

Leiden University Master's Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague 2018-2019



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The Netherlands

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Academic experience offered here at Leiden University is world-class, being taught by the best in the field and by world-renowned lecturers.

Joan Golding, UK, LLM Public International Law



Discover the world at Leiden University

- ✓ Founded in **1575**, the oldest university in the Netherlands
- ✓ Committed to freedom: **freedom of spirit, thinking and expression**
- ✓ **16 Nobel** laureates and notable alumni including **Albert Einstein** and **King Willem-Alexander** of the Netherlands
- ✓ Consistently **highly ranked** in major rankings such as The Times Higher Education, QS and Shanghai Rankings
- ✓ An international student population encompassing **105 nationalities**
- ✓ A **leading academic centre** for teaching and cutting-edge research



Leiden University: A research university with an international perspective

When you choose Leiden University, you choose to broaden your personal and academic horizons. You will find an inspiring community of students, lecturers and professors who come from almost all parts over the world.

Excellent reputation

During its 450+ years, our university has built a solid position of authority, which is highly recognised today in both the academic and the professional worlds. Our academic staff include many top scholars who have an international reputation for the excellence of their work. They provide outstanding research and teaching that make the world a safer, healthier, more sustainable, prosperous and just place - at local, regional and global level.

We care

Leiden University's size makes it both personal and engaged. You will be treated by lecturers and fellow students as an individual, which will help you quickly become a real part of the academic community.

We connect

Leiden students study in an international academic network because lecturers and fellow students from abroad or have international experience. The exchange of ideas and views offers new perspectives and broadens students' knowledge.

We challenge

We want our graduates to become academic professionals and engaged citizens who are able to take up positions both in and outside academia and contribute to solutions for the challenges facing our society. This calls for teaching that is strongly research driven, and that promotes active learning, stimulates the development of academic and professional skills and offers flexibility for individual learning paths.

Our vision

Leiden University stands for freedom. In fact, our motto is Praesidium Libertatis: Bastion of Freedom. In an increasingly complex world, your opinion matters. This is why we offer you freedom of thinking, freedom in collecting knowledge and freedom in forming your opinion. Discover yourself. Discover the world at Leiden University.



Leiden University

- 7 faculties covering nearly the entire range of academic disciplines
- 2 inspiring locations: Leiden and The Hague
- 400 partner universities spanning the globe, offering exchange and PhD tracks
- Extensive collaboration with renowned institutes, museums, and academic world players such as the Coimbra Group and the League of European Research Universities (LERU)
- Connections with the corporate sector, including the Leiden Bio-Science Park as well as organisations such as the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the International Center for Counter-Terrorism
- Our researchers are at the forefront of their fields, and they have a major impact on global issues. Examples of their impact include: security and cyberspace, neurological factors in disabling diseases, and the impact of colonisation on inhabitants of the Caribbean



Faculties

- Archaeology
- Governance and Global Affairs
- Humanities
- Law
- Medicine/Leiden University Medical Center
- Science
- Social and Behavioural Sciences

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The Netherlands is such an easy country to live and study in. I really like the fact that you can bike everywhere. I am not as extreme as Dutch people though, who would cycle in a hurricane with a fridge and three kids on their bike!”

Rachel Quennell, Australia, BA International Studies, graduated 2017

Come to the Netherlands

Inspiring and relaxed – these are qualities that perfectly describe the Netherlands. At the same time, there is much more to say about the country. The Netherlands is one of the safest countries in the world, according to the Global Peace index 2016 and is among the top 10 happiest countries in the world according to the OECD’s Better Life Index.

International atmosphere

The Netherlands is well-known as an open society. A hub for business and commerce, it is the world’s most internationally connected country (economically and geographically), according to the 2014 Global Connectedness Index. Today, the country is home to over 200 nationalities. The national language is Dutch, but the Netherlands has the second highest level of English proficiency in continental Europe, after Sweden. With little to no language barrier, it makes the Netherlands an excellent study destination.

High-quality education

Dutch education and research have a worldwide reputation for high quality. Experience shows that people who have a degree from a Dutch higher education institution perform very well in other parts of the world. Combined with the reasonable tuition fees, this is a major factor for international students who opt to pursue their academic career in the Netherlands.

City life and nature

The Netherlands is quite a small country, which is part of its charm. Amazing places and experiences are within reach. For



The Dutch experience

- Population: **17 million**
- Headquarters of **Heineken, Shell, Philips, Unilever and TomTom** as well as many high-tech companies, legal and finance institutions and international organisations
- Home to artists **Rembrandt, Vermeer** and **Vincent van Gogh**, but also to star soccer players, **Johan Cruyff**, actresses Carice van Houten (*Game of Thrones*) and Famke Janssen (*X-Men*).
- **Cradle of Dutch design**, featuring consumer articles, fashion, architecture, music and new media
- A lively cultural scene, with around 1,000 **top-class museums**, such as the **Rijksmuseum** and a wealth of festivals and concerts by world-famous musicians like Armin van Buuren, Afrojack, Tiesto, Ferry Corston and many symposiums and debates
- Beautiful **beaches** along the **North Sea** coast
- Windmills, canals, cheese markets and of course endless fields of **gorgeous tulips** in March-May all await you in this part of the Netherlands

those who favour city life, major cities like Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Utrecht are all close to Leiden and The Hague. They make for great destinations for day or weekend trips, with abundant opportunities to enjoy music, theatre, restaurants, cafés, architecture and art. But if you'd rather find relaxation and inspiration in nature, you also have many options. You could spend time at one of the sandy beaches that stretch along the Netherlands' North Sea coast.

The humble bicycle is one of the favourite means of transport in the country. It is very common to see people from all walks of life cycling to work, taking their children to school or even transporting as much as they can carry on two wheels! A bike will probably be among your first purchases in the Netherlands, and there are over 15,000 kilometres of bicycle paths for you to discover once you get going!





Heart of Europe

Although the Netherlands has a lot to offer, you may want to take some international trips as well. In that case, you can easily travel by train or plane to Europe's major cities: the Netherlands is right at the heart of Europe.

Exciting European cities

With Schiphol International airport just a short train ride away from Leiden and The Hague, exciting European cities like London, Paris, Antwerp and Berlin are within easy reach. There are plenty of cheap flight deals available, so a weekend trip does not have to be expensive. But if you'd rather travel by train, there are regular departures to Belgium and France from both Leiden and the Hague.

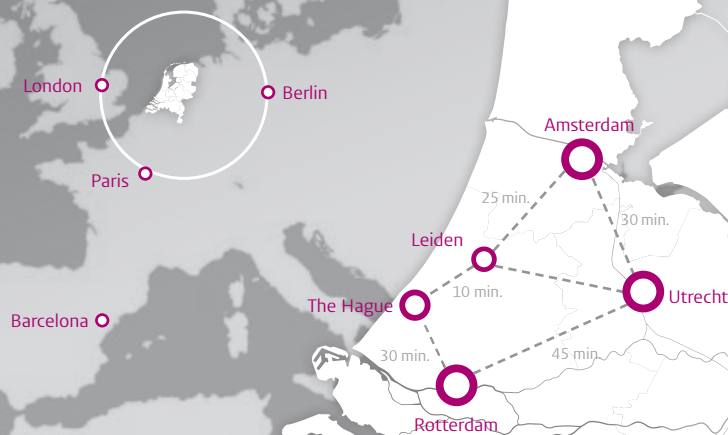
Tips for Dutch destinations

There are many city trips to do in the Netherlands, but what a lot of people don't know is that there are also a lot of national parks to visit. You can go canoeing in the Biesbosch National Park, which has a beautiful network of waterways. Or you can cycle through the Hoge Veluwe national park, where there are deer roaming through dunes covered in purple flowers. These national parks are reachable by public transport, and are a great way to take a breather from studying!

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Having the whole of Europe at my doorstep has been a great adventure for me. Last Christmas break I took a last-minute trip to Lisbon in order to soak up some winter sun!

Rachel Quennell, Australia, BA International Studies, graduated 2017



distances by train

“Living in Leiden was a real bonus for travelling in Europe. Not only was I able to check out Dutch cities I had previously not thought to visit, like Delft, Haarlem and Utrecht, but being 15 minutes away from Schiphol means flying within Europe is super easy! Trips back to the UK are only about an hour, while I have been able to go to Germany and Belgium several times, as well as France, the Czech Republic, Croatia, and Turkey. One highlight was a short bus journey down to Lens for Croatia vs. Portugal in the Euros!”

Toby Jones, UK, alumnus, Research MA in Middle Eastern Studies





One university, two locations

Leiden is the founding city and the heart of the university, and six of the seven faculties are based here. In The Hague, the International City of Peace and Justice, our teaching and research reflect the themes that are important to this centre of government and international diplomacy.

Leiden

Leiden, with its 123,000 inhabitants, is a lively, compact and safe city, which is much appreciated by national and international students alike. This historical city became home to the first Dutch university in 1575, and many of the university buildings are still located in the picturesque city centre. You will enjoy strolling through the narrow cobbled streets, but Leiden offers many more opportunities for relaxation. Take, for instance, the myriad of lovely restaurants and cafés, the venues for theatre, music and film, or the first-class museums. If you want some time off after your academic efforts, you could also take a boat trip on the canals, or spend some time in one of the city's parks. The North Sea coast with its sandy beaches is not very far away. And don't forget the many trendy festivals and other cultural events organised in Leiden throughout the whole year.



