationalities

**200** largest lecture size

**20** maximum tutorial size

 [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/globalchallenges](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/globalchallenges)



## Residential Concept

All first- and second- year students live in LUC's building, which is located in the heart of The Hague. Each student will receive a self-contained studio apartment with all the necessities. The residential concept allows students to experience different learning opportunities outside the classroom, by living alongside each other in an international and diverse environment. Through a residential life programme, each residential floor has a residence assistant a trained peer leader who supervises those living in a residence hall or housing facility. They are the first point of call for any emergency, but also facilitate a community feeling within the floor, and foster a network of peers.

## Study abroad

Leiden University enjoys partnerships with over 600 universities abroad and LUC has many programme-specific partnerships in addition. LUC partnerships include the National University of Singapore, Freie Universität Berlin, Universidad Diego Portales in Chile, Rikkyo University in Japan and Macalester College in Minnesota and the entire University of California system.

## Your future career

With over a 1000 alumni our graduates each year spread their wings to pursue prestigious master's degrees, PhD programmes or start their professional careers.

The flexible curriculum provides LUC graduates with a solid set of skills that can be applied to real-life situations. This makes our alumni attractive to diverse organisations due to their breadth of knowledge and expertise.

Examples of the private sector and multinationals include a Senior Consultant at

PricewaterhouseCoopers or a Responsible Investment Associate at AEGON. Others find opportunities at the non-profit or NGO sector with examples such as work at government agencies, research institutes and think tanks, such as Lawyer at the Commission of Law at the European Union, Researcher at the World Resources Institute or Development Programme Intern at the United Nations.

## Admissions

LUC has a selective and holistic admissions process, as we only admit 200 students every year. We want to make sure we are the right fit for a student, and that a student is the right fit for our programme.

### Required Documents:

- Academic secondary school transcript of the last two years
  - IB: Minimum 30 points without bonus
  - A-levels: Minimum 3 A-levels with a B or higher in academic subjects
  - International Diploma/US: minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA and 4 AP's with a 4 or higher.
  - For other diplomas check the website
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Motivation according to guidelines
- Letter of Recommendation
- LUC Proficiency Form for Math and English
- Other documents may be required. Check the website for an accurate overview.

## Financial Support

LUC provides limited financial for students who have demonstrated need. Financial support is offered in forms of waivers, either for the institutional fee or the cost of accommodation. You may only apply once you have received an offer from LUC.

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‘The Global Challenges courses provide students with a conceptual vocabulary for understanding wide-ranging processes. For example, in the Diversity Global Challenge, the focus is on the social, political, and moral aspects of human difference. We use the concepts and methods of anthropology, history, sociology, journalism and literature to analyze, compare and interpret the range of possible social organisation and expression. We put small-scale communities as well as centralised nations and hierarchical empires within the same frame, analyzing how European, African, Asian and American societies produce variation. Our students come away with a historically anchored, culturally perceptive, and politically attuned way to understand our entangled and evolving world.’

Ajay Gandhi  
Assistant Professor



# Security Studies

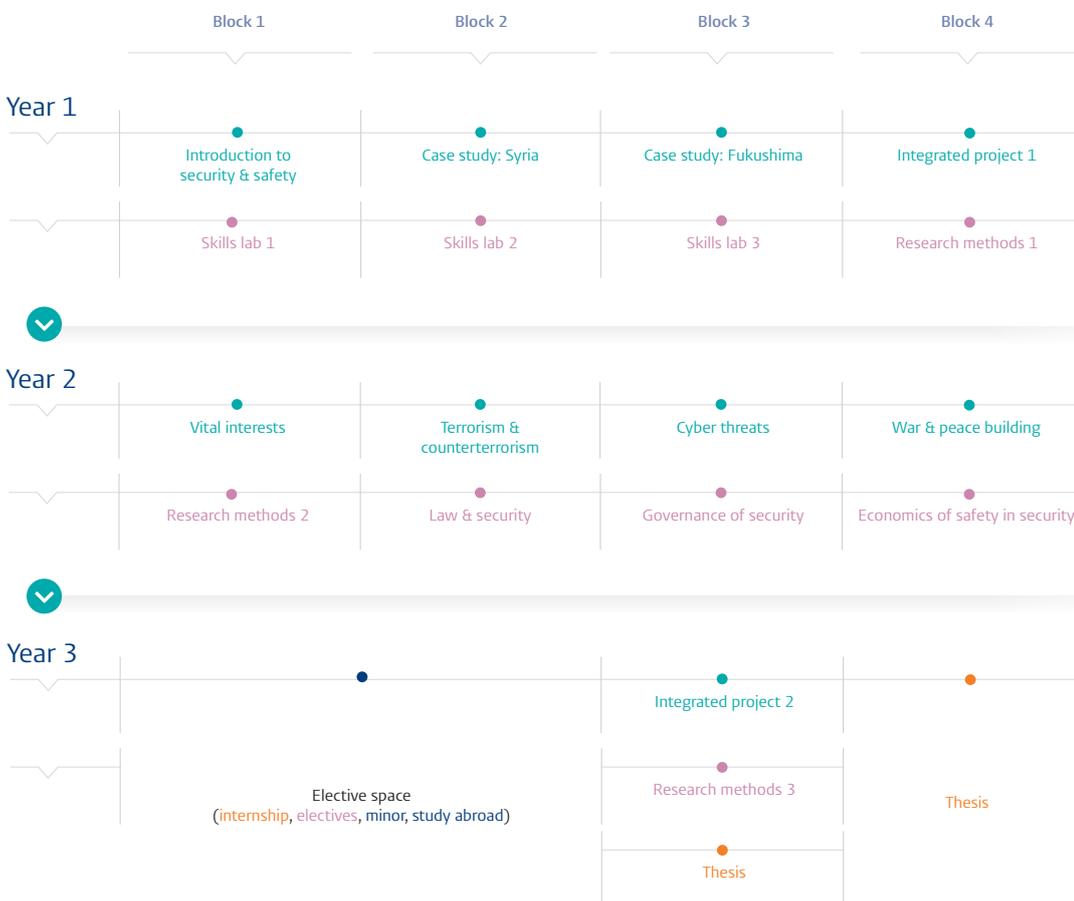
Security and safety challenges rank among the most pressing contemporary issues for individuals, organisations, businesses, and nation- states. They must deal with both real and perceived threats at local, regional and international levels. These threats include international terrorism, organised crime, cyber incidents, civil unrest, riots and natural, health or industrial crises. Both technological and social developments have led to a rise in the number of complex security and safety challenges that may affect people across the globe. Addressing these challenges requires an academic approach, a critical attitude and knowledge of all relevant factors related to specific security and safety challenges.

At every stage, students will learn by ‘Exploring, Understanding, and Doing’ security. That means that throughout the programme, students will aim to:

- Explore by identifying crucial events, stakeholders and the cultural and historical context of real-life security and safety case studies
- Increase understanding by identifying relevant academic perspectives and applying them to these challenging case studies
- Use their knowledge to assess and design strategies and solutions to security and safety challenges



## The structure of the bachelor’s programme



● 5 ECTS   ● 10 ECTS   ● 15 ECTS   ● 30 ECTS

Location: The Hague 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS

**2017** English-taught programme established

**40** nationalities

**300** largest lecture size

**30** maximum tutorial size

 [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/securitystudies](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/securitystudies)



## Why study Security Studies in The Hague?

- It is an unique academic programme with an interdisciplinary approach to security and safety challenges
- This academic programme offers a combination of lectures and rooted in practice and case studies
- Located in City of Peace, Justice and Security

## Case studies

During the courses, you will study two real-life cases. You will learn how to understand and explain these cases from different perspectives. You will analyse cases such as the current Syrian conflict and the Fukushima nuclear disaster and you will acquire knowledge and understanding of several basic security and safety concepts. By applying interdisciplinary thinking, you will learn how to understand and explain causes and factors driving and sustaining conflict and disaster, as well as the effects and implications for government and citizens. You will learn to review an event, or set of events, through the lenses of various academic disciplines and gain the ability to apply this skill to other cases.

## Design your own future

In the first semester of their third year, students can choose either to study abroad, follow electives, study a minor or complete an internship. Leiden University enjoys partnerships with over 600 universities abroad where students can choose their study abroad experience. Possible internships are to be found in ministries, embassies, local governments, 'think tanks', private security companies, the police, and other organisations in the security domain

such as Europol, the Ministry of Justice and Security research institutes, and consultancy organisations.

