Leiden University
Bachelor’s Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague 2022-2023
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For a variety of reasons, you may not be able to experience Leiden University in person. There is plenty to discover online. Each faculty offers a 360° virtual tour so you can visit us from wherever you are. You can even visit the cities of Leiden and The Hague from the comfort of your own home. For additional online activities check the details on page 62 of this brochure.

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Nikolas Stratopolous - student
It’s great to see that you’re interested in doing a bachelor’s programme and that you’re interested in our university! From a young age I was fascinated by knowledge. At school I dreamt of learning as much as I could, in as many areas as possible. My parents did not go to university but encouraged me nonetheless. Just think, with the right knowledge and skills, you too can make an impact in your community and on society.

If you choose Leiden University, you will be choosing a university with one eye to tradition and the other to the future. Our lecturers and students join in the scientific and public debate, and seek answers to societal issues. With our wide range of disciplines and degree programmes, you can look beyond the limits of your own programme or choose to delve deeper into your own discipline instead. Take advantage of our broad array of electives, honours classes, leadership programmes and exchange programmes with other universities or one of the many minors that our university has to offer.

In our two cities – Leiden and The Hague – you will find an inspiring community of students and lecturers from all over the world. Two different student cities with something for everyone. Leiden is a lively city with a centre full of student houses and associations and a wealth of well-preserved history. The Hague is the most international student city in the Netherlands. The good thing about our Hague campus is its proximity to the politicians and organisations that are dedicated to more freedom, justice and security in the world. And regardless of whether you study in Leiden or The Hague, live in a student house or join one of the student associations, you will meet many other students – from other programmes too – who will enhance your student life with their insights, experiences and activities.

Our university community is diverse in many respects. Our students differ in their ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, health, religion, socioeconomic background and more. Being able to be yourself is something we find very important for our academic community at Leiden University. Freedom of speech and thought are crucial to good teaching and research, hence our motto of praesidium libertatis or bastion of freedom. An environment that invites you to debate and ask critical questions of one another also requires you to adopt an active attitude and take responsibility.

As a student at Leiden University, you will develop your skills: not only critical thinking, independent research and problem-solving, but also 21st century skills such as leadership and entrepreneurship. So when you graduate as an academic professional and engaged global citizen, you can help solve the challenges facing the world today.

Wishing you plenty of inspiration in finding the right programme for you, and hope to see you soon at our fantastic Leiden University!

Prof. Hester Bijl
Rector Magnificus of Leiden University
Be a part of it
For over 446 years, students and lecturers from all over the world have come to Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands. Leiden University offers you a truly international experience with 130+ nationalities represented in a unique mosaic of cultures. We are a small-scale academic community where there is room for personal contact and regard for your talents and opportunities.

Learn from the best
Leiden University is among the top 100 universities in prominent international rankings. Our academic staff include many top scholars with an international reputation of excellence. You will have the chance to closely interact with Leiden’s scholars and thinkers, conducting your own research and exploring topics that are timely and relevant.

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

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

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

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

Fun Facts

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

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

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

Situated at what has traditionally been an important junction where waterways and roads intersect, stands a city that will enchant you: Leiden. The city is famous not only for its university, but for its almshouses, museums and glorious history. Rembrandt was born here, and the city inspired many other influential painters. Over the centuries, Leiden continued to attract scientists, and artists. The canals, the historical buildings, the charming narrow lanes, the treasures of knowledge, culture and science: Leiden is definitely worth seeing.

A student city with character

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

Students associations and clubs

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

Vibrant city centre

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

A visual feast

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

Small-scale and central

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

Read more about the city of Leiden: bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-leiden
The Hague proudly claims the title of the city of Peace, Justice and Security. It is the seat of government, home of the Dutch monarchy, NATO, the International Criminal Court, embassies and consulates from around the world, plus hundreds of organisations, multinational companies, knowledge centres and think tanks.

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

A coffee with the prime minister
The Hague is home to both the government of the Netherlands and the King, so don’t be surprised if you find our prime minister sitting next to you while you’re having a cappuccino. If you pass by Noordeinde Palace, you can see for yourself if the King is working.