International institutions in Leiden with connections to Leiden University:

- Leiden University Medical Center
- Leiden Bio Science Park, the leading cluster of life science businesses in the Netherlands
- International Institute for Asian Studies
- The Netherlands Institute for the Near East
- The Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies
- National Museum of Ethnology
- National Museum of Antiquities
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center



International organisations in The Hague with connections to Leiden University:

- International Court of Justice
- International Criminal Court (ICC)
- NATO Communications and Information Agency
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- Peace Palace
- International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
- Eurojust
- A large number of NGOs, including OxfamNovib, Care and Cordaid

The Hague

The Hague is a cosmopolitan city with around 500,000 inhabitants representing over 100 nationalities. The International City of Peace and Justice hosts some 160 international organisations and NGOs, including the International Court of Justice and several UN bodies. As the seat of the Dutch government, it has a rich history, which can still be savoured today on the streets and squares near the Houses of Parliament and many other historical buildings. It is also a relaxed city that you will enjoy working and living in. With its many parks and beaches within cycling distance, it is also a relaxed city that you will enjoy working and living in.

The city has an excellent art house cinema, several theatres and venues for both popular and classical music, as well as many wonderful museums, including the famous Mauritshuis.





Finding your way

Leiden University offers a package of services relating to your academic or personal needs to help you quickly feel at home.

International student advisers

The international student adviser's desk is a good place to go if you need assistance during your stay in the Netherlands. In many cases our advisers will be able to provide the information you need, or will refer you to other relevant services. You can consult them on a variety of matters, ranging from financial concerns, settling-in issues, academic matters and health insurance to dealing with external housing agents or finding a family doctor. You can either make an appointment or stop by during the open office hours.

Student counsellors

We have a number of specialised student counsellors who can help you with legal and financial matters, but 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, should this be needed.

Plexus Student Centre

If you have any questions about enrollment, tuition fees, scholarships, exchange programmes, study delays or other study-related issues, the Plexus Student Centre can help (locations in Leiden and The Hague).

Departmental study advisers and coordinators

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

Residence Life Programme

For international students living in the municipality's student accommodation in Leiden or Oegstgeest, the University offers the Residence Life programme. The programme aims to support students in their academic pursuits and personal growth while fostering a sense of community. Residence Assistants and Resident Life Coordinators help you settle in and ensure that you make the most of your time at Leiden University.

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.

Plexus Student Centre

Student affairs

☎ 071 527 80 11

E-mail form: www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/locations/plexus-student-centre

Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 09:00 - 23:00 hours

Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 - 18:00 hours

🌐 student.universiteitleiden.nl/en

How to feel at home quickly

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

📍 isnleiden.com

📍 uscleiden.com

📍 studyinthehague.com/fun/sport

Introduction weeks

Coming to a new country to study and live is certainly exciting, but it can be daunting as well. The University wants you to feel welcome and to know that there are many people here to help with getting acclimatised to your new surroundings and programme. If you're new in Leiden or The Hague and would appreciate some help getting around, it's a good idea to register for one of the international introduction weeks at the start of the academic year.

- OWL (Orientation Week Leiden): in this five-day event you can experience everything the city has to offer, get a handle on university life, participate in fun activities and meet lots of new people. You will learn more about your surroundings and find out some practical things as well, such as getting a bike!
- HOPWeek (The Hague Orientation Programme): get a head start during this week packed with fun, information on the city and the university, and get to know your fellow students. Feel the pulse of the bustling city of The Hague and start to feel at home right away!

📍 orientationweek.org

📍 hopweek.org

Read about international students' experiences on their blog
theleidener.com

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We, friends of our OWL team group no. 29, are still in contact. We meet regularly by hosting barbeques and parties and going for excursions together. OWL has given me a blend of friendship, enjoyment and happiness at an international level in the city of Leiden.

Santosh Kantibasavaraj Yatnatti, India, MA Vitality and Ageing.



Entry requirements and application

Admission to master's programmes is based on academic requirements, programme-specific requirements and language requirements.

Academic requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to any master's programme is a BA or BSc degree (or equivalent) with good results from a recognised research university. If you have a degree from a recognised university of applied sciences or equivalent, you will have to do a pre-master's, which in a few cases is offered in English.

Programme-specific requirements

The entry requirements for each master's programme vary, particularly with regard to your qualifications. They may include particular academic or professional experience and motivation, or particular course requirements. You can find the details on the website of the programme of your choice.

🔗 universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application

Language requirements

As almost all master's programmes are taught in English, you will be asked to submit proof of your English proficiency.

Accepted tests are:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Academic module
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Cambridge English Exam (Proficiency level (CPE) or Advanced level (CAE), depending on the admission requirements of the study programme)

You may be exempted from this requirement if you have obtained an English-taught high school diploma or a higher degree from a recognised university in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada (English-language university), USA, New Zealand or Australia, or if you have obtained an English-taught International Baccalaureate diploma.



The English-only, graduate-level courses made for a comfortable integration into my studies, while the international presence among students and staff provided (and still provides) a strong basis for idea-sharing and access to resources and facilities abroad.

Andrew Sorensen, USA, MA Archaeology

Application procedure

- Apply online for the master's programme of your choice.
- Pay the application fee, if applicable.
- The Admissions Office and the Board of Admissions of the relevant faculty/department will review your application.
- The faculty or department will make its decision within a period of one to eight weeks after receiving your application documents and fee.
- You will be notified if you need to submit additional documentation.
- If you have been admitted, you will receive an email from the Admissions Office with information on student housing, immigration, student registration and any further required documents.

You will be assigned your personal International Programme Officer, who will guide you through the application procedure and is available to assist you with any questions you may have. The procedure may take up to eight weeks.

Deadlines

The deadlines for application for master's programmes vary. Deadlines for non-EU students are 1 April (autumn semester) and 15 October (spring semester), and deadlines for EU students are 15 June and 1 December. If you require a student visa or residence permit, please be aware that certain admission conditions, such as language requirements and submission of certified copies of academic transcripts, must be met before the visa/residence permit application deadline. These deadlines are 1 June if you want to start your study programme in September, and 1 December if you are starting in January.

 student.universiteitleiden.nl/en





Financial matters

Tuition fees

Your tuition fee depends on the programme of your choice, your nationality (EU/EEA or non-EU/EEA) and whether you have previously completed a master's degree in the Netherlands.

To give you a general idea:

- For Dutch, EU/EEA*, Swiss or Surinamese nationals, tuition fees range from €2,006** (for most programmes, this only applies if this is your first master's programme in the Netherlands) to €19,000 (programmes not subsidised by the Dutch government).
- For all other nationalities, tuition fees cover a fairly broad range from €16,600 (master's Humanities/Social Sciences) to €24,900 (master's Medicine).

* EU/EEA: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom

** Tuition fees for 2017/2018

Cost of living

How much money you will need during your time in the Netherlands, depends on your spending habits and lifestyle.

This overview gives you a general idea of what to expect:

Non-recurring expenses

- Tuition fees
- Administration fees required by housing office/agent
- Visa and residence permit fee (if applicable)

Monthly expenses

Rent (incl. water and electricity)	€360 - €650
General living expenses (food, clothes, phone, personal expenses)	€300 - €400
Transport (depending on where you live and whether you ride a bicycle)	€40 - €100
Health and liability insurance	€40 - €120
Books/study materials (depending on study programme)	€50 - €100
Social activities	€70 - €100
Total	€860 - €1,400

It is important to make sure that you have sufficient financial means for the entire study period. If you are a non-EU student, the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service) will require you to submit proof of this. If you do not have the means to support yourself as a student in the Netherlands, you will not receive a residence permit.

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Before I came to Europe, Leiden seemed a mystery to me because of its age. However, from the moment I got off the Sprinter from Schiphol to Leiden, I was attracted more and more by the city.

Xin Qi, China, ICT in Business

Scholarships

Leiden University offers the Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LExS). This scholarship programme is designed for non-EU/EEA students enrolling in a master's programme and for students of all nationalities enrolling in an Advanced LLM programme or the master's programme in International Relations and Diplomacy.

Other scholarships, grants and loans

In addition, there is a wide range of other scholarships available for students from specific regions of the world, or for specific programmes. Leiden University participates in several loan schemes for students from the UK and the US. The University accepts the Sally Mae Smart Option Loan, GI Bill funding and the UK Professional and Career Development Loan. If you have EU/EEA or Swiss nationality and are under 30, you may be eligible for a loan from the Dutch government to cover your tuition fees.

Study or internship abroad scholarships

If you choose to do an internship or to follow part of your Leiden study programme outside the Netherlands, you may be eligible to apply for a grant or scholarship covering part of the costs. The most common scholarships are the Erasmus+ for study, research or an internship in a European country, or the Leiden University Lustra+ scheme. Lustra+ is intended for study, internship or research at an institution or in a company outside Europe.

universiteitleiden.nl/scholarships

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

universiteitleiden.nl/prospective/scholarships



Practical matters

Once you have been admitted to your chosen programme, there are many practical matters to take care of. Leiden University offers a range of services to support you in arranging your stay in the Netherlands.

Visa and residence permit

If you come from a non-EU/EEA country, you will need a visa and/or a residence permit. Our staff at the Admissions Office will assist you in applying for these documents. They will contact you once you have been admitted to a master's programme and have applied for or secured housing, and once you have submitted proof that you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your study period.

🌐 universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application

Housing

Leiden University is not campus based. The university buildings and student housing are spread throughout the cities of Leiden and The Hague. The cities themselves are the campus. Living and learning in either location will give you first-hand experience of Dutch life, and direct access to student life and the regular comings-and-goings of the cities. Most students rent a room or share an apartment with others. However, due to high demand, housing can be difficult to secure.

- You can look for housing independently via private landlords or housing associations. Our housing website offers a list of tips and tricks for finding housing on your own.
- You can apply for a housing offer through the University Housing Office. The staff here will assist you in finding accommodation in Leiden or The Hague. Accommodation varies in terms of location, size, number of people sharing facilities and rent. All locations and options are listed on the Housing Office website. Our advice: as housing cannot be guaranteed, contact the Housing Office as soon as possible! Deadlines for payment of the housing fee are: 1 June and 15 November (for the spring semester).

🌐 www.studenthousing.leiden.edu/

Working while studying

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 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 (except Croatia) or from Switzerland, you will not need a work permit. All other nationalities need a special work permit and can only work for a maximum of ten hours a week. All in all, we advise you not to rely on finding a paid job when financially planning your study costs.