## Your future career

Graduates are encouraged to continue their academic career by progressing to a master's programme, after which they can find employment in both the public and private sector in various roles.

Graduates may take up positions such as:

- Security Policy Officer at a government organisation
- Consultant, advising public and private organisations on security
- Risk Manager at a public or private organisation
- Researcher in the security domain
- Strategic Adviser on security strategies at a public or private organisation

## Compulsory matching

It is important to us that you are sure Security Studies is the right programme for you. To this end, you will therefore follow an online matching procedure that compares your expectations and skills with the content of the programme. The compulsory matching takes about 8 hours to complete and it involves watching videos and completing assignments. It results in a non-binding advice as to whether the programme is a good fit for you. We encourage you to apply before the 15 January early bird deadline and participate in early matching so you can begin making concrete plans for your future. Deadline to apply for BSc Security Studies is 1 May 2021.



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‘By combining research and real-life safety and security challenges, the programme is academic while at the same time being rooted in practice. An extra plus point is that the programme is international. International cases, such as the war in Syria and the nuclear disaster in Japan, are addressed.’

Daan Weggemans, MSc  
Programme director and lecturer

# Arts, Media and Society

Expression through art can tell us a lot about how people at different moments and places in history have understood the world. In our rapidly changing society we increasingly depend on different media to produce, disseminate, and communicate our creativity on a worldwide scale. As an English-taught track of the Art History programme, Arts, Media and Society is a BA programme in its own right. In it you'll get to explore a wide variety of contemporary cultural manifestations, ranging from photography to biohacking and from games to protest art. You'll also learn how to place such developments in an art-historical perspective, including more traditional media and art forms, such as painting and sculpture. You will also learn how these manifestations offer creative and artistic ways of engaging with today's societal issues,

such as digitalisation, globalisation, and political transformation. You'll also learn how to place such developments in an art-historical perspective, including more traditional media and art forms, such as painting and sculpture. During your studies you will gain in-depth knowledge about:

- the latest developments in contemporary arts;
- developments in modern-day media forms;
- the related cultural roles of the arts and media in contemporary society.

As the programme progresses, several of its courses will combine theoretical knowledge with real-world experiences. You'll get to analyse artistic and activist strategies and public manifestations, such as street art, and carry out activities like DNA extraction, practice-based research and even designing an art exhibition.



## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	Freshman's class	How the World Makes art	Art in the West-1800	Modern and contemporary visual art and photography	Big Media	Arts in Society
<b>Semester 2</b>	Academic skills/writing	Modern and Contemporary Architecture and Design	Curating Cultures	Representation	Cinema and Photography: Theory	Cinema and Photography: Methodology



### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Museums, Cultural Heritage and Collections	Activism	World Art Studies	Choice from approved list of electives	Seminar in your specialisation
<b>Semester 2</b>	Philosophy of Science	AMS on Site: Curating the City	Artist's Writings	Film and TV Series: From Fantomas to Mr Robot	Seminar in your specialisation



### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Framing AMS Case Studies	Seminar in your specialisation	Discretionary space (study abroad, internship, minor)
<b>Semester 2</b>	Thesis	The Cultural Field in Practice	Discretionary space (study abroad, internship, minor)

- Core courses
- Elective related to Arts, Media and Society
- Excursion
- Discretionary space
- Thesis

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2017 English-taught programme established

25 nationalities

50 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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You'll also get to put theory into practice through external activities, such as field trips and excursions.

### Why study Arts, Media and Society in Leiden?

- The programme offers you the opportunity to examine a wide range of art forms: from traditional artistic media to lens-based media and digital media
- It is the only programme in the Netherlands with a chair in Arts, Media and Society, connecting developments in arts with developments in science and technology
- You will be welcomed to an international classroom with students from all over the world

Arts, Media and Society is delivered by Leiden University's Centre for the Arts in Society which has a close relationship with local and international museums, archives and art academies offering you many research and job possibilities, such as:

- Museums
- Media labs such as Mediametic and De Waag in Amsterdam and V2 in Rotterdam
- Galleries and institutes such as Het Nieuwe Instituut Rotterdam, Fact Gallery, Liverpool and Galerie Kapelica in Ljubljana
- Online art projects
- Amsterdam Art Fair
- RKD: Netherlands Institute for Art History
- V2: interdisciplinary centre for art and media technology

### Fields experts

The Arts, Media and Society staff have a large national and international network of contemporary and internationally-recognised

artists who will be regularly invited to lecture on their practice and state of the arts today.

Dutch artists such as Floris Kaayk and Arne Hendriks, as well as international artists such as Kaisu Koski (Finland) Mike Thompson (UK), Susana Cámara Leret (ES), Jennifer Willet (Canada), Adam Zaretsky (US), Anna Dumitriu (UK) and Špela Petric (Slovenia) give guest lectures on their work, or do a project with our students in the lab. Hands-on experience and expert knowledge straight from the field.

### Studying abroad

In the first semester of your third year, you can choose either to study abroad, follow elective courses, take a minor or complete an internship. Leiden University has partnerships with over 600 universities spread throughout the world.

### Your future career

- Curator or programme developer for museums, festivals, media labs or other cultural institutions
- (Art) journalist or columnist for newspapers and magazines
- Editor or publisher in (online) media
- Policy adviser or consultant for national and international, governmental and non-governmental organisations
- Organiser of educational or public engagement activities for educational bodies, non-governmental organisations or companies
- Arts researcher
- Cultural entrepreneur, setting up your own service or institution in the field of art and culture



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‘The combination of study components in this bachelor really appeals to me. I like art, I like media and I also like society. But I don't like art enough to study art history alone, so this is a perfect solution. The interaction between media and society and the multidisciplinary approach to art, is, I think, a very interesting element of this program. That makes it fun to go to the lectures.’

Fabian Schlott  
Senior student

# Dutch Studies

Dutch Studies offers you the opportunity to develop specialised knowledge of Dutch language, culture and society. The programme consists of five different sections:

1. Language acquisition and language proficiency: after the first term of the first year you'll be able to follow the lectures and participate in tutorials in Dutch. At the end of your third year you'll write a bachelor's thesis in Dutch.
2. Linguistics: You will explore fascinating questions like: 'Why is learning a foreign language much more difficult than learning your first language?' 'Does a 'knack for languages' really exist?'
3. Literature: The courses on Dutch Literature will give you an overview of the history of Dutch literature and you'll also explore the influence of Dutch literature on society.
4. History and Politics: During these classes you'll examine Dutch history from a modern viewpoint, exploring questions such as: How is it possible that our first king was a Frenchman? And, is there a connection between William of Orange and Geert Wilders?
5. Art History: You'll focus on understanding the phenomenon and impact of the most famous artists, such as Rembrandt van Rijn and Vincent van Gogh. What makes their work so recognisable from among thousands, and the ways in which their work expresses the period in which they lived.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

Semester 1	Language Acquisition	Dutch Debates	Dutch Painting 1400 - 1950	Philosophy of science
Semester 2	Language Acquisition	Introduction Dutch Linguistics	Culture and Society of the Netherlands	Representation of the Netherlands in Modern Literature and Movies



### Year 2

Semester 1	Language Proficiency	Introduction Second Language Acquisition	Obstacles in Learning Dutch as a Second Language	Dutch History and Politics	Dutch Literature	
Semester 2	Language Proficiency	Analysis Prose / Poetry	Core Curriculum, depending on specialisation	History of the Language	Dutch History and Politics	Dutch Literature



### Year 3

Semester 1	Academic Writing	Electives	In-depth module	In-depth module
Semester 2	In-depth module	Electives or an internship with an organisation or company	BA thesis	

- Language acquisition and language proficiency
- Culture and history
- Linguistics
- Electives

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

1986 programme established

21 nationalities

100 largest lecture size

18 maximum tutorial size

 [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/dutch-studies](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/dutch-studies)



### Why study Dutch Studies in Leiden?

- You will rapidly develop your proficiency in the Dutch language; from the second term on, you will follow the courses in Dutch. And besides the language, you are facing a diverse, interdisciplinary programme.
- Since we are a small department, you may expect intensive, personal guidance from your first year right up to graduation.
- Leiden is the world's global centre for Dutch Studies. Our lecturers give guest lectures at Dutch language departments all over the world, from Jakarta to Wrocław.