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

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

Read more about the city of The Hague:
• bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-the-hague
Alessia Zanon
Loves to play volleyball

‘After high school in Venice, I first went abroad for one and half years in the USA. I always hoped I would become a curator at Venice Biennale or at Documenta, a big art exhibition in Berlin. To accomplish this and my focus on art in the contemporary sphere, I chose to study Arts, Media and Society in Leiden. My grandparents are from the Netherlands and I thought reconnecting with these roots would be nice. Leiden University has great rankings and interesting programmes.

After arriving in Leiden, I was lucky to be able to participate in the OWL week, the introduction week for international students. This week full of social activities makes entering the university community very easy. I still see the people from my group! I also signed up for the SKC student volleyball association. It was nice to be able to play in a student team, but it was also challenging since most of the other students were Dutch. In the beginning it was hard to get into conversation, but with some confidence I managed to turn conversations into English. I am now part of the volleyball student committee that organises integration activities for new students.’

Nikolas Stratopoulos
Loves the student life in Leiden

‘I grew up in Greece and still have a lot of contact with my friends there. There’s a huge difference between studying in Athens and studying in Leiden. I was really surprised by how much is possible in Leiden. Be it associations, sports, skills, language learning, part-time jobs or internships, there are so many opportunities here to develop yourself, take on new challenges and discover who you are. Personally, I have an active student life, in both a Dutch and an international student association. There are so many wonderful things to experience in both Dutch and international student life that I like to encourage all students to experience student life the way I have.

Over the past few years, I have really come to love Leiden. My friends from Greece are mainly familiar with Amsterdam, but I think Leiden is much nicer. It has all the advantages of a big city without the disadvantages. You know enough people; you’re not anonymous, but you’re anonymous enough to be able to do what you want. You can cycle everywhere, and you have everything you need here. I hope that I can continue to live in Leiden, even after I graduate.’
A Warm Welcome
Coming to a new country to study is certainly exciting, but it can be daunting as well. Get started on the right foot by taking use of our Warm Welcome Service, where you will be met at the airport and provided with travel information and assistance with post-arrival formalities. Try to plan your arrival for one of these dates!

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

• Orientation Week Leiden (orientationweek.org)
• The Hague Orientation Programme (hopweek.org)

How to feel at home quickly
• Join a student association. Some are affiliated with a particular study programme, while others are open to all students for debates, symposia, field trips, and social events.
• Join the Erasmus Student Network. The ESN organises trips, clubs, dinners, cultural and social events, and can also help with practical questions.
• Become a member of one of the other international student networks, such as Leiden United, the Association des Etudiants Généraux des Étudiants de l’Europe (AEGEE), or the United Nations Students Association (SIB-Leiden).
• Become a member of the Leiden University Sports Centre, to stay fit at, or use USC in Leiden or the Buzz in The Hague.
• Follow the Leiden University Mentor Network. Leiden University Mentor Network is an online platform which makes it easy to get in touch with experienced alumni in your chosen field and ask them for advice on career choices and opportunities. You can also ask a mentor if you want to know more about a particular organization and how it works.
• Attend lectures and debates on a wide range of academic topics at Studium Generale in Leiden and The Hague. They are free of charge and open to everyone.
• Join an independent sports club in either city, for football (soccer), baseball, basketball, windsurfing, running, rowing, or many other sports.

Read more about student life
universiteitleiden.nl/student-life

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

universiteitleiden.nl/student-wellbeing

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

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

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

Read more about student support
universiteitleiden.nl/student-support

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

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Read more about career support
universiteitleiden.nl/career

Diversity and inclusion
Leiden University welcomes a diversity of staff and students and is committed to providing an open and welcoming community which enables everyone to develop their talents. The Diversity and Inclusion Expertise Office raises awareness, shapes policies and supports the university community to achieve this goal. There are also a number of networks for students and staff committed to offering a community, a safe space and events to engage in questions related to diversity: The Afro Student Association, Space to Talk About Race, the Middle East and North Africa Students Association, the LGBT+ network, the Leiden University Diversity and Equality Network, devoted to inclusive education and issues of race, and the Access and Support Network of students and staff with a disability.

universiteitleiden.nl/diversity
Once you’ve decided on the right programme for you, making your application is the next step. To apply, just follow these steps.