Staying on after graduation

After obtaining your master's degree, you may want to stay in the Netherlands to explore your options on the Dutch job market. This is possible through a special residence permit scheme, which is valid for one year (Orientation Year). All candidates have three years after graduation or finishing research to apply for the permit. When the Orientation Year permit expires, if you have found a job you will need to apply for another permit, such as the Highly Skilled Migrant scheme.

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Besides using the official university housing channels, make sure you join facebookgroups for rooms in Leiden, and try to contact people who are leaving their rooms such as exchange students. In this way you'll also get the opportunity to live together with Dutch people, to fully get the opportunity to learn the culture of your new country!

Arianna Belotti, Italy, Msc Occupational Health Psychology



Getting around

- Within Leiden and The Hague, many university locations can easily be reached on foot.
- Of course, you can also take the bus or tram. A ticket costs about €1.50 to €2, depending on the distance.
- If you are comfortable riding a bicycle, this is a pleasant and cheap option to cover distances within the city. Bicycle shops regularly have good second-hand bikes on offer and you can take bike-riding lessons if you would like to learn!
- For other destinations, for instance travelling between The Hague and Leiden, the train is a good option.





Career services

With its international reputation of excellence, Leiden University offers its graduates career advice and tools in order to prepare you for the job market. We are committed to supporting you in building the skills needed to take your career in the right direction.

Career counsellors

Our career counsellors will give you advice and information on planning your career, whether you have just started your master's study or have already graduated. Each of Leiden's seven faculties has its own career services department, with specific expertise and resources related to the faculty's programmes.

In addition, as a master's student you have access to our web-based resources, which include career step plans, job-seeking strategies and self-assessment tools. The Career Services desk also offers a range of relevant workshops. If you prefer a personalised approach, you can make an appointment for an individual counselling session with your departmental career

counsellor. These services are open to students and alumni for up to one year after graduation.

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Internships and jobs

An internship can be a good way to explore the job market and to get an insight into a specific organisation or job. Working as an intern can also help you to expand your professional network. The Career Services staff can support you in applying for internships and jobs and can provide you with information about pursuing a career both in and outside the Netherlands.

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A selection of the workshops offered by Career Services

- Writing résumés and cover letters
- Perfecting your LinkedIn profile
- How to get the most out of networking
- Preparing for a job interview

Academic and professional network

Many of Leiden University's lecturers and professors have an extensive network in their field of expertise, in both the academic and the professional world. Their connections may range from international or national corporations and organisations to international universities and research institutes. Access to this network can prove useful when you are ready to take your next career step.

Alumni network

Leiden University's alumni hold positions in a vast range of sectors, all over the world. They are therefore good resources for graduates who are just starting out on the job market. The Leiden Alumni Network makes it easy for you to contact Leiden alumni online and ask them for advice.

universiteitleiden.nl/en/alumni/mentor-network





Our alumni's experiences

*Amelia Bleeker, New Zealand
LL.M. European and International
Human Rights Law*

"The Advanced Master's in European and International Human Rights Law at Leiden University is a well-organised and comprehensive programme that offers an in-depth understanding of human rights law and issues at pan-European and international levels. I was impressed by the quality of teaching, the interactive style of learning made possible by small class sizes, and the mixture of practical and theoretical components in the courses. The programme challenged me to think creatively about the issues facing human rights practitioners today and has provided a solid basis on which I can contribute to tackling these issues in the future."

*Brantly Hancock, USA
MA Museums and Collections*

"I envision myself one day teaching at a university or holding a senior management position in a museum. I am now transitioning from being a Museum Educator to being a Development Associate, and will learn the ins-and-outs of fundraising and grant writing. I am certain that the critical thinking, organisational and communication skills cultivated during this programme were essential to my success. The practical and social challenges of living abroad also equipped me with the necessary skills of diplomacy and adaptability, key strengths for anyone entering the workplace."



*Lisa Schäfer, Germany
MA European Union Studies*

"As I simultaneously studied a master's in Asian Studies together with European Union Studies at Leiden, it was important for me to combine these two fields of interest in my master's research. I therefore focused on the EU policy vis-à-vis China and specialised in the EU-China strategic partnership and the possible 2016 market economy status of China and its implications for the EU. It was a fascinating journey to find my own niche and my own interest. This helped me to pursue a placement with the EU Delegation in Seoul, where I am currently interning in the political section."



Fathiannisa Gelasia, Indonesia
LL.M. European and International
Business Law

"I spent a year as a law student in Leiden and enriched my knowledge of international business law. I met inspiring lecturers and professors, had the opportunity to write my thesis under the supervision of an eminent professor and of course there was the chance to make friends from all around the world. It was definitely a life-changing year."

Andrew Sorensen, USA
PhD, Researcher of Archaeology

"Leiden University offers a friendly and diverse environment that is welcoming to international students like myself. The English-only graduate level courses made for a comfortable integration into my studies, while the international presence among students and staff provided (and still provides) a strong basis for idea-sharing and access to resources and facilities abroad. Personally, I came to Leiden expecting to return home to the United States once I had completed my master's degree; however, the opportunity arose for me to continue my studies and research with the Faculty of Archaeology as a PhD student, and I took it! Now, as I near the end of my research project, I know that the friendships and connections I have forged over the years with fellow students and colleagues will continue to be a major asset as I look forward to my future endeavours, whatever and wherever they may be."



Jacob Taylor, USA
Latin American Studies

"I chose the master's programme in Latin American studies at Leiden University for two main reasons: the significant difference in cost in comparison to the U.S. and, more importantly for me, this is the only programme in Europe outside Spain that is offered entirely in Spanish. Aside from having the opportunity to work closely with enthusiastic experts, the highlight of this programme was the fieldwork component in Latin America. It forces you to really embrace the independence of individual research while simultaneously creating new academic and social connections to enrich your future. I am currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Germany focused on Latin American studies. The lessons and guidance I received at Leiden have prepared me to be a more well-rounded and objective researcher."



Overview of programmes

Leiden University combines excellence and opportunities in its 62 master's programmes with 212 specialisations, of which 50 programmes and 160 specialisations are English-taught. In addition, we offer 14 research master's programmes with 24 specialisations, all of them taught in English. These programmes cover nearly all academic disciplines, ranging from natural sciences to law, from language and literature to medicine, and from social sciences to philosophy, and are taught by faculty with a national and international reputation for teaching and research.

General information

The start date for all programmes is September, although an alternative start date in February is also possible in many cases. For a limited number of programmes other start dates apply.

Specific entry requirements to Leiden University programmes include, for programmes that are English-taught:

- > TOEFL score of ≥ 100 (internet based)
- > IELTS score of ≥ 6.5 or ≥ 7.0 (see programme website for details)
- > Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) or Proficiency in English (CPE), with a mark of C or higher

For a number of programmes minimum sub-scores are required. Additional entry requirements may include a letter of motivation and reference, or a CV and evidence of work experience.

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English is my second language and I ran into some grammar problems that affected my arguments in my thesis. Luckily, Leiden University offers writing classes that aim to improve participants' structure and grammar. There are intensive three week courses, as well as classes that only last a few tutorials.

Tascha Sciarone, South-Africa, MA Arts & Culture

Faculty of Archaeology

Leiden's Archaeology master's programmes are the broadest study programmes of their kind in the Netherlands. Leiden is also unique in that it is the only place in the Netherlands that has an independent Faculty of Archaeology. The study programme offers various regional and thematic specialisations and the teaching programme is closely linked to ongoing research.

Our academic staff are involved in research all over the world, with a strong focus on field research. In addition, the programme emphasises ecology and geology, combined with both iconology and historical studies, as well as ethno-archaeological, anthropological and experimental approaches. The possible combination with modern museum practices and developments of archaeological heritage management broadens the scope even more.

Master's programmes

Archaeology: 1 year

Three specialisations:

- World Archaeology
- Archaeological Science
- Heritage and Museum Studies

Career

Positions at university institutes, museums, government agencies, commercial agencies. Career options outside the field of archaeology: journalism, publishing, public relations and positions at international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in archaeology or relevant discipline. Specialisation-specific knowledge may also be required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology

Archaeology (Research): 2 years

Seven specialisations:

- Archaeological Heritage in a Globalising World
- Bioarchaeology
- Human Origins
- Prehistoric Farming Communities in Europe
- Religion and Society in Native American Cultures
- The Transformation of the Roman World
- Town and Country in the Mediterranean Region and the Near East

Career

Archaeological positions at university institutes, consultancies or in public service, museums, government, provincial and local authority agencies. Other options include journalism, publishing, public relations and positions at international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in archaeology. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/rma-archaeology

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

The Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs is the youngest faculty at Leiden University and is situated in The Hague. Scientific knowledge is required to be able to address the social issues of the 21st century, such as climate change, terrorism and economic crises. However, scientific knowledge alone is often not enough. At the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, these themes are studied from the perspectives of public administration, political science, legislation, social science and economics. This interdisciplinary approach provides the research and the faculty's programme with an international character.

The programmes offered by the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs dovetail with the themes that characterise the city of The Hague as the International City of Peace, Justice and Security, and as the centre of Dutch public administration and international governance.

Master's programmes

Crisis and Security Management: 1 year

This programme focuses on the causes of (perceived) threats to security, the political and social construction of (in)security, the pattern of reactions to these threats, prevention strategies and best practices. Crises and security are studied from a multi-actor, multidisciplinary and multi-level approach.

Career

Positions in policy-making bodies, local and provincial government, international organisations and NGOs, consultancy, and private industry.

Best preparatory degree

A bachelor's or master's degree in public administration, political science, sociology, international relations, history, or an equivalent bachelor's or master's degree.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/csm

Cyber Security: 1.5 – 2 years

The Executive Master's in Cyber Security is a multidisciplinary programme that focuses on the technological as well as the legal, administrative, economic and psychological aspects of digital security. The programme has been developed by Leiden University, Delft University of Technology, The Hague University of Applied Sciences and various private partners.