### Starting at 3 different levels

Our programme is suitable for students with no previous knowledge of Dutch, but students with elementary and students with advanced knowledge of Dutch are also welcome. We offer 3 starting levels:

#### • Programme I-A

This programme is the same as the regular first year of the 3-year programme and is suitable for absolute beginners.

#### • Programme I-B

This programme is for students with an elementary knowledge of Dutch, which will be tested in the week prior to the first semester. The programme is a combination of first- and second-year courses. It will only be offered if there are enough participants.

#### • Programme II

If your Dutch is of an advanced level (this will be tested in the week prior to the first semester), then you can join the second-year classes, combined with the non-language acquisition

classes such as Dutch Painting from the first year. Students who start in this programme can obtain the bachelor's degree in Dutch Studies within two years.

### One-year-programme

Maybe you are interested in Dutch, but you do not want to spend three years on the bachelor's programme of Dutch Studies. If so, then it is possible to take Dutch Studies for a year at Leiden University. At the end of the first year you will be awarded a transcript and a so-called 'propaedeuse', a first-year diploma, if you complete all the first-year courses successfully. It is good to know that with the 'propaedeuse' of Dutch Studies you get access to almost all bachelor's programmes in Dutch.

### Your future career

Where do Leiden's graduates of Dutch Studies work?

- in education and teaching Dutch in their home countries
- in multinational companies, (both in the Netherlands and in their home countries)
- at embassies or in government (as policy staff or consular assistants)
- in the academic world (as a researcher)
- in the private sector as freelance translators and journalists



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‘This programme exceeds my expectations. I could not imagine before starting that I would follow classes only in Dutch after the first semester. I literally knew five words before I came here. It’s really cool to be able to understand Dutch after a few months. We have to do a lot of exercises together. It’s really helpful: the best way to learn a language is to talk. The programme is a good balance between writing, language acquisition, speaking and listening at the one hand, and culture at the other.’

Laura Pereira  
First-year student

# English Language and Culture

English is spoken, read and written all over the world, from the UK to the US and from South Africa to Australia. In Leiden we'll give you an in-depth understanding of the English language, its culture and its literature.

## Why study English Language and Culture in Leiden?

You'll study the language in all its varieties, from Old English to the many forms of current English, and you'll explore the literature and culture of the English-speaking world, from its beginnings to the

present day. But in Leiden we'll also teach you how to place poems, novels and plays from American, Irish and Canadian literature in their appropriate cultural-historical context. As a student of English in Leiden you'll study prose and poetry through the ages, as well as other media, such as TV series and films and their cultural impact. To properly understand a literary work, it's also necessary to study the interaction between literature and its cultural-historical contexts. This is why we approach literature from a chronological perspective.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	From Scratch to Print	Introduction to Literary Studies in English (10 EC)	The Classical and Christian Legacies in Literatures in English	Introduction to Middle English Language and Literature	The Phonetics of English
<b>Semester 2</b>	The Spoken Word	English Literature, ca. 1550-1700	Introduction to Old English Language and Literature (10 EC)	The Syntax of English (10 EC)	

### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Grammar in Writing	18th Century American or British Literature	History of the English Language	The Syntax of English: Present and Past	Introduction to Linguistics	Language and Linguistics: Tools and Methods
<b>Semester 2</b>	Public Speaking in Theory and Practice	19th Century American or British Literature	Medieval English or Early Modern English	The Phonology of English	Philosophy of Science	English-language Popular Culture

### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Theories and Research Methods in Applied Linguistics	Specialisation in Linguistics, Literature or Philology	Internship en study abroad
<b>Semester 2</b>	Dimensions of Composition and Text Analysis	BA thesis	Minor/electives

- Language Acquisition (language skills)
- Linguistics
- Philology
- Literature
- Mandatory lectures
- Standard curriculum
- Minor/electives
- Specialisation
- BA thesis

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2018 English-taught programme established

8 nationalities

130 largest lecture size

24 maximum tutorial size

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## Specialisms

In the course of the programme you'll will focus on the following areas: philology, literature, linguistics and language acquisition. Within these four areas, the programme offers courses on more specialised topics, such as Anglo-Saxon studies, Renaissance literature, Gothic and horror literature, the analysis of metaphors in language use, and historical sociolinguistics.

## Programme

You'll develop a near-native command of the English language and learn to think and write about all possible aspects of language at a high academic level;

- If you want to know more about Old and Middle English, then Leiden is the only place in the Netherlands to study;
- You'll be taught by enthusiastic and accessible lecturers who enjoy international reputations as scientists in their respective fields;
- English Language and Culture is known as an internationally oriented, ambitious and, above all, enjoyable academic programme.

## Internship options

An internship is an ideal way to find out what really interests you, as well as an excellent way of finding out whether the kind of job that appeals to you will also suit you. An internship will offer you work experience, additional skills and valuable network contacts. It will also give you the opportunity to work at the academic level of the programme you are following. Companies where students of the English Language and Culture programme have done internships typically include publishers and translation agencies, both inside and outside the Netherlands!

## Studying abroad

A stay in an English-speaking country is a unique experience. It will give you an even better command of the English language and every opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture, outside a classroom environment. Our programme has excellent links with universities in Newcastle, Nottingham and Liverpool in England and Galway in Ireland. Or how does the US sound to you? Or Canada, or even Australia?

## You future career

After completing this bachelor's programme you'll find yourself in demand with a variety of potential employers, working as an English teacher, for example, a governmental policy maker, or an editor. Graduates of the English Language and Culture programme typically find jobs with organisations such as:

- International accounting and tax consultants, PwC
- Koninklijke Bibliotheek Nederland (the Netherlands Royal Library)
- Lemniscaat Publishing
- the American School of the Hague

## Compulsory matching

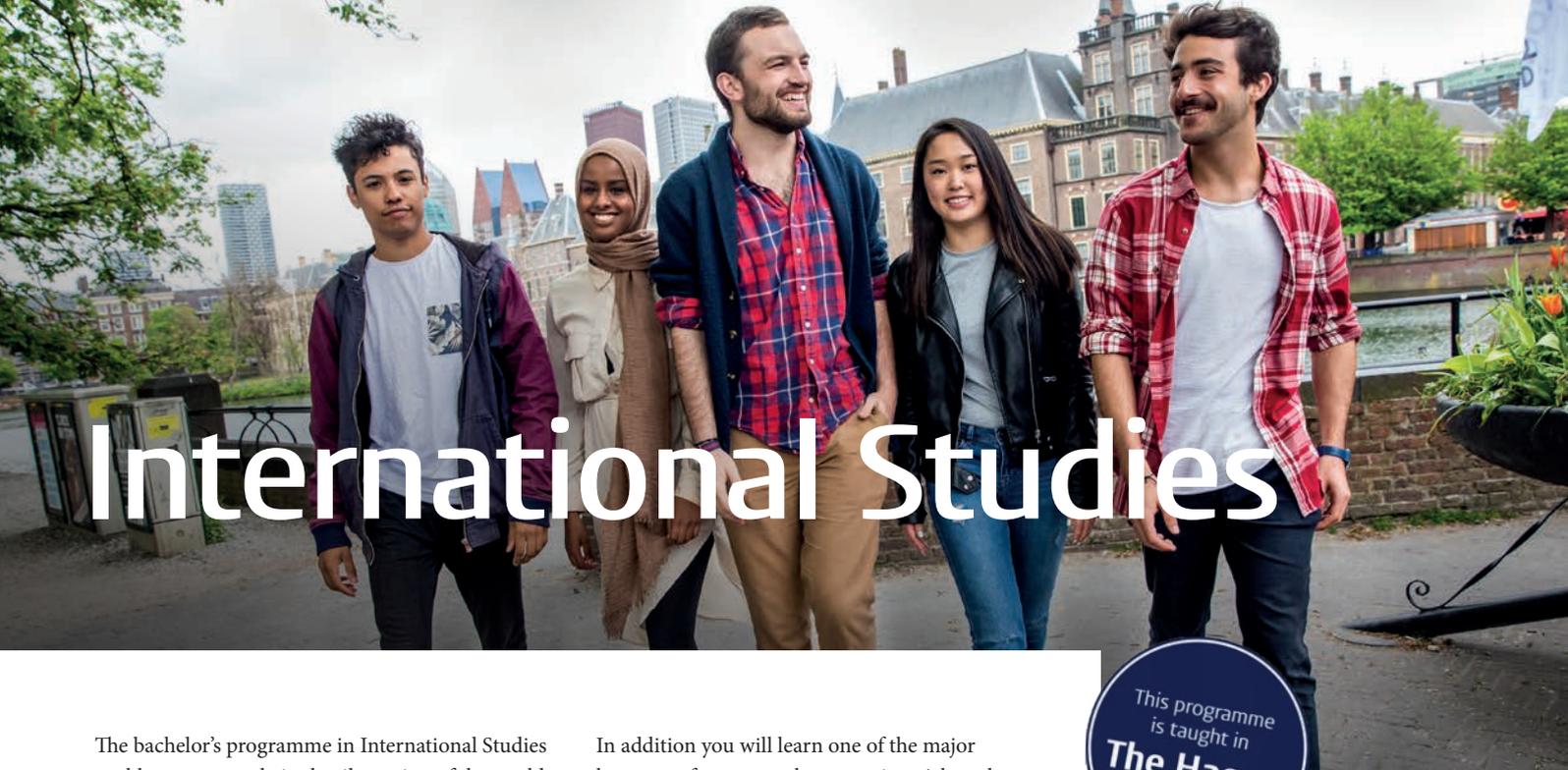
It is important to us that you are sure English Language and Culture is the right programme for you. To this end, you will therefore follow an online matching procedure that compares your expectations and skills with the content of the programme. It results in a non-binding advice as to whether the programme is a good fit for you. Deadline to apply for English Language and Culture is 1 May 2021.