**Step 1: Check the admission requirements**

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

2. **Language requirements**  
   Proficiency in English is required for admission to all English-taught programmes. Leiden University accepts the following English language tests (results must not be more than 2 years old):
   - International English Language Testing System (IELTS): academic modules only, with a minimum score of 6.5 or 7.0 for most English-taught bachelor’s programmes.
   - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): with a minimum score of 90 or 100 (internet-based) for most English-taught bachelor’s programmes.
   - Cambridge English Exam: Advanced (CAE) with minimum grade C or Proficiency (CPE).

   For information about exemptions, and exact scores required per programme, please check the website.

3. **Programme specific requirements**  
   The specific academic entry requirements for each bachelor’s programme are mentioned under each programme description at [bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/en](http://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/en).

**Step 2: Check the application deadlines**

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

- **13 January 2022**  
  Numerus Fius programmes (Psychology, Political Science: International Relations and Organisations)

- **1 April 2022**  
  Bachelor’s programmes for students who require a student visa or residence permit

- **1 May 2022**  
  Programmes with a compulsory matching module

- **15 June 2022**  
  Bachelor’s programmes for students who do not require a visa or residence permit to study in the Netherlands

- **15 September 2022**  
  Bachelor’s programmes for students who apply for a programme with a compulsory matching module or numerus fixus

**Step 3: Collect the required documents**

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

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

**Step 4: Start your application**

1. **Apply in Studielink**  
   All students who would like to apply to a programme at Leiden University will need to start in Studielink, the national online system for students applying to a programme at a Dutch university. [studielink.nl](http://studielink.nl)

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

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

What happens next?

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

Find out all details about admission and application at: [universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application](http://universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application)
I decided to study Arts, Media and Society because I have a passion for art and culture, and for everything related to them. For example, I’m active in the organisation of Leiden’s Museum Night. That event is entirely organised by students in Leiden. I think that’s extraordinary; in every other city, the event is organised by professionals. It just goes to show how much students can do! This year, I was responsible for PR and everything that goes along with it.

People often say that it’s difficult to find a job in the cultural sector, but I’m sure it will help that I have gained theoretical knowledge in my studies and learned additional skills in practice. I think I would like to set up my own business in the future, perhaps illustrating books for children. I also find the TV and radio world very interesting. I really like being in front of the camera and presenting things, so maybe I’ll do something with that too.

‘When my eight-year-old self was allowed to choose an instrument at the music school, the trumpet immediately jumped out at me. It’s a piece of iron that is an extension of your vocal cords: I found that fascinating. I still play the trumpet, now with a group of fellow students. We mainly play jazz. I enjoy the melodies and variation of jazz, and I like to attend jazz concerts.

During my studies, I focused mainly on Japanese art and history. I wrote my thesis on jazz in pre-war Japan, mainly in the Taisho period. That period is not often linked to jazz but, contrary to expectations, Western jazz could already be found in Japanese cities by 1920. I learned a lot about art and culture during my bachelor’s programme. A management position in the cultural sector would be nice. I secretly hope to end up working for a cultural institution in Japan, but a concert hall, a museum or another cultural institution in the Netherlands would also be cool.’
Before embarking on your studies at Leiden University, it is important to thoroughly research the financial aspects of your stay.

**Tuition fee**
The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on your nationality, your study programme and whether you have already obtained a Dutch higher education diploma. If you are a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) country, Suriname or Switzerland and this is your first bachelor’s in the Netherlands, the tuition fee is €2,209. EU/EEA Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay an additional institutional tuition fee of €2,547. The Dutch cabinet has decided to halve the statutory tuition fees for specific groups of first-year bachelor’s students. These students will be entitled to pay the halved fee once during a consecutive period of 12 months. Please visit the website for more details.

More information: [universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee](http://universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee)

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

More information: [universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/student-finance](http://universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/student-finance)

**Working while studying while**
Do you need to find a paid job to cover some of your expenses while studying in the Netherlands? While finding employment is not impossible, it may well prove a difficult task. Working for the university is a possibility, and can be arranged through our JobMotion office. However, only a limited number of positions are available each year. Many jobs outside of the university require a good command of Dutch, and depending on your nationality, you will face some restrictions. If you are from an EEA country, from Switzerland or Japan, you will not need a work permit. All other nationalities require a special work permit and can only work for a maximum of sixteen hours a week. This information is subject to change, so check the current rules when looking for employment. All in all, we advise you not to rely on finding a paid job when financially planning your study costs.