Career

Graduates work in the field of cyber security either in private or public and semi-public companies.

Best preparatory degree

A completed master's degree from a university (of applied sciences) in a relevant discipline, as well as several years of relevant professional experience.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/cybersecurity

International Relations and Diplomacy: 2 years

This programme is taught jointly by Leiden University, the Institute of Political Science and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael. This highly selective programme is a unique combination of academic education in international relations and political science, featuring practice-oriented courses and training in international negotiations and diplomacy.

Career

Career options include international diplomacy, international government and non-governmental organisations, national or international public administrations, 'think tanks' and research institutions, international interest associations or international business.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in political science, international relations, international law, public administration, economics, sociology or history.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ird

Public Sector Management (in Dutch): 1 year

The programme focuses on the complexity and challenges facing a public sector manager. Special attention is paid to the structuring and development of organisations and interorganisational networks, the motivation of employees and the interaction between public organisations and their stakeholders.

Two specialisations:

- Public Affairs
- Strategy, Consulting and Change Management

Career

The programme prepares students for careers in government and the non-profit sector. Graduates also work as business consultants or quality managers.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in public administration or a closely related discipline, such as political science.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/mps

Public Administration: 1 year

The programme focuses on the functioning of various political and administrative systems at local, national and international levels, the relationship between politics and administration, the organisation of the public sector, ethical issues, policy analysis and the importance of institutions for the proper functioning and reform of political and administrative processes.

Three specialisations:

- Economics and Governance
- International and European Governance
- Public Management

Career

Positions in national and international public administration, consultancy or management positions in the private sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in public administration or in a closely related discipline, such as political science, public management, public policy, economics, business management, and sociology.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/padmin

Faculty of Humanities

At the Faculty of Humanities you will be able to study languages, cultures and societies worldwide. In research and teaching, we focus on the mobility of people, language, culture, ideas, art, and institutions in a globalising world, and their interconnectivity through the ages. Leiden University's Faculty of Humanities consistently ranks 17 in the top 30 of Humanities faculties in the Times Higher Education worldwide ranking. This encourages us to work even harder to deliver research and to teach students how to address current social issues within an international context. Humanities students are doing very well on the job market, as is evidenced by recent job market research. Obtaining a master's degree has a positive influence on your job level. You'll find work faster, at a higher level, while your career prospects are improved and you earn a better salary than employees without a master's degree.

The Master's programme in Asian Studies offers an outstanding qualification from one of the leading centres for Asian studies in Europe. You will develop expertise in the history, language and culture of Asian societies, or contemporary developments in the world's most dynamic and fastest-growing region. Different specialisations cater for students with or without proficiency in one or more Asian languages, and range from one to two years in duration.

Master's programmes

African Studies: 1 year

This multidisciplinary programme offers ambitious students the opportunity to explore the African continent from a wide range of perspectives: historical, literary, cultural, socio-economical and political. Pursue the issues and subject areas that interest you most by designing your own internship project and MA thesis.

Career

Your degree prepares you for roles in cultural organisations, education, policy-making, tourism, development, publishing, public relations, and journalism

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree from a university, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor's degree. Knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduating from the Bachelor's programme in African Language and Cultures at Leiden University.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/african-studies

African Studies (Research): 2 years

The programme is unique in continental Europe for the interdisciplinary range of subjects offered and the variety of perspectives. Within the Research MA you will focus on developing your research skills, and you will have an entire year (of which six months consists of fieldwork) to execute your own research project, which offers you outstanding opportunities to get insights into working and conducting research in Africa and to enhance your job prospects.

Career

Positions as a policy maker or consultant for Africa-oriented organisations worldwide, as well as professions focused on the African continent, e.g. at ministries, NGOs, international organisations, or in management, education, journalism or public relations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in the field of African languages and cultures, (African) linguistics, history, cultural anthropology, literature, sociology, political sciences, public administration or other studies related to the social sciences.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/african-studies-research

Arts and Culture: 1 year

This is an unique programme in terms of its diverse and interdisciplinary range of subjects. The MA in Arts and Culture offers you the choice of three specialisations, each of which explores different themes from a comparative and global perspective. A broad range of electives allows you to further customise your degree. Three specialisations:

- Art and Architecture before 1800
- Art of the Contemporary World and World Art Studies
- Museums and Collections

Career

Positions at museums, art galleries, cultural institutions, (art) libraries and archives, as well as positions in the publishing and general media sectors, art trade, journalism or public relations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in art history.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/arts-and-culture

Arts and Culture (Research): 2 years

The programme is unique in offering a two-year programme that integrates art history and theory with literary studies and media studies. The research master's stands out because of its global character, focus on design and applied arts, and integrated study of the visual arts and architecture.

Career

As a graduate, you are prepared for a career in a wide variety of fields such as museums, galleries, cultural institutions or (art) libraries and archives. It is also possible to find employment within the publishing and general media sectors, the art trade, journalism and public relations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in art history or a related programme, such as visual studies, cultural studies, media studies, archaeology, fine art or architectural studies.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/arts-and-culture-research

Asian Studies: 1 year

This programme focuses on the study of Asia as a whole or on a region within Asia. It is accessible to students with or without competence in one or more Asian languages and is unique in the Netherlands. Five specialisations:

- East Asian Studies
- History, Arts and Culture of Asia
- Politics, Society and Economy of Asia
- South Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies

Career

Positions in journalism, publishing, international trade, marketing, business, public relations, education and development aid, or with government institutions, international organisations and NGOs. Alumni also often find employment in Asia itself.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a discipline from the Humanities or Social Sciences. Specialisation-specific requirements and sufficient command of a relevant Asian language may also apply.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies

Asian Studies: 2 years

This is a disciplinary specialisation and an advanced language acquisition programme, which includes one year at a university in China, Japan or Korea. Three specialisations:

- Chinese Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies

Career

Positions with NGOs, multinationals and small and medium-sized companies, at news organisations (e.g. journalist or correspondent), or in the public relations sector (e.g. as a travel guide, interpreter or translator)

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a discipline from the Humanities or Social Sciences. Specialisation-specific knowledge and sufficient command of the relevant Asian language also are required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies

Asian Studies (Research): 2 years

This programme focuses on the study of a region (China, Japan, Korea, South Asia or Southeast Asia) or a subject such as political science, religious studies, art and culture, or language and literature studies, taking a regional or interregional approach.

Career

Positions in publishing, international trade, public relations, education and development aid, or in government, international organisations and NGOs. Our graduates often find employment in Asia itself. You will be equipped to pursue a position conducting independent research at academic level, such as that of a junior academic researcher or a doctoral student on a PhD programme.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree which is relevant to the specialisation. Requirements include specialisation-specific knowledge as well as ideally, but not necessarily, knowledge and understanding of the regional languages.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asian-studies-research

Classics and Ancient Civilisations: 1 year

This programme consists of current research on all the cultures of the Mediterranean region and all historical periods. There is an emphasis on reading ancient texts in their language of origin and discussing possible interpretations. The programme is unique in the Netherlands. Four specialisations:

- Assyriology
- Classics

- Egyptology
- Hebrew and Aramaic Studies

Career

Positions in the fields of the specialisations, in business and commerce, within government service or non-profit organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/classics-and-ancientcivilisations

Classics and Ancient Civilisations (Research): 2 years

This programme consists of all areas of current research into the civilisations of Greece, Rome and the Ancient Near East. Research is placed in a broader context. Five specialisations:

- Assyriology
- Classics
- Egyptology
- Hebrew and Aramaic Studies
- Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity

Career

Graduates work as junior researchers in an academic environment. Away from academia, career options include working within the fields of publishing or teaching, at policy-making departments of governmental bodies, within the education sector, or within cultural tourism.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/classics-and-ancientcivilisations-research

Dutch Studies: 1 year (in Dutch)

This programme is intended for students from the Netherlands and abroad. It is multidisciplinary in nature, ranging from the Middle Ages to the present day and focuses on international and interdisciplinary relations. Topics studied include literature, linguistics, language acquisition and the history, including art history, of the Netherlands.

Five specialisations:

- Modern Dutch Literature
- Dutch Language, Culture and Society
- Dutch Linguistics
- Older Dutch Literature
- Dutch Discourse Studies

Career

Many graduates pursue a career in education. Others work as journalist, communications specialist, editor, translator or researcher.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Dutch language and culture or Dutch

studies. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required, as well as command of the Dutch language.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/dutch-studies

History: 1 year

Leiden University's History programme ranked 17 in the QS's World University Rankings for 2017. This makes the History programme the best of its kind in the Netherlands. The programme offers you the chance to specialise in niche subject areas not offered elsewhere. A flexible format also allows you to tailor your degree to suit your career goals. To help you develop a cohesive area of expertise, the programme offers seven specialisations each with its own thematic focus. Within your specialisation, you even have the added option of focusing on Maritime History, Political Debate or Economic History. Seven specialisations:

- Ancient History
- Archival Studies
- Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence
- Colonial and Global History
- Europaeum Programme on European History and Civilisation: Leiden-Oxford-Paris programme
- Europe 1000-1800
- Political Culture and National Identities

Career

Positions within public services, research institutes, business services, financial services, communications and teaching, as well as policy development, management, coordination, editing and information services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in history. Specialisation-specific knowledge may also be required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/history

History (Research): 2 years

This programme has a special emphasis on the development of theories of historical processes, historiography and the methodology of historical research. Five specialisations:

- Ancient History (Research)
- Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence (Research)
- Colonial and Global History (Research)
- Europe 1000-1800 (Research)
- Political Culture and National Identities (Research)

Career

Positions in research, or in policy-making at government departments and NGOs, positions in international organisations or companies, in journalism, public relations and business services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in history or a comparable degree with a relevant specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/history-research

International Relations: 1 year

Leiden University's master in International Relations provides you with the contextual knowledge and analytical ability to study and comprehend the vast diversity and complexity of our rapidly changing world. This programme focuses on current global and regional issues. It is characterised by a challenging combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience. We are the only university in the Netherlands to offer this wealth of area specialists and the extensive range of contacts with national and international government and non-government institutions.