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‘Next year I’ll be studying in Manchester. I’ve been selected for the Harting programme, which means I’ll be giving Dutch lessons, as well as following several literature lectures. I love literature: the more you know about the history of a language, the more common ground you identify in its literature. I also enjoy teaching at an academic level and it allows me to acquire experience as a workgroup teacher. And, of course, a stay in England is an excellent way to further improve your language skills and experience the culture.’

Jitse Brouwer  
Senior student



# International Studies



The bachelor's programme in International Studies enables you to study in detail a region of the world in the context of global challenges and changes. You will gain the ability to place regional developments in a global perspective, through studying four main disciplines: culture, history, politics and economics, coupled with in depth knowledge of one of eight world regions:

- Africa
- East Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East
- North America
- Russia and Eurasia
- South Asia and Southeast Asia

In addition you will learn one of the major languages from your chosen region. A broad introductory semester opens the programme, familiarising you with theories and methodologies of the four disciplines and helping you to make an informed choice for your region of specialisation. From the second semester onwards you get the chance to develop your knowledge of the area of your choice from a historic and cultural perspective, and begin to learn a new language. The intersection of core disciplines, area study and foreign language training thoroughly prepares you to broaden your vision on the effects of globalisation on your region.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

Semester 1	Principles of Economics	Sociolinguistics	Cultural Studies	Global History	Academic Reading & Writing	Introduction to International Studies
Semester 2	Foundations of Political Economy	Politics	Area Culture & Language	Area History	Foreign Language 1	



### Year 2

Semester 1	Area Economics	Area Politics	Cultural Interaction Communicating across cultures	Research Methods	Foreign Language 2
Semester 2	Global Political Economy	International Relations	Philosophy of Science	Thematic seminar	Foreign Language 3



### Year 3

Semester 1	Elective Credits (Internship, Study Abroad, Minor)				
Semester 2	Practising International Studies	Thesis (including seminar)	Language in Practice		

● Core courses ● Economy ● Culture ● Politics ● History ● Language related to Area

Location: The Hague 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS

**2012** English-taught programme established

**60** nationalities

**500** largest lecture size

**15** maximum tutorial size

 [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/international-studies](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/international-studies)



### Why study International Studies in The Hague?

- A unique combination of area studies placed in an international setting
- A completely English-taught programme in a classroom with over 60 nationalities
- The opportunity to learn a foreign language related to your area
- Combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience in working with organisations and businesses: especially in the third year.

### Teaching methods

The tutorials are one of the most important components of the BA International Studies. In small groups of 12 to 15 participants, students put into practice what they learn in the lectures, under the guidance of a group of young international tutors. Tutorials are interactive, lively and dynamic!

### Electives

In the first semester of your third year you can choose either to study abroad, take a minor, follow selected courses, or complete an internship. Leiden University has partnerships with over 600 universities abroad, and the International Studies programme has specific agreements with almost 50 programmes worldwide. Partners include institutions from Chile and Mexico to Beijing and Seoul, from Oslo to Geneva and from Moscow to Montreal and further afield. This gives you the option to study almost anywhere in the world. If you want

to do an internship, you can choose your own role, industry and company. You will be well supported during your search for a placement by the internship coordinator. In preparation of the internship you will follow the prerequisite course Organisational Theory, Culture and Behaviour to enhance your understanding of organisations. Guidance during the internship is provided by the academic supervisor and a specialised faculty member.

### Your future career

The majority of graduates chose to do a master's programme directly after their bachelor's. About ten percent of graduates started working directly after their graduation and about one-third of graduates decided to take a gap year. International Studies grants access to a vast variety of master's programmes ranging from political science, history, development studies, area studies, to management studies.

Our alumni can be found all over the world holding various positions. For example, as a policy adviser at an NGO in Brussels, a business analyst at a bank in Spain or as a junior consultant at a firm in Germany. Other examples include positions at Unicef, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dutch Parliament and Non-Government Organisations worldwide.

Find out more about the careers of our alumni at:

 [bit.ly/Alumni-Dreams](https://bit.ly/Alumni-Dreams)



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‘I was searching for a bachelor’s programme that looks across borders in terms of politics, history and economics, but to my surprise International Studies goes much further than that. The programme gives me a wide range of possibilities to deepen my understanding of numerous subjects. I am being introduced to the world of politics and international relations, and I will have the opportunity to specialise in a specific area or global subject.’

Maria Barroso Raimundo  
First-year student



# Linguistics

Linguistics is the scientific study of language; from its structure to the way we use it to communicate. Therefore, the Linguistics programme differs greatly from language programmes where you study one particular language. In a language programme,

your courses focus on literature and culture as well as the linguistics of that language; our Linguistics programme concentrates on the study of language in general and its uses from different angles. So, a linguist is not someone who speaks many languages;

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	Languages of the World	Sociolinguistics	Phonology 1	Language and culture of the Indo-Europeans	Speech Sounds of the World	Language and Communication
Entire semester, no credits: Academic Skills						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Historical Linguistics	Morphology	Syntax 1	Language use in the world	Preparatory course	Preparatory course
Entire semester, no credits: Academic Skills						

### Language & Cognition

<b>Year 2</b>	Semantics 1	Introduction to Methods and Statistics	Neurolinguistics	Phonology 2	Syntax 2	Analysis and Synthesis of Speech
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Experimental Methods 1: Design & Techniques	Semantics 2	Processing Syntax and Semantics	Inferential Statistics for the Language Sciences	Philosophy of Science	Elective
<b>Year 3</b>	Experimental Methods 2: Practicals & Projects	Seminar Form and Meaning	Language Acquisition or internship	Minor/Electives		
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Seminar Sound and Sound Structure	Thesis		Minor/Electives		

### Descriptive Linguistics

<b>Year 2</b>	Descriptive linguistics 1	Language typology	Description of a Non-western Language: Berber	Electives		
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Descriptive linguistics 2	Antropological linguistics	Introduction to the study of Sign Languages and Gesture	Language and prehistory	Philosophy of Science	Elective
<b>Year 3</b>	Seminar Linguistic Fieldwork	Language Documentation	Description non-western language: Leti	Minor/Electives		
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Seminar Linguistic Fieldwork	Thesis		Minor/Electives		