- European Union Studies
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- Global Politics and Culture
- Global Political Economy

Career

Positions in international government, non-government and forprofit spheres. There is an increasing demand for young people with language skills and the knowledge to operate across nations and cultures.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in the field of social sciences, humanities, law or economics.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/international-relations

Latin American Studies (in Spanish): 1 year

The programme explores the most current social, political, linguistic and cultural developments shaping Latin America today. It is multidisciplinary in nature, including disciplines such as modern history, literature and linguistics, and maintains close contacts with academic institutions and universities in Latin America.

Career

Positions within cultural organisations, education, translation, tourism, documentation, development cooperation, embassies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and non-profit organisations focusing on Latin America.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies or knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduating from a similar programme. Sufficient command of the language of instruction is also required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/latin-american-studies

Latin American Studies (Research, in Spanish and English): 2 years

It is your opportunity to explore the social, cultural, and historical narratives shaping present-day Latin America. Taught by international researchers, this interdisciplinary programme centres around the theme 'Latin American Modernities: Resistance, Revival and Change'.

Career

Positions at specialised state agencies, ministries, development organisations, NGOs, European companies that operate in Latin America or the Caribbean, or positions as a junior university lecturer or researcher.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in area studies, literary studies, history and/or social sciences. Specialisation-specific knowledge and sufficient command of the language of instruction are also required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/latin-american-studiesresearch

Linguistics: 1 year

Leiden University's Linguistics programme was ranked 28 in the QS World University Rankings for 2016. The wide selection of language studies offered at Leiden University is unique in the Netherlands. The programme includes a range of theoretical approaches to the study of language. Choose from the largest selection of languages (varying from Chinese to German, from Papuan to Slavic languages, and many more) taught and studied at any institution in the Netherlands or the surrounding region. Enjoy a high level of flexibility and freedom in organising your programme to reflect your own interests in linguistics. Ten specialisations:

- Chinese Linguistics
- Comparative Indo-European Linguistics
- English Language and Linguistics
- French Language and Linguistics (in French)
- German Language and Linguistics (in German)
- Italian Language and Linguistics (in Italian)
- Language and Communication
- Language Diversity of Africa, Asia and Native America
- Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics
- Translation in Theory and Practice (in Dutch/English)

Career

Positions within the publishing sector, teaching, translation, health services and ICT, or a position as a junior academic researcher.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in linguistics or in a discipline which is relevant to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific requirements may also apply.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/linguistics

Linguistics (Research): 2 years

This programme covers all areas of modern linguistics and is offered by the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL). A wide selection of language studies is available. An important aspect of this programme is developing your ability to conduct original and innovative research. You will have the opportunity to attend conferences, workshops and lecture series organised in Leiden, as well as internationally. All these will help you get your career off to an outstanding start.

Career

Positions as a researcher within an institute or company, or other positions where an academic level of thinking and working is required for example in publishing, teaching, translation or ICT.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in linguistics, a language and culture programme or a comparable degree with a relevant specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

 [masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ linguistics-research](https://masters.universiteitleiden.nl/linguistics-research)

Literary Studies: 1 year

This programme has a focus on medieval, early modern and modern literature at the English and French departments, early modern literature at the Italian department and modern literature at the German department. The programme offers students a specialised qualification in one of four languages and cultures or a comparative perspective on these languages, with each track offering considerable scope for individual customisation. Five specialisations:

- English Literature and Culture
- French Literature and Culture (in French)
- German Literature and Culture (in German)
- Italian Literature and Culture (in Italian)
- Literature in Society. Europe and beyond

Career

Positions in publishing, communications, translation, business services, education, journalism or commerce.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Requirements also include specialisation-specific knowledge and command of the language of instruction.

 [masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ literary-studies](https://masters.universiteitleiden.nl/literary-studies)

Literary Studies (Research): 2 years

This programme is interdisciplinary in nature and focuses on the study of the media, as well as art and literature. An important feature is the intensive collaboration with the Master's programme in Media Studies and the Research Master's programme in Arts and Culture.

Career

Positions are at research agencies or in the research departments of companies or government organisations. Many enter PhD programmes at Leiden or another top university abroad. Outside of research, positions are in the publishing, cultural public domain, art trade, PR, translating and in the teaching field.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in comparative literature/literary studies or in a specific language and culture. Apart from English, sufficient command of French and German is also a requirement.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/literary-studies-research

Media Studies: 1 year

Each specialisation explores a different medium in depth, including how it interrelates with other media forms. You will also investigate the roots of this relatively new academic field.

Four specialisations:

- Book and Digital Media Studies
- Comparative Literature and Literary Theory

- Film and Photographic Studies
- Journalism and New Media (in Dutch)

Career

Positions in journalism, editing, cultural institutions, publishing, all branches of the book trade, libraries, the cultural heritage sector and knowledge industry.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the discipline. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/media-studies

Middle Eastern Studies: 1 year

This programme covers virtually the entire Middle East region, both in time and geographically. The programme exposes you to research covering the history, literature, languages and politics of the Arab, Persian and Turkish world, with special attention for the field of Islamic law, anthropology, philology and the modern Middle East. The programme is unique in the Netherlands.

Six specialisations:

- Arabic Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Israel Studies
- Modern Middle East Studies
- Persian Studies
- Turkish Studies

Career

Positions in the diplomatic service, at policy-making departments in ministries, the education, cultural, tourism or social-cultural sectors, NGOs involved in development cooperation, and international organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in a field related to the specialisation. Specialisation-specific knowledge is also required.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/middle-eastern-studies

Middle Eastern Studies (Research): 2 years

This programme offers the possibility of focusing completely on a region, such as the Arabic world, North Africa, Turkey or the Persian world, or on a subject, such as history, political science, religious studies or language and literature studies. Both a regional or an interregional approach are possible.

Career

Positions in the public or private sectors in which advanced research skills are required. This includes editing, education, tourism, journalism or research in commercial or governmental organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree which includes knowledge of the fundamentals of Middle Eastern studies and/or area studies, literary studies, linguistics, history and/or social sciences.

 [masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ middle-eastern-studiesresearch](https://masters.universiteitleiden.nl/middle-eastern-studiesresearch)

North American Studies: 1 year

This programme focuses on Afro-American history and literature, as well as the political history, foreign policy and ethnic study of the US. It offers the possibility of researching large-scale or more specific topics in the history, literature or culture of the US.

Career

Graduates find employment in fields that require general academic training and skills and for which an extensive knowledge of US history, politics, or culture is required. Career options include teaching, journalism, politics, government, publishing, translation and research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in American Studies, or in the field of humanities or social studies with a focus on American studies.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/north-american-studies

Philosophy: 1 year

This programme studies the interrelatedness of historical and systematic approaches to philosophy, with a focus on primary philosophical texts. In addition, connections are made between the history of philosophy and current philosophical discussions. Four specialisations:

- Ethics and Politics
- History and Philosophy of the Sciences
- Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Career

This programme prepares students for any career in which conceptual, analytic and interpretative skills are important, including careers in the public sector, business and the media, as well as an academic career.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in philosophy or a comparable degree.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/philosophy-60

Philosophy: 2 years

This programme is intended for students of a non-philosophical discipline who are interested in a philosophical reflection on their field of study. It offers training in text interpretation and analysing and solving abstract problems. Possible points of interest include: the foundations, history and methodology of the chosen field of study, the relationship with related fields of study and the ethics of professional practice. Five specialisations:

- Philosophy of Humanities
- Philosophy of Law
- Philosophy of Natural Sciences
- Philosophy of Political Science
- Philosophy of Psychology

Career

Positions in research, as well as in the public sector, in journalism and communication, business services, culture and teaching.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree from a university, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor's degree in a discipline relevant to the chosen specialisation, or a bachelor's degree in a programme in which philosophy is combined with the chosen discipline.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/philosophy-120

Russian and Eurasian Studies: 1 year

Students in this programme can focus on the languages, literature and cultures of Russia and the Eurasian world, on the political, historical and economical background of the region, or on a combination of the two. There is the option of studying abroad. Please note that most courses do not require prior knowledge of Russian.

Career

Positions with NGOs, in trade and commerce, transport, consultancy, journalism, translation, banking, tourism, civil service and academic research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Russian studies or a comparable degree.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/russian-and-eurasianstudies

Theology and Religious Studies: 1 year

This multi-disciplinary master's programme allows you to focus on either religion, culture and society in general or more specifically on the dynamics of Christianity in its diverse forms. The theories taught will be applied to empirical findings in a comparative approach. Historical, cultural, anthropological, psychological and sociological perspectives will equip you with a broad set of academic skills.

Career

Positions as editor, journalist, policy adviser, counsellor, teacher of religion or philosophy, or a career in research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in theology, religious studies, world religions, Islamic studies, or Islamic theology.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/religious-studies

Faculty of Medicine/LUMC

The Faculty of Medicine is located in the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). Research, teaching and patient care all take place at a single location. The Faculty of Medicine offers four master's programmes.

Master's programmes

Biomedical Sciences: 2 years

This two-year master's programme gives you a thorough understanding of human health and disease. Four specialisations and different tracks within specialisations allow you to compose your own programme. The high-level research of LUMC and the nearby Bio Science Park offer students ample opportunities to develop their scientific talents. Four specialisations:

- Communication
- Education
- Management
- Research

Career

Positions in scientific biomedical research or professions at universities and academic medical centres, commercial companies, e.g. pharmaceutical industry, non-profit organisations, government, education.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Students with a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences from Leiden University can be admitted to the programme directly. All other requests will be reviewed by the Biomedical Sciences Admissions Committee.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/bs

Medicine: 3 years (in Dutch)

During this three-year master's programme, students learn how to cure patients, prevent diseases and develop a critical scientific view. A large part of this programme consists of internships.

Career

Most medical doctors from Leiden University pursue a career in a specific medical specialty. In this case you will work and learn at the same time. Specialised medical training can take two to eight years, depending on the specialty. Another option is to pursue a PhD. This means you will be conducting research at a university or university hospital for a maximum of four years, while being trained as an independent researcher. After obtaining your PhD degree, you can still apply for a specialised medical position. A third option is to work as a medical doctor without further training. You could work, for instance, as a researcher, as an assistant-doctor in a hospital or in the pharmaceutical industry.

Best preparatory bachelor's

This programme is intended for students with a Leiden bachelor's diploma in Medicine.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/gnk

Pharmacy: 3 years (in Dutch)

This programme focuses on pharmaceutical care. In three years, you will become a pharmaceutical practitioner. You will have obtained knowledge on pharmaceutical products and will be capable of working with patients and collaborating with other health care practitioners.

Career

Most graduates continue with community or hospital pharmacist training. However, it is also possible to conduct research or to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry or at the public services. In general, job perspectives for pharmacists are good.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the universities of Groningen, Utrecht or Leuven, or a bachelor's degree in biopharmaceutical sciences with the pharmacy specialisation from Leiden University.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/farm

Vitality and Ageing: 1 year

This programme is tailored for students who want to broaden and deepen their knowledge of elderly people and contribute to the improvement of the future of an ageing society. The master focuses on biological, individual and societal perspectives on ageing. During the programme, a 10-week internship introduces students to their future work field.

Career

Follow-up steps are: further education in science (leading to a PhD degree); further medical education (geriatrics, internal medicine, general practice); management positions in healthcare or the public sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in medicine, biomedical studies, health studies, or a University College Health track. All other requests will be reviewed by the Vitality and Ageing Admissions Committee.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/va

Leiden Law School

Leiden enjoys a long-standing tradition in the study of Law. Moreover, the faculty has good connections with legal practice, which means that our students have excellent opportunities on the job market. In addition to the regular master's programmes, the faculty also offers Advanced Studies programmes. These are programmes with an international orientation, intended for first-rate students who have already completed a master's programme, and for legal practitioners who wish to improve their career opportunities.

Most regular programmes are taught in Dutch, but the Advanced Studies programmes are all taught in English. As the Advanced Studies programmes are non-government funded, the tuition fees are higher than those for the regular programmes. Leiden Law School offers seventeen master's programmes.

Master's programmes

Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law: 1 year

This programme is unique in the world. It offers a combination of public and private air and space law, both from an international and a European perspective. The focus is on professional applications, including a compulsory internship.

Career

Positions in law firms or in consulting firms with an aviation and space law practice, at legal departments of airports, airlines and aerospace companies, at civil aviation authorities, at ministries of transportation or in academia.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law (offering access to legal practice) with sufficient knowledge of international law.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/asl

Advanced Studies in European and International Business Law: 1 year

This programme focuses on the impact of EU legislation on government and industry in a world economy. It also covers the interaction with other international institutions, in particular the World Trade Organisation. The emphasis in this programme is on professional applications.

Career

Career options are found in such environments as European or international departments of law firms, international national courts, international companies, international agencies, the diplomatic service and the public sector.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/eibl

Advanced Studies in European and International Human Rights Law: 1 year

This programme studies various human rights law systems in a comparative perspective. It focuses on specific protection mechanisms in their political, social and legal settings and how they coexist, overlap and influence one another.

Career

Positions in human rights settings at national and international level, including national and European governmental bodies and public administration, human rights organisations and equality bodies, judiciary or ombudsman institutions, and law firms and companies involved in human rights.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline with a sufficient background in law.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/eihrl

Advanced Studies in European Tax Law: 1 year

This programme offers training in EU Tax Law over the full breadth of the field. It focuses on the translation of EU Tax Law into practice in a commercial, policy or judicial setting. There is an optional focus on either direct taxation, indirect taxation or State Aid Law.

Career

Our graduates pursue careers in private tax practice with multinational companies, the public sector (Ministry of Finance, tax administrations and occasionally the judiciary) and academia.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline with a sufficient background in law.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/etl

Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights: 1 year

International children's rights is a unique area of law because it covers international, regional and national legal spectra, and crosses different areas of law, both domestically and internationally. The programme is characterised by small-scale teaching, which encourages intensive interaction between students and lecturers.

Career

Positions within national, regional and international governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration organisations dealing with the judiciary, within national human rights institutions (e.g. ombudspersons) or within law firms or companies involved with children and/or family matters.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline with a sufficient background in law.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/icr

Advanced Studies in International Civil and Commercial Law: 1 year

This programme offers a practical approach to the relationship between international commercial and contract law, intellectual property law and corporation law, in the light of increasing globalisation.

Career

Senior positions within a wide range of organisations, including law firms, multinational companies, international courts, governmental organisations and academia.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or an equivalent degree.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/iccl

Advanced Studies in International Tax Law; 1 year

This programme offers training in all aspects of international and European tax law. It is intended for legal experts with a background in economics and economists with a legal background.

Career

Positions in private law practice, with multinational companies, with the government (Ministry of Finance, tax administrations and occasionally the judiciary) and in teaching, sometimes as a chaired professor.

Best preparatory study programme

A law degree or a degree in economics or business administration (master's level or comparable, with a demonstrated legal orientation).

 en.mastersinleiden.nl/programmes/international-tax-law

Advanced Studies in Law and Digital Technologies: 1 year

This programme focuses on legal and regulatory theory, and governance of internet, computers and ambient intelligence in an international and multidisciplinary context. Topics covered include cybersecurity, internet privacy, copyright and data protection.

Career

High-level positions in international legal practice in a range of organisations, including law firms, multinational companies, courts of justice, governmental organisations, NGOs, academia.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or an equivalent degree from a recognised university/law school.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ldt

Advanced Studies in Public International Law (Leiden and The Hague): 1 year

In this programme, you will gain in-depth knowledge of the foundations of public international law. You will also participate in current discussions on international legal issues. The programme focuses on the skills required to thoroughly analyse and interpret legal sources and cases, formulate an independent opinion and present the findings both orally and in writing. We offer two specialisations:

- International Criminal Law
- Peace, Justice and Development

Career

Positions with a wide range of organisations, including international courts, international organisations, academia, national judicial institutions, non-governmental organisations, the foreign service, and prestigious law firms.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or a postgraduate diploma in law from a recognised university; in exceptional cases a bachelor's degree in a related discipline (e.g. political science or equivalent) will be acceptable.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/public-international-law

Child Law (in Dutch): 1 year

This programme is unique in the Netherlands. It offers an insight into the social and ethical context in which juvenile law is developed and expressed. You will gain knowledge about the foundations and principles of children's rights from a human rights perspective, and about the national and international origin of these foundations and principles. Particular attention is paid to the influence of international human rights. The teaching is closely linked with practice and there is a strong focus on current events.

Career

The programme offers a broad basis for lawyers who wish to specialise in the legal profession, the judiciary, the Public Prosecution Service or other ministries. Options also include positions at the Child Protection Service, the Council for Child Protection, the government, interest groups, or research positions at universities or private institutions.

Best preparatory study programme

A bachelor's degree in law or notarial law from a Dutch university.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/jeugdrecht

Crime and Criminal Justice: 1 year

This programme focuses on developments within criminology in the areas of social security and criminal justice and offers both theoretical and practical insights. Two specialisations:

- Criminology and Criminal Justice (English)
- Criminology and Security Policy (Dutch and English)

Career (Criminal Justice)

Consultant for municipalities, NGOs or other national or organisations that deal with international crime and safety issues, policy maker for actors in the criminal justice system, government or organisations that deal with crime control, academic researcher.

Career (Security Policy and Law Enforcement)

Advisers, researchers or policy officers (public order and security) at ministries and municipalities, the police, organisations involved in researching and tackling criminality and lack of security, private investigations and commercial research and universities.

Best preparatory study programme

Criminal Justice: a bachelor's degree in criminology or a bachelor's degree in law.

Security Policy and Law Enforcement: a bachelor's degree in criminology from a Dutch university.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/criminology-and-criminal-justice

Tax Law (in Dutch): 1 year

This programme offers training for resolving the fiscal problems of the future and is an excellent preparation for fiscal practice. There is the opportunity of spending a period studying abroad. This intensive programme provides insights into Dutch, international and European aspects of this discipline.

Career

Positions in a range of organisations, including large taxation consultancies, the tax administration, the business sector, legal firms and universities.

Best preparatory study programme

A bachelor's degree in tax law obtained at a Dutch university. For applicants with other law bachelor's degrees additional requirements may apply.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/fiscaal-recht

Forensic Criminology (in Dutch): 1 year

This programme focuses on the use of specialist expertise in criminal justice, taking a practical approach. Courses include Forensic Identification Methods, Crime Analysis, Forensic Accountancy and Forensic Psychiatry. The programme includes a compulsory internship, linked to the MA thesis.

Career

Positions as advisers, researchers or policy officers at such organisations as the police, the Public Prosecution Service, legal institutions and services, penitentiary institutions, rehabilitation agencies, victim support organisations and universities.

Best preparatory study programme

A bachelor's degree in criminology or law or social sciences with criminology as specialisation.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/forensische-criminologie

Notarial Law (in Dutch): 1 year

This programme is intended for students who wish to pursue a career as a notary. It focuses on the foundations of property law and the social role of the notary in applying and implementing civil and tax law.

Career

The majority of our graduates enter notarial practice. Other options include government posts, the business sector, the real estate sector and the bank and insurance sector.