### Comparative Indo-European Linguistics

<b>Year 2</b>	Indo-European Phonology	Hittite	Anatolian Historical Grammar	Ancient Greek for Linguists 1	Indo-European noun	Vedic Sanskrit
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Indo-European Verb	Language and prehistory	Reading Vedic Texts 1	Ancient Greek for Linguists 2	Philosophy of Science	Elective
<b>Year 3</b>	Historical Grammar of Greek 1	Historical Grammar of Sanskrit	Readings in Indo-European Linguistics	Minor/Electives		
<b>Semester 1</b>						
<b>Semester 2</b>	Elective	Thesis		Minor/Electives		

- Core courses
- Specific course per specialisation (in year one)
- Minor/Electives/Thesis
- Specific specialisation course (from year two onwards)

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

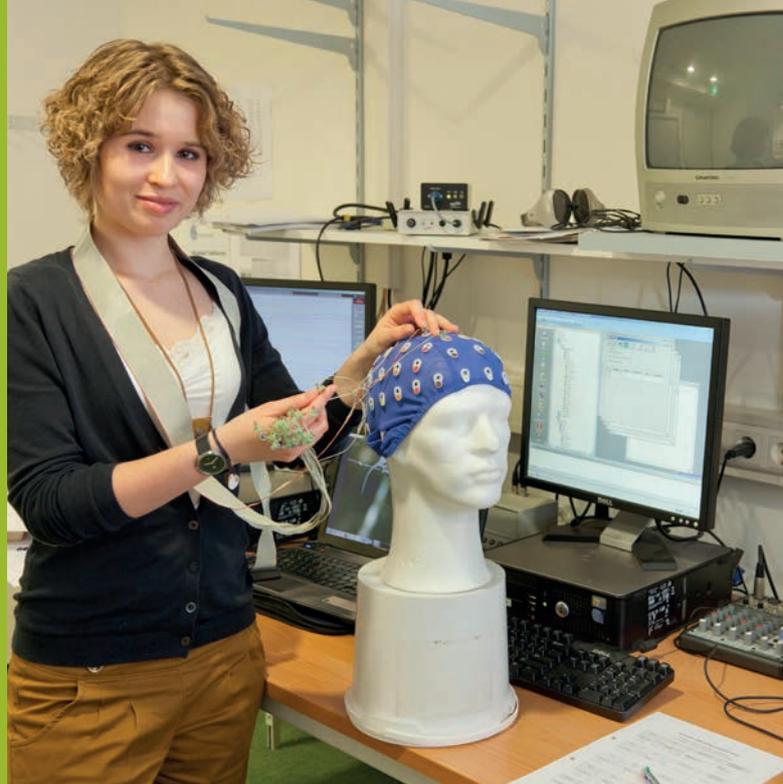
2018 English-taught programme established

33 nationalities

50 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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a linguist is someone who can tell you about the nature of language and communication. Three tracks will be taught in English to offer you the unique opportunity to study language from different approaches. In the first year, you are given an introduction to all kinds of approaches.

### Why study Linguistics in Leiden?

- You can study Comparative Indo-European Linguistics, the basis of many European Languages such as Greek, Latin, Dutch and English
- Over 65 languages are studied at Leiden University: whether you want to compare languages or find out something about a specific language, you can always find a specialist in Leiden.

### Delve into a specialisation after your first year!

#### Descriptive Linguistics

Of the roughly six thousand languages in the world, only about five hundred have been documented to a reasonable extent. Therefore there are thousands of languages waiting for an eager linguist to discover, study and document their structures, possibly saving them from oblivion.

#### Language and Cognition

We look at language models that try to explain how language is represented in the brain, how children develop language systems and how brain damage can affect these language systems. This specialisation touches on research fields such as psychology, neuroscience and computer science. What characterises Language and Cognition at Leiden is the focus on the interface between formal and experimental linguistics.

#### Comparative Indo-European Linguistics

Languages such as Sanskrit, Greek and Latin originate from the Indo-European language, as do Dutch, English, French and Russian. We try to reconstruct the language of the Indo-Europeans by learning and comparing many languages. As the hunt for Indo-European is by no means complete and there is much to research and discover, you can make an important contribution to this academic reconstruction.

#### Study or internship overseas

Interested in studying linguistics abroad? Or would you like to follow a course with a particular (international) specialist? You can do part of your studies abroad, and it is also possible to do an internship abroad to gain relevant practical experience and help you refine your direction, and your likes and dislikes – and even meet your potential employer.

#### Your future career

Linguistics graduates are attractive to a wide range of employers. Our alumni have gone on to such careers as researcher, consultant, policy officer, editor, communications adviser, public relations, copywriting and in education.

Our graduates have, for example, found jobs at:

- Leiden University Centre for Linguistics
- McKinsey & Company management consulting
- SIL International
- Deutsch-Niederländische Handelskammer (DNHK)
- NWO The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
- Unilever



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‘I’ve chosen the Language and Cognition specialisation. The neurolinguistics course, for instance, is about the physical relationship between language and the human brain. If someone is no longer able to speak or understand language after an accident or stroke, you then see how important the language region of the brain is. Or take something as commonplace as dyslexia: that too is fascinating. But something that might fascinate academics can permanently affect people’s lives. Big advances still need to be made. The interface between health care and academia is definitely an area where I see myself working later.’

Suk Sum Tsang  
Senior student

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# Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives

As if actually travelling through space and time, from China to Europe, and from antiquity to the present day, this programme will show you how to challenge largely unquestioned patterns of thought, and develop new perspectives on current issues.

## Study Philosophy

The Philosophy programme in Leiden is one of just a few of its kind worldwide, and is unique in the Netherlands. It takes a global and comparative perspective of philosophy, whereas most such programmes restrict themselves to western philosophy rooted in Greek antiquity. Many even narrow this down further by focusing on the type of analytical philosophy developed during the 20th century.

Leiden University's approach is different. We meet a need for inclusiveness, by allowing the world's traditions of thought to mutually inform and enrich one another. In addition to western philosophy, the programme features philosophies from India, eastern Asia and the Arab world. You'll get to use all the resources that philosophy has to offer!

## Global and comparative

This English-taught bachelor's programme takes three years and the tuition is based on high-level scientific research and a long-standing tradition of Leiden scholarship. Your lecturers and supervisors will include internationally recognised scholars from a wide range of philosophical disciplines. The programme stands out through its focus on

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	World Philosophies: Greek and Roman Antiquity	World Philosophies: Modern Europe	World Philosophies: China	Logic	World Philosophies: Africa	Philosophy of Culture
<b>Semester 2</b>	World Philosophies: Middle East	World Philosophies: India	Epistemology	Ethics	Comparative Philosophy I: Classical Readings	Philosophical Skills I



### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Political Philosophy	Philosophy of Science	Language and Thought	Concepts of Selfhood	Comparative Philosophy II: Topics	Philosophical Skills II
<b>Semester 2</b>	Discretionary space (minor, individual programme, internship)					



### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar
<b>Semester 2</b>	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Thesis and Thesis Seminar

- Mandatory courses
- Mandatory academic skills courses related to philosophy
- Discretionary space (can be moved to third year)
- Electives
- Thesis

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2017 English-taught programme established

14 nationalities

20 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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philosophies from around the world, using comparisons and interaction. You'll apply yourself by studying:

- analytical philosophy
- continental European philosophy
- comparative philosophy
- Arabic philosophy
- east-Asian philosophy (China, Japan, Korea)
- Indian philosophy

### Why study Philosophy in Leiden?

- The programme is unique in the Netherlands and one of the few worldwide in featuring traditions of thought from India, East Asia, Europe and the Arab world.
- It offers an international academic environment and teaching based on the long tradition of internationally recognised Leiden scholarship.
- You will have small tutorials for in-depth discussion and skills training, as well as mentoring by senior students and dedicated staff.

### Is Philosophy for you? You match the profile if you:

- love reading and writing;
- have a good command of English (spoken and written);
- are prepared to challenge assumptions;
- are unafraid of high levels of abstraction;
- appreciate the value of diverse practices; concepts and modes of understanding;
- want to develop your intercultural competences.

### It's up to you

Leiden University allows you to adapt your programme as much as possible to suit your own interests and ambitions. The Philosophy programme includes a full semester of optional

studies in your second year. You could follow one of the many minor programmes that Leiden University offers. A minor is a package of courses that often spans several disciplines. Doing an exchange semester at a university outside the Netherlands will give you the opportunity to broaden your horizons and boost both your academic knowledge and personal development. What's more, with your newly acquired background in cross-cultural thinking you'll also get the chance to test your skills in practice. Leiden University has agreements with many leading universities, including those in Oxford, Beijing, Paris, and Hawaii. An internship at a professional organisation is a unique opportunity to acquire hands-on experience and additional skills, as well as a potential source of inspiration for your future career.