Best preparatory study programme

A bachelor's degree in notarial law, preferably from Leiden University.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/notarieel-recht

Law: 1 year

This programme focuses on how laws are created, why laws are as they are, and what the underlying system is. The programme is characterised by its contacts with politics, including international politics, and industry. Two interactive teaching methods are applied, in addition to the regular teaching methods: the practicum and the *privatissimum*. There is a shared programme plus seven specialisations in Dutch and two in English:

In Dutch

- Labour Law
- Civil Law (full-time in Leiden or part-time in The Hague)
- Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law
- Financial Law
- Company Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Criminal Law and Criminology

In English

- European Law
- Public International Law (Leiden and The Hague)

Career

Career options are diverse and depend on the specialisation of your choice. For more information, see our website.

Best preparatory study programme

A bachelor's degree in law from a Dutch university. For applicants with other law bachelor's degrees additional requirements may apply.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/rechtsgeleerdheid

Law & Finance: 1 year

This programme will provide you with the skills to navigate in this complex, international and multidisciplinary area. It has a strong practical dimension and it will give you the understanding and tools needed to work at the intersection of law and finance.

Career

Graduates of the Law & Finance programme will go on to positions in: financial institutions, such as banks and investment firms, European and national financial supervisory authorities, other governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration, law firms, judiciary and arbitration courts, (listed) companies or academia.

Best preparatory study programme

A full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or an equivalent degree from a recognised university/Law School; or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline (such as economics, business administration, etc.) with a sufficient background in or understanding of law.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/lf

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

The Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

offers seven master's programmes in behaviour and society. The faculty supports you to successfully complete your studies. You can, for example, make use of the Thesis Atelier, where specialised staff can be of assistance while you are writing your thesis. Here, you will find relevant books and read-only copies of theses. In addition, the Atelier organises walk-in sessions on statistics.

Three of the faculty's programmes are research masters. These selective programmes are more demanding than the one year master's programmes and have a stronger focus on research. If you are considering taking a PhD, this would be a wise choice for you.'

Master's programmes

Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology: 1 year

This programme focuses on applied research and theoretical knowledge of the culture and society of a specific region. You will be involved in the analysis and reporting of the social problems of the region and in the formulation of policy advice. Field schools in Indonesia, Ghana and the Netherlands provide additional onsite training in practical fieldwork techniques, as well as in-depth ethnographic knowledge, but fieldwork can be carried out in other places as well. We offer three specialisations:

- Global Ethnography
- Sociology of Policy in Practice
- Visual Ethnography

Career

Our graduates are well represented in areas such as the media industry, development organisations, government, education, municipalities, the art and culture industry, and scientific institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's in cultural anthropology and development sociology or a bachelor's degree with a major in cultural anthropology and development sociology, or an equivalent from a recognised university.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/anthropology

Education and Child Studies: 1 year

This programme focuses on the link between theory, research and practice. Students are taught to seek evidence-based solutions to problems occurring in child-rearing and education. Five of the eight specialisations are taught in English:

- Applied Neuroscience in Human Development
- Child and Family Science
- Clinical Child and Adolescent Studies (in Dutch)
- Digital Media in Human Development
- Educational Science
- Forensic Family Science (in Dutch)
- Learning Problems and Impairments
- Special Needs Children in Education (in Dutch)

Career

Graduates can apply for a variety of jobs in the field of prevention and intervention in child-rearing and education, both in clinical and non-clinical contexts.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Prospective students need to possess the skills, understanding and knowledge that are required for earning a bachelor's degree in Education and Child Studies (Leiden).

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/education-child-studies

Developmental Psychopathology in Education and Child Studies (Research): 2 years

This programme aims to promote the scientific development of young academics on the path to becoming independent researchers within education and child studies and related disciplines. The programme is designed to serve as preparatory training for a PhD position and also offers the opportunity to specialise in the field of social work and youth care, which meets society's need for academics who are trained in evidence-based clinical assessment and treatment for children and families with psychological problems.

Career

Positions in research and higher education. Many graduates also work as educationalists or remedial educationalists in (clinical) practice, in the areas of prevention or intervention.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in one of the behavioural sciences or a degree in an equivalent programme. Students with a master's degree in another discipline may also be accepted into the programme. Specialisation-specific knowledge and training in research methods and methods and statistics (minimum of 16 EC) are required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/education-child-studies

Political Science: 1 year

This programme focuses on conflict and cooperation. It offers solid training in theoretical, analytical and academic skills. The electives allow you to choose your own profile. Six specialisations:

Leiden:

- International Politics
- Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development
- Parties, Parliaments and Democracy
- Political Legitimacy and Justice

The Hague:

- Dutch Politics
- International Organisations

Career

Positions as a policy maker in Dutch and foreign government institutions; political reporter for various media, personal assistant or policy adviser at the European Parliament and national parliaments, lobbyist for interest groups; researcher at think tanks and universities, business consultant and risk analyst.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in political science or a related discipline. Specific knowledge related to this field is also required.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/politicalscience

Political Science and Public Administration (Research): 2 years

In this programme you will develop excellent research skills.

It offers highly topical courses with a focus on institutions and institutionalism, as well as seminars on a variety of major political science and public administration themes. We offer two specialisations:

- Political Science
- Public Administration

Career

Positions within business, government and non-profit organisations, as well as research-intensive positions in the public or private sector, such as governmental organisations or research agencies.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in political science or in public administration, or a bachelor's degree with a major in either of these fields, obtained with excellent results.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/politicalscienceresearch

Psychology: 1 year

This programme focuses on the working of psychological processes and the consequent effects on behaviour. The master's programme has ten specialisations you can choose from:

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology

Career

General psychologist in a medical centre, nursing home, psychiatric hospital or forensic clinic, school counsellor, lecturer/researcher at a university, university medical centre or research institute, policy maker or adviser for government and municipal services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

BA or BSc in Psychology with advanced courses (at least 30 EC) on a third-year bachelor's level on topics pertaining to the preferred master's specialisation within the MSc Psychology. A level of knowledge of statistics equivalent to the courses within the BSc in Psychology at Leiden University (at least 20 EC in statistics courses).

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/psychology

Psychology (Research): 2 years

This programme offers thorough training in the methodological and practical skills required to carry out scientific research on human behaviour, with a focus on practical experience. There is the possibility of following courses on Brain and Cognition offered by other Leiden University programmes. Four specialisations:

- Clinical and Health Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology

Career

Positions where basic or applied psychological research is used to support the development of corporate or public policy. These include research agencies, as well as private firms, municipal, and governmental institutions. The programme also prepares students to continue with an academic career and obtain a PhD in Psychology.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BA in Psychology with a third-year (400-level) course on the topic chosen, high average grade for coursework (>7.5), superior grade for the bachelor's thesis (7.5 or above) and good grade for statistics/methods (7 or above).

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/psychology-research

Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is a world-class faculty where staff and students work together in a dynamic international environment. The current research and education programmes span the entire spectrum of science, ranging from Mathematics and Statistical Science, Computer Science and Data Science, Astrophysics, Physics, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Science to Biology and Environmental Sciences.

Master's programmes

Astronomy: 2 years

In this master's programme in Astronomy you get access to worldclass research in modern astronomy at Leiden Observatory. Main focus areas include galaxies and the structures in which they are embedded, exoplanets, and star and planet formation. Leiden astronomers have strong international partners, offering you access to cutting-edge observational facilities including the Hubble Space Telescope, ESO's ALMA, VLT, LOFAR and many others. Seven specialisations:

- Astronomy Research
- Astronomy and Cosmology
- Astronomy and Data Science
- Astronomy and Instrumentation
- Astronomy and Science Based Business
- Astronomy and Science Communication and Society
- Astronomy and Education

Career

Graduates find employment in research, industry and the public sector, including technological, financial and consultancy companies, research institutes, governments and science communication organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in astronomy or physics with modules in astronomy. Candidates holding a bachelor's degree in related sciences such as mathematics, computer science or aerospace engineering may be considered.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/astronomy

Biology 2 years

This MSc programme is organised by the Institute of Biology, Naturalis and the Institute of Environmental Sciences, with close connections to the Leiden Medical Center, the Wageningen Institute of Ecology and companies located in the Leiden Bio Science Park, giving the programme a very broad and diverse scope. Four research specialisations, which can be combined with communication, education or business. Seven specialisations:

- Biodiversity and Sustainability
- Evolutionary Biology
- From Cells to Organisms
- Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology
- Biology and Education
- Biology and Science Communication and Society
- Biology and Business Studies

Career

Career options include positions as researcher, policy maker or adviser, as well as professions in industry, education and other sectors.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in biology from Leiden University. Applications from other candidates, including those holding a degree in other

natural sciences, life sciences, mathematics or biomedical sciences, will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/biology

Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences: 2 years

This programme is offered by the Leiden Academic Centre for Drug Research (LACDR) and focuses on drug research and development. It covers nearly the entire field of drug research and includes a broad range of optional subjects. Seven specialisations:

- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Education
- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Science Based Business
- Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences and Science Communication and Society
- Bio-Therapeutics
- Drug & Target Discovery
- Industrial Pharmacy
- Systems Pharmacology

Career

Graduates' careers generally are closely related to the field of drug discovery and design or the development and production of drugs. Options outside research include the pharmaceutical industry, biotechnology companies, or government institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in bio-pharmaceutical sciences or pharmaceutical sciences.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/bps

Chemistry: 2 years

This programme seeks customised solutions to complex social problems in the fields of public health and the environment. It offers individually tailored study programmes. Students have the opportunity to carry out research abroad or in the industrial sector in the Netherlands. Four specialisations:

- Chemistry and Education
- Chemistry and Science Based Business
- Chemistry and Science Communication and Society
- Research in Chemistry

Career

Positions in academia, or in R&D departments in industry, business, public utility companies, teaching, consultancy and government bodies. Many graduates attain higher management positions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Molecular Science and Technology (MST) from Leiden University or Delft University of Technology. Other applications, including from candidates with a bachelor's degree in chemistry or a related field from another university, will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/chemistry

Computer Science: 2 years

This programme is offered by the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science (LIACS). It analyses how ICT enables innovations in business sectors, including marketing, operations, finance, and strategy. There are opportunities for international exchanges and in-company thesis projects with leading Dutch and international organisations. Six specialisations:

- Bioinformatics
- Computer Science and Advanced Data Analytics
- Computer Science and Education (Dutch)
- Computer Science and Science Based Business
- Computer Science and Science Communication and Society
- Data Science: Computer Science

Career

Positions as a researcher in academia or industry, or jobs which draw upon graduates' science background and their aptitude for business, e.g. as a patent lawyer, product manager or business developer. There is no standard career path.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in computer science from Leiden University or an equivalent bachelor's degree.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/computerscience

ICT in Business and Public Sector: 2 years

The specific focus of the Master's in ICT in Business and the Public Sector is on the alignment of ICT and business. The programme builds on a solid ICT background that students bring from their bachelor's education, and expands this knowledge and augments it with concepts and methods from the field of management. Beside a large core of courses on the role of ICT in large and complex organisations, we offer a choice of two specialisations, comprising about 30% of the programme:

- ICT in Business
- ICT in the Public Sector

Career

Job opportunities are excellent and diverse, ranging from consultancy to IT management and from entrepreneurship to PhD research. Graduates are particularly suitable for a career path leading to Chief Information Officer in large organisations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in computer science or a closely related subject.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/ictinbps

Industrial Ecology: 2 years

This programme is a collaboration between Leiden University and Delft University of Technology. It offers a toolkit for sustainable development: a systematic approach to human problems, integrating technical, environmental and social aspects.