### Your future career

Graduates proceed with master's programmes in Philosophy and other topics, at other faculties of Leiden University or at other universities in the Netherlands or abroad:

- Philosophy graduates have developed strong academic competences, combined with resourcefulness and a broad outlook. Your intercultural skills will be in high demand in a wide range of fields.
- 100% of our graduates find a job within 6 months, 100% find a job suitable for a university graduate within 1 year after graduation.

A few examples of employers:

- First Secretary Dutch embassy in Turkey
- European ThinkTank Freedom Lab
- Red Cross
- World Wildlife Fund
- Dasy Investment Strategies



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‘I really like the global view in this programme. A lot of Western programmes still concentrate on Western philosophy and see the Western view as the primary perspective. It's clear Leiden doesn't do that. All the different, international, schools of philosophy get attention. It's wonderful they do this and it's very useful to keep in touch with globalisation. Actually, I didn't know much about non-western philosophy before I came here; I was the victim of many prejudices. I was really surprised about the different schools of thinking.’

Lorenzo Marsili  
First-year student

# South and Southeast Asian Studies

For centuries, Leiden has been - and still is - one of the world's leading centers for Oriental Studies. Within the South and Southeast Asian Studies programme you can opt to focus either on modern society or on the classical cultures of the area. The programme provides students with a thorough knowledge of a fascinating and dynamic region. The emphasis lies on India, Tibet and Indonesia, but other countries in South and Southeast Asia, such as Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Thailand will also be discussed.

The approach to this regional studies programme is multidisciplinary and offers students the possibility to acquire knowledge about the languages, religions, art, culture, histories and current politics of the region. Students can specialise in specific countries of South and Southeast Asia. Studying Indonesian, Hindi, Tibetan or Sanskrit will help them extend the knowledge of the various cultures of South and Southeast Asia.



## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	● Premodern History of South and Southeast Asia	● Histories of Modern South and Southeast Asia	● Area Studies	● Religion	● Language
<b>Semester 2</b>	● Classical Cultures of South and Southeast Asia: Seminar 1	● Languages of South and Southeast Asia: History, Context and Structure	● Nation, Community, Self: Questions of Culture in South and Southeast Asia	● State, Politics and Economy in Modern South and Southeast Asia	● Language

In your second year you choose to specialise in either Modern South and Southeast Asia (track A) or Classical Cultures of South and Southeast Asia (track B)

### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	● Living histories: Locating pasts in Southern Asia	● Elective track A or track B	● Elective(s) track A or track B	● Language
<b>Semester 2</b>	● Seminar 2	● Philosophy of Science	● Elective(s) track A or track B	● Language

### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	● Study abroad: 15 EC of major courses plus 15 EC of courses for Discretionary Space			
OR	● Language	● Elective track A or track B	● Discretionary Space (minor, internship, elective courses)	
<b>Semester 2</b>	● Seminar 3	● Thesis	● Discretionary Space (minor, internship, elective courses)	

- Departmental Core Course
- Faculty Core Course
- Religion: Introduction to Buddhism, - Hindu Religions or - the Study of Islam
- Language: Hindi, Indonesian, Sanskrit or (classical) Tibetan
- Core electives: courses from a limited number of courses from either track A or track B

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2012 English-taught programme established

12 nationalities

20 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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## Why study South and Southeast Asian Studies in Leiden?

- It is the only bachelor's programme in Europe that integrates the study of culture, art, religion, philosophy, history, sociology, economics and politics of South and Southeast Asia as a single region.
- It is the only programme in the Netherlands where you can learn Hindi, Sanskrit, Tibetan, or Indonesian.
- The teaching in this programme is based on cutting-edge scientific research and stands in a long and venerable tradition of Leiden scholarship of the region.

## Study abroad

In the first half of year three, you will spend a semester abroad. If you've chosen Hindi you will spend your semester in India. If Indonesian is your language of choice you will travel to Indonesia. During the semester abroad you will be taking classes at a local university there. This experience of linguistic and cultural immersion is a signature element of the programme and comes without additional costs. If you've opted for Sanskrit or Tibetan, parallel options are available. You can also decide to study in another European country. If for some reason you are unable to go abroad, the programme offers you an alternative programme in Leiden.

## Asian Library

The Asian Library (opened September 2017) holds the world's largest collection of works on Indonesia, and also houses major collections containing unique material on countries in South and Southeast Asia, China, Japan and Korea. In total, the library has more than 30 kilometres

of material available for research and teaching on Asia, ranging from prints and books to manuscripts, photos, maps and much more.

## Your future career

In addition to continuing with a Master's in Asian Studies at Leiden University, graduates of South and Southeast Asian Studies are attractive candidates for employers in many different fields. This is largely due to our alumni's in-depth knowledge of a broad region that includes some of the world's fastest growing economies and the academic skills they have acquired. Our alumni work, for example, as a researcher, consultant, museum curator or a P&O officer in the Netherlands or in an international setting.

Organisations in the Netherlands and abroad that employ our alumni include the:

- World Education
- Political party ChristenUnie/SGP The Hague
- The Indonesia Nederland Youth Society
- The University of Melbourne
- Ahold
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Food Innovator Bosman Van Zaal
- The Aspen Institute México



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‘I am fascinated by modern Indonesia, especially different trends and current social issues. My favourite course is Modern Media in South and Southeast Asia, because this is about the people who live there now and about the current issues that the country has to deal with. I am writing my bachelor's thesis on the position of transgender in Islam and in modern Indonesia and after my studies, I hope to work with a development organisation in Indonesia.’

Priscilla Rasyid  
Senior student



# Urban Studies



Do cities fascinate you? Would you like to gain insights into the nature and origin of current and future problems and learn more about - and help solve - cities' health, safety, multicultural and sustainability issues?

Currently, some 70 percent of Europe's population live in cities and in a few decades this is expected to hold true for the whole world. At Urban Studies, you will get the chance

to analyse and study some of the most urgent questions of our time: how do cities cope in terms of increasing traffic, pollution, waste and scarcity of materials? How do we keep cities inclusive and just for all the different ethnic and socio-economic groups living there? How do we ensure that cities are safe places for everyone? And how do we cope with the health hazards that come with crowded cities?

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	The City in Long-term and Conceptual Perspectives 5 EC	Governance of Cities and Citizens 5 EC	Individuals, Groups, and Urban Institutions 5 EC	Cultural Diversity in Urban Contexts 5 EC	Academic Writing and Presenting 10 EC	
<b>Semester 2</b>	Urban Economics and Planning 5 EC	The Material City 5 EC	Imagining the City 5 EC	Philosophy of Science and the City 5 EC	Introduction to Methodology 5 EC	Data Collection Methods 5 EC



### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Theme The Multicultural City 5 EC	Theme The Safe City 5 EC	Thematic Elective: The Multicultural City or The Safe City 10 EC		Professional Orientation 5 EC	Elective: Methodology/Skills 5 EC
<b>Semester 2</b>	Theme The Healthy City 5 EC	Theme The Sustainable City 5 EC	Thematic Elective: The Healthy or The Sustainable City 10 EC		Advanced Qualitative Methods 5 EC	Elective: Methodology/Skills 5 EC



### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Study Abroad, Minor, Internship or Electives 30 EC					
<b>Semester 2</b>	Setting Up a Project 10 EC	Literature Seminar 5 EC	Thesis and Thesis Seminar 15 EC			

Location: The Hague 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2018 English-taught programme established

15 nationalities

100 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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### Why study Urban Studies in The Hague?

This bachelor's is unique in the Netherlands, because it is the only interdisciplinary programme to combine humanities, social sciences, law, science and language. Its graduates are exactly what large cities will need to solve their problems, given that increasing urbanisation means that understanding cities is becoming ever more urgent and important. The diverse and complex urban problems faced by cities all over the world are driving an increasing need for interdisciplinary approaches.