Career

Industrial ecology is a new scientific discipline that provides graduates with promising opportunities, including intermediate positions in large companies considering sustainability issues or system design functions in the business and government sectors.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in any of the natural sciences, engineering sciences, or social sciences.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/industrialecology

Life Science and Technology: 2 years

This programme is offered by the Leiden Institute of Chemistry (LIC). It equips students with knowledge and expertise on both a technological and a fundamental level, focusing on research on the processes of the living cell, using fundamental scientific and applied technology. As a student, you have the opportunity to carry out research abroad or in the industrial sector in the Netherlands. Four specialisations:

- Life Science and Education (Dutch)
- Life Science and Science Communication and Society
- Life Science Based Business Development
- Life Science Research and Development

Career

Positions in R&D departments in industry, business, public utility companies, and teaching, consultancy and government bodies. Many students eventually attain higher management positions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Life Science and Technology (LST) from Leiden University or Delft Technical University or a degree in life sciences from another university or in a related field.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/lst

Mathematics: 2 years

The programme has two components: an analysis-oriented component with topics such as dynamical systems, differential equations, probability theory and stochastics, percolation and mathematics in the life sciences, and an algebra/geometry-oriented component with topics such as algebraic number theory, algebraic geometry, algebraic topology and cryptology. Part of the Mathematics programme consists of courses taken on a national level in the Dutch mastermath programme. Five specialisations:

- Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory
- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics and Education (Dutch)
- Mathematics and Science Based Business
- Mathematics and Science Communication and Society

Career

Career options include academia as well as business, including senior (management) positions at banks, insurance and option trading companies, communication and information technology, industry, and logistics.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in mathematics or a BSc major in mathematics.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/mathematics

Media Technology: 2 years

This programme is a unique collaboration between the Faculty of Science and the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts. It encourages students, artists and scientists to develop a creative

approach to scientific research.

Career

Career options include scientific research, such as PhD programmes, as well as positions in the creative industry and teaching in higher professional education, or artistic professions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in computer science, performing and creative arts, artificial intelligence, psychology, exact sciences, arts and technology, interaction design or communication studies.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/mediatechnology

Physics: 2 years

This programme is offered by the Leiden Institute of Physics (LION) and it takes a theoretical and experimental perspective. It focuses on research training, and as a student, you can choose from a broad range of optional subjects. Eight specialisations:

- Physics and Education
- Physics and Science Based Business
- Physics and Science Communication and Society
- Research in Physics, Biological and Soft Matter Physics
- Research in Physics, Cosmology
- Research in Physics, Pre-PhD ('Casimir')
- Research in Physics, Quantum Matter and Optics
- Research in Physics, Theoretical

Career

Positions in high-tech industry, software and consultancy companies worldwide, or in education, science communication or science policy making.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in physics.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/physics

Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences: 2 years

The master's programme in Statistical Science provides students with a thorough introduction to the general philosophy and methodology of statistical modelling and data analysis. Two specialisations:

- Data Science: Statistical Science
- Statistical Science (specialisation)

Career

There is a large demand for applied statisticians at both the master's and the PhD level. Job opportunities can be found in a wide range of areas, such as academic medical hospitals, many types of industry (pharmaceutical, agricultural, food, life science in general, oil, etc.), research institutes, financial institutions, government statistics bureaus, educational services (CITO), marketing bureaus.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's in mathematics, a BSc major in mathematics, or a bachelor's degree in another discipline, which must include at least one introductory course and a more advanced course in statistics or probability.

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/statisticalscience

Leiden University Graduate School of Teaching (ICLON)

Teacher training prepares students for a career as a teacher in Dutch secondary education (lower and higher grades). After completing the teacher training programme, you will be awarded a (second) master's degree and a Dutch qualification in the school subject of your teacher training programme. In order to gain admission to the teacher training programme you must hold a bachelor's and a master's degree in the subject you would like to teach. Although the teacher training is a second master's programme, the tuition fees are equal to those of a first master's programme. The programmes are offered by Leiden University Graduate School of Teaching (ICLON).

These master's programmes train students to become teachers in the Dutch educational system; all the training programmes are therefore taught in Dutch.

Master's programmes

Educational Master's Humanities

11 specialisations:

- Teaching Art History and Cultural and Art Education
- Teaching Chinese Language and Culture
- Teaching Dutch
- Teaching English
- Teaching French
- Teaching German
- Teaching Classics
- Teaching History and Civics
- Teaching Philosophy
- Teaching Religious Studies
- Teaching Spanish

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/educatieve-mastergeesteswetenschappen

Teaching Biology

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/leraar-vho-in-biologie

Teaching Business Economics

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/leraar-vho-in-managementen-organisatie

Teaching Chemistry

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/leraar-vho-in-scheikunde

Teaching Economics

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/lerarenopleiding-algemeneconomie

Teaching Mathematics

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/leraar-vho-in-wiskunde

Teaching Physics

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/programmes/leraar-vho-in-natuurkunde

Teaching Social Studies

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/leraar-vho-in-maatschappijleer-en-maatschappijwetenschappen

Looking for a challenge

Leiden University is known as a centre of academic excellence, and we gladly accommodate those students who distinguish themselves with their high level of ambition. A select group of national and international students find they thrive in a programme that includes extra challenges. We offer a range of different options for these students.

International Leiden Leadership Programme (ILLP)

The ILLP is a six-month Honours Programme designed for ambitious and talented master's students at our university and at Delft University of Technology. This intensive extracurricular course is taken alongside your regular master's course, and requires substantial motivation and dedication. The students who are admitted in the course of the programme develop their personal leadership style based on an initial personal assessment mapping their strengths, weaknesses and ambitions. Coaching, training and seminars with leaders in the corporate and public sectors are part of the programme. Students who are selected (25 in total each year) pay a small extra fee on top of their regular tuition fee. For Dutch-speaking students there is the Dutch Leiden Leadership Programme (LLP).

 masters.universiteitleiden.nl/internationalllp

Dual master's programme

A dual master's involves working towards two different university degrees at the same time. If you consider pursuing this option, we will give you full freedom to make your own selection of degree programmes. They can be complementary, or, if you wish, they can be very different from one another. However, it is crucial that you obtain the approval of the faculties involved. Also it is good to know there may be an additional tuition fee.

Research master's programmes

Most faculties offer two-year research master's programmes, which are more intensive than the regular master's programmes. They are designed for highly motivated students, and are a good preparation for a PhD study. If you are interested, you can explore the available options for your discipline of choice on

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Advanced master's programmes

The Leiden University Law School offers a number of advanced master's programmes. These challenging, in-depth programmes cover a specific area of legal expertise, and are designed for excellent students with legal experience and for qualified lawyers who wish to enhance their career prospects. Classes are small and students benefit from close contact with professors and expert practitioners from the relevant legal field.

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Non-degree programmes

Exchange and Study Abroad Programmes

If you are an international student currently enrolled at one of Leiden University's partner institutions, you have the opportunity to apply for an exchange semester or exchange year in Leiden. This has the advantage that you will pay tuition fees only at your home university. Leiden University participates in the Erasmus+ programme and the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP). In addition, we have bilateral agreements with over 70 distinguished partner institutions. Leiden University currently offers exchange opportunities in the following fields:

- Archaeology
- Art History
- Anthropology
- Chinese Studies
- Dutch Studies
- English
- History
- International Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Law
- Linguistics & Literature
- Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Religious Studies
- Science (Faculty of Science)

We recommend that you contact the exchange (or study abroad) coordinator at your home institution to determine whether you are eligible to participate in an exchange programme.

Study Abroad

If there is no exchange agreement between Leiden University and your home institution, you have the option to apply for a Study Abroad programme for one or two semesters instead. Within this context, you will be able to create your own programme or choose a selection of courses taught in English to match your academic background and interests. Alternatively, you can also participate in programmes that are especially tailored for students with a particular interest in law, Dutch language and culture, or biomedical sciences. Leiden University does charge tuition fees for these programmes.

prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange

Summer Schools

Leiden University offers a number of international summer schools that vary in terms of the field of study, aim, subject, duration and academic level of participants. The summer schools are organised for different types of students and/or researchers. In general, a basic knowledge of the field of study is required. Some summer schools are open only to advanced students, so it is best to check all requirements.

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Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

Leiden University offers a selection of Massive Open Online Courses taught by renowned lecturers and professors. These courses are provided through Coursera, an education platform that partners with top universities and organisations worldwide. MOOCs are free and can be taken by anyone who is interested, which fits with Leiden University's ambition to empower people with education that will improve their lives, the lives of their families, and the communities they live in.

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