### Four themes

After kicking off with a broad introduction in the first year, you'll build on this in year two by studying the four themes:

#### The multicultural city

In cities, people of a wide range of backgrounds live side by side. They may differ for instance in terms of ethnicity, gender, class, wealth, culture or language. Differences can be a cause of tension and inequality, but a multicultural city can also be a place of cultural freedom, tolerance and job opportunities. In this theme you will learn about the impact of migration, cultural and multi-lingual diversity on urban life.

#### The safe city

This theme shows how cities can be both dangerous and safe. Medellín in Colombia, for example, once had the dubious honour of being "the most dangerous city on earth", yet now it's seen as one of the most innovative and smartest. You will learn to relate examples like Medellín to contemporary debates about violence and crime, covering aspects that include city governance, the police, gangs and the rise of transnational crime.

#### The healthy city

In this theme you will study relevant concepts and debates about urban well-being, welfare and health. Important topics include health management, urban youth and mental health problems, how urban diversity impacts health, the roles of welfare workers, educators and psychologists, and how health is represented in art and culture.

#### The sustainable city

In these times of climate change, cities are facing both challenges and opportunities. In the sustainable city theme, you will have the chance to thoroughly investigate this. You will learn about cities' role in the circular economy, how public policies can combat urban pollution and waste, and how these factors result in cultural and ecological changes.

#### Study abroad or internship

Would you like to go abroad for a semester? The faculty of Humanities has many contacts with renowned universities all over the world, so there are ample opportunities for you to study at the university of your choice. You can also choose to do an internship abroad.

#### Your future career

Urban Studies gives graduates access to a wide range of master's programmes. A master's is an important step in directing and building a career. Labour-market surveys show an increasing demand for graduates in the field of Urban Studies. Examples of jobs in the Urban Studies field are: policy advisor urban issues at a local government; crime specialist at a consultancy firm, research officer sustainability at the central government, researcher of health-related urban issues at a university.



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‘The programme was attractive to me because I like the orientation about the future of cities. There are so many things to think about when it comes to cities, there is so much happening in one city at the same time. Cities are growing and there are a lot of interesting questions to answer. I was pleasantly surprised about the diversity of the courses. In the first year we learn for example about economics, philosophy, sustainability and social aspects.’

Alexandra Knight  
First-year student

# Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology



Do you often wonder why people are so different? Would you love to learn first-hand why people behave the way they do? Do you empathise with individuals, groups and communities anywhere in the world who cope with pressing issues?

Combining hands-on research with academic training, the bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology is a three-year programme that provides you with insights and skills relating to cultural and social differences. At Leiden University, we study culture as the

set of ideas, values and behaviour that people find important, which makes the work of anthropologists indispensable for understanding today's gender issues, social media use, food habits, social justice movements, labour relations, religious expressions, etc.

This programme will challenge you to explore different cultures by entering the mindsets of different people. You will be stimulated to delve deeper into areas that fascinate you, varying from climate change to racism, and from homelessness to

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	Culture & Comparison	Culture & Globalisation	Diversity & Development in a Sociological Perspective	Social Theories	Academic Writing and (Re) Presentation
<b>Semester 2</b>	Media Worlds	Ethics in Contemporary Ethnographic Research	Academic Discourse	Anthropological Research in Practice	Statistics for Anthropologists: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis



### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Key Issue Digital Anthropology		Key Issue Economy & Ecology		Fieldwork Preparation	Fieldwork NL
<b>Semester 2</b>	Fieldwork NL	Multivariate Analysis: from Data to Report	Key Issue Diversity & Power		Anthropology of Sub-Saharan Africa, Anthropology of South Asia, Anthropology of South-East Asia, or area course of own choice	



### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Elective space (internship, minor, study abroad)				
<b>Semester 2</b>	Bachelor's Thesis		Visual Methods or Anthropology of Religion or Medical Anthropology or States and Citizens	Personal and Professional Impact for Anthropologists	

- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology introductory courses
- Academic and research skills
- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology advanced courses
- Elective space

Location: Leiden 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS

**2019** English-taught programme established

**125** largest lecture size

**16** maximum tutorial size

**23** nationalities

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child labour. You'll also commit to a personal theme, acquiring a deep and critical view on knowledge and expertise on a particular group of people.

### Why study Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology in Leiden?

- You will explore current, social themes concerning diversity, digitalisation, and sustainability;
- You have the opportunity to conduct fieldwork and live for a month with the people you study;
- You can enjoy a unique training in visual, digital, qualitative, and quantitative research methods.

### Diversity, digitalisation, sustainability

The programme revolves around three themes: diversity, digitalisation, and sustainability. You will learn how anthropologists analyse these themes and their impact on people's daily lives. Topics can typically include diversity on the work floor, international schools' use of social media, and how indigenous groups approach human rights.

### Fieldwork

While being trained as a socially engaged young professional with a wide range of research and writing skills, you will be constantly stimulated to make the right choices. At Leiden University there is more to being an anthropologist than just reading about people or talking to the political elite. We have a strong tradition of teaching the skills that will allow you to function as an independent professional in complex situations. As part of your fieldwork, which can vary from how nuns experience femininity to what squatters think of housing to the unique challenges faced by fishermen, you will spend a month living with the

people you will be studying. The programme also combines visual and digital methods with your research.

### International and small-scale

In keeping with anthropologists' global outlook, this programme is highly international. All lectures and readings are in English, while tutorials, workshops, fieldwork training, exams, and written assessments are optionally in Dutch or English. Advanced language courses in Dutch and English are also available at the Academic Language Centre for a small fee.

### Your future career

Graduates work in the areas of policy making, project management, consultancy, communication and research, in both the public and private sector. Examples include: environmental consultant for a non-profit organisation, diversity officer for a municipality, and communications advisor for a commercial company. What all these positions have in common is that they are now filled by alumni whose career paths were influenced by their fascination for people, and differences between them.

### Compulsory matching

It is important to us that you are sure Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology is the right programme for you. To this end, you will therefore follow an online matching procedure that compares your expectations and skills with the content of the programme. It results in a non-binding advice as to whether the programme is a good fit for you. Deadline to apply is 1 May 2021.



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‘My Digital Anthropology course questions the myth that new digital technology makes the world a cleaner, better connected and more efficient place. We'll focus on concealed aspects, like how digital transformation drives social exclusion between and within societies and we'll discuss how anthropologists can contribute to a fairer and more sustainable world.’

Bart Barendregt  
Associate Professor

# International Relations and Organisations



Are you fascinated by global affairs and the dynamics of international cooperation and conflict? Do you have an interest in themes such as war and peace, poverty, refugee crises, humanitarian cooperation, nuclear weapons reduction, globalisation, international conflict and diplomacy? Would you relish the opportunity to study these subjects from a social sciences perspective, delving into the research methods associated with a scientific programme?

This programme combines theoretical insights with a strong focus on current world affairs with a particular emphasis on the role played by major powers such as the USA, China and Russia, as well as organisations

such as the EU, IMF, NATO, the UN and the World Bank. This programme helps you learn more about the real story behind today's headlines and make an impact on the world of tomorrow.

## Why study International Relations and Organisations in The Hague?

- An international classroom and environment in The Hague: city of peace, justice and security.
- Study and work with experts in academic research and political fields
- A Political Science approach to International Relations: research and methodology are important components.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	Introduction to International Relations/ Academic Skills: Text interpretation 8 EC	Introduction to International Organisations 5 EC	Actors in World Politics/ Academic Skills: Argumentation 7 EC	Statistics 1: Descriptions and Inference 5 EC	Economics for Political Scientists 5 EC	Academic Career Support
<b>Semester 2</b>	Introduction to Political Science/ Academic Skills: Critical Review 8 EC	Statistics 2: Applied Quantitative Analysis 5 EC	Introduction Comparative Politics/ Academic Skills: Book Review 7 EC	Global History 5 EC	Politics of the EU 5 EC	Academic Career Support



### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Analysing International Relations 5 EC	Research Methods in Political Science 10 EC	Comparative Analysis of Political Systems 5 EC	International Political Economy 5 EC	Academic Skills: Research Design 5 EC	Academic Career Support	
<b>Semester 2</b>	International Law & Human Rights 5 EC	International Development 5 EC	Global Security 5 EC	Rational Choice Theory 5 EC	Contemporary Political Philosophy 5 EC	Academic Skills: Data Analysis 5 EC	Academic Career Support



### Year 3

<b>Semester 1 en 2</b>	Bachelor Seminar* 10 EC	Bachelor Project* 20 EC	Elective Space* 30 EC	Academic Career Support
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\* The student can place the three elements of the third year in a different order.

Please note that the curriculum is subject to change without notice.

Location: The Hague



3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2017 English-taught programme established

60 nationalities

450 largest lecture size

24 maximum tutorial size

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### Is this the programme for you?

The Bachelor's in Political Science specialising International Relations and Organisations is the right choice for you, if you are:

- Open-minded, inquisitive and critical;
- Motivated to work hard and acquire new insights and skills;
- Aware of what is going on in the world;
- Comfortable in an international environment;
- Well-versed in the English language.

### Academic and research skills

This programme is a Bachelor of Science, therefore focusing on a social and political science approach to international relations: research and methodology are key elements of the programme. A focus on academic skills such as text analysis and interpretation, literature review and argumentation is offered in the first year of this programme. Research skill development continues through the programme culminating in your bachelor's thesis project.

### Teaching methods

Various methods of teaching and learning are used throughout the bachelor's programme. During lectures, a lecturer provides in-depth insights into predefined study material and you have the opportunity to pose questions. Politicians, diplomats, journalists and other practitioners make regular appearances as guest speakers. In small work groups, you can discuss and contemplate subjects with your fellow students, guided by a tutor. You will also be expected to write papers, and do presentations. A third form of study is self-study, in which you learn about relevant subjects either alone or with your fellow students. This can be done at your own pace at one of the faculty's many workstations, in the library or at home.

### Electives

In your third year, you can broaden and deepen your knowledge in the Elective Space. You can choose either to study a minor, choose electives, complete an internship or study abroad. Leiden University has several agreements with partner universities abroad.

### Your future career

This bachelor's programme provides the ideal basis for continued academic education and a professional career. Typically, students with a bachelor's and master's degree in international relations/political science find jobs in media, government departments, multinationals or non-governmental organisations and other international organisations. They work in policy-making, strategic analysis, research and education, management, consultancy, diplomacy, administration and politics, for example.

### Selection & Placement

The BSc in Political Science, including the International Relations and Organisations specialisation, is a 'numerus fixus' programme. This means that there is a maximum number of places available. Being admissible to the programme does not guarantee placement! Placement will be determined through a selection procedure, which is outlined on our website. This fixed quota ensures that we can offer the best quality of education to our students.

Applications are submitted in Studielink. The application deadline is 15 January 2021, so make sure you're on time.



'Thorough knowledge of the theories and insights that explain political behaviour enables you to understand why Russia invaded the Crimean Peninsula, why Brexit happened and how the UN tries to fight poverty. Our programme not only teaches you about politics but also provides basic knowledge of international law, history and economy.'

Niels van Willigen  
Associate Professor



# Psychology

Are you fascinated by human behaviour? Do you always wonder what's behind the first impression? Are you a good communicator, analytical and unafraid of statistics? Then studying Psychology may be just the right choice for you.

The International Bachelor's in Psychology in Leiden is a broad study with a strong focus on research. During your study in Leiden you will build a sound basis for your career as a psychologist. Your journey will introduce you to all the different subdisciplines in Psychology and you will have the opportunity to structure part of your study in a way that suits you. Intensive supervision will assist you in choosing

your study and career path. Additionally, important skills for diagnostics, therapy and research are developed from the start.

## Keep your studies broad, or specialise in:

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social Psychology in Organisations
- Methodology & Statistics in Psychology

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

SEMESTER I	Academic Skills Tutorial	Introduction to Psychology	History of Psychology	Introduction to Research Methods and Statistics	Personality, Clinical, Health Psychology	Inferential Statistics	
SEMESTER II	Academic Skills Tutorial	Developmental and Educational Psychology	Social and Organisational Psychology	Experimental and Correlational Research	Biopsychology and Neuropsychology	Cognitive Psychology	Psychology and Science



### Year 2

SEMESTER I	Perspective on Career Planning	Developmental Psychopathology	Stress, Health and Disease	Psychometrics	Consciousness	Group Dynamics	Psychodiagnosics
SEMESTER II	Perspective on Career Planning	Interpersonal Professional Skills	Electives and specialisation courses			Multivariate Data Analysis	



### Year 3

SEMESTER I	Specialisation					
SEMESTER II	Electives and specialisation courses			Bachelor Project (thesis)		

- General courses
- Statistics and Research courses
- Personal and skill courses
- Electives and specialisation courses
- Thesis

Location: Leiden 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2013 English-taught programme established

65 nationalities

450 largest lecture size

24 maximum tutorial size

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### Why study Psychology in Leiden?

- The programme brings together students and lecturers from around the world.
- You will learn all about the latest psychological research and gain important professional skills.
- Our lecturers are top researchers, ensuring that you get acquainted with research right from the start.

### Study abroad

You can study abroad for a semester during your third year. Leiden University has a large number of partnership agreements with research universities around the world. Psychology students have access to more than 100 different study abroad agreements to study a semester at a partner university in or outside of Europe. Among the universities at which our students have studied in the past 3 years are:

**North America:** McGill University and University of British Columbia (Canada), College of William and Mary and University of Denver (USA)

**Europe:** Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Wien, Lund Universitet, Universidad de Granda, Koç Üniversitesi,

**Asia:** Chinese University of Hong Kong, Singapore Management University

**Africa:** Stellenbosch University

**Oceania:** University of Otago, New Zealand and University of Melbourne

### Your future career

Graduates of the Psychology programme usually carry on to complete a master's programme in their specialisation, and Leiden University currently offers 14 options to continue your

studies in Psychology. After further study, our alumni have embarked upon numerous career options:

- Clinical psychologist in a mental health care institution
- Scientific researcher at a university or an applied research institute
- School psychologist in special education
- Career counsellor for professionals or students in an organisation or an educational institute
- Policy adviser, working for the government
- Organisational psychologist
- Marketing and communication manager

### Selection & Placement

The bachelor's programme Psychology is a 'numerus fixus' programme. This means that only a limited number of places are available. Being admissible to the programme therefore does not guarantee placement.

By selecting qualified and motivated students, we make sure we can offer our students the best quality of education. A selection procedure will determine which students best match our programme. The selection will be based on your GPA (average grades) and an online assessment. During this assessment period you will be asked to read and analyse scientific information to see if you match our level of education. This is also a good way to see if the programme suits you.

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‘My favorite course is Biopsychology and Neuropsychology. I like the fact that it is quite precise, you take a look at the brain and see how we think and what’s going on in the brain. It’s exciting that we know so much about the brain, but there is still a lot we don’t know. It offers opportunities for future researchers. I appreciate the opportunity here in Leiden to gain so much knowledge. After I graduate, I want to start my own practice as a therapist for children and parents in need of some psychological support.’

Sarah van Wyke  
Senior student



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# Information activities

Want to find out more about what it's like to study at Leiden University? Looking for more information about the content of the programme? Keen to hear about students' experiences and ask them all about their studies? Find out which activities can help you choose the programme that suits you.

## Find out the basics

At the (online) Open Days, you can explore several programmes. In the programme presentation you will find out about the programme, what students think of it and your career prospects afterwards. You will also find out all about Leiden and The Hague as student cities. And of course you can ask students, lecturers and study advisers any questions you may have. The perfect start to choosing the right programme!

## Learn more about the programme

For a better idea of what the programme involves or which courses appeal to you, you can take part in various activities. Follow classes during (online) Experience Days or (online) Student for a Day. Here you do homework and are an active participant in classes, which gives you a better idea of whether the programme really does suit you.

## Follow a virtual tour

Our virtual tours take you around the cities of Leiden and The Hague, show you around on campus and into our classrooms. Take a 360 degree spin on your phone and discover the cities favourite spots or let our students show you're the way around their favourite study locations. Experience Leiden University if you have visited us in person.  
[universiteit.leiden.nl/ba-360-tours](https://universiteit.leiden.nl/ba-360-tours)

## Chat with a student

Do you have questions about student life in Leiden or The Hague, studying at Leiden University, or do you want more information about a specific programme? You can get in contact with a student from a programme of your choice directly.  
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## More information

Check for when these activities are being held, whether they are online or in person in Leiden or The Hague and how to register for them:  
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and *involved* in the  
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