**The Holland Scholarship**
Excellent international bachelor’s students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) enrolling in an English-taught bachelor’s programme starting in September 2022 are eligible to apply. The award consists of a one-time payment of €5,000, received in the first year of your studies.

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

More information: [universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid](http://universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid)

**Estimated monthly expenses**

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*The estimated rents are based on unfurnished rooms.*

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**Financial matters**

Non-EU/EEA Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay an additional institutional tuition fee of €2,547. However, if on the basis of your Dutch residence permit, you are eligible for student finance from DUO (the Dutch education agency), you are entitled to pay the lower statutory tuition fee. Are you unsure whether which fee you have to pay? Check our website for more details.

More information: [universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee](http://universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee)
Thirza Terdu
Loves Dana

“During my studies, I discovered my passion for LGBT and women's rights. I have long identified as bisexual, but I remember well how the Queer History course was an eye-opener for me. We looked at LGBT activism from ancient times to the present day, and we then saw that many LGBT rights have only recently been introduced.

During a study trip in Portugal I met Dana, with whom I have been in a relationship for three and a half years now. After a port tasting, we ended up together on the terrace. A large part of our relationship took place within the study association, where we were both active. Our diaries were completely dedicated to the association's social activities.”

Dana van Vliet
Loves Thirza

“I absolutely love to read, and I devour about four books a week. For me, it is the ultimate way of relaxing and inspiring my own writing. But of course, I don’t always have my nose in a book. Thirza and I love to party!

I’m part of a university think tank that works to ensure that all students – regardless of sexual orientation or ethnicity – feel safe. We advise on diversity and inclusion and think about creating a ‘safe space’ where people can go with their questions as well as their complaints. Because everyone should be able to be themselves at university.”
Housing

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

Find housing the Dutch way!

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

Housing Office

You can also apply for a housing offer through the university Housing Office. Leiden University Housing Office reserves a limited number of rooms each year for international students who apply early enough. Here you will be assisted in finding accommodation in Leiden or The Hague. Accommodation ranges in location, size, number of people with whom you share facilities and rental fees. Our advice: due to limited availability, the university cannot guarantee accommodation to all students who request housing. Accommodation is allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so request housing early! There’s no need to await the outcome of your application for admission.

*Residential Concept at Leiden University College

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

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

1. Discover yourself
   Talk to your family, your friends, your teachers and your counsellor at school. Inventory your interests and talents:
   - What inspires you?
   - What are your favourite subjects?
   - What are you good at?
   - What don’t you like to study?
   - Are you independent or do you need extra guidance?

2. Design your list
   What’s most important to you in your university choice? For example:
   - Reputation of the university
   - Study programmes and subject choices
   - Large lectures or small classes (or a mix of both?)
   - Cultural, extra-curricular and social opportunities
   - Internships and study abroad options

3. Do your research
   The world is at your fingertips so search it!
   - Check out programme details in this brochure and on our website
   - Find us on social media
     - facebook.com/universiteitleiden
     - instagram.com/universiteitleiden
     - youtube.com/universiteitleiden
   - Ask your counsellor for input

Overview of programmes
Leiden University currently offers 16 English-taught programmes across 5 of our 7 faculties. Learn about each one in our overview of programmes.

Faculty of Archaeology
- Archaeology (BA)

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs
- Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges (BA/BSc)
- Security Studies (BSc)

Faculty of Humanities
- African Studies (BA)
- Arts, Media and Society (BA)
- Dutch Studies (BA)
- English Language and Culture (BA)
- International Studies (BA)
- Linguistics (BA)
- Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives (BA)
- South and Southeast Asian Studies (BA)
- Urban Studies (BA)

Faculty of Science
- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (BSc)

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (BSc)
- Political Science: International Relations and Organisations (BSc)
- Psychology (BSc)
Archaeology is an exciting discipline, in which you combine many different skills and fields of knowledge. You venture out into the world to discover, study, and interpret traces of past societies in the landscape. But you also work with your head and your hands in the classroom, applying academic theories and high-tech methods, and analysing archaeological materials. This enables you to reconstruct the way of life in societies that we can no longer 'see'. Yet archaeology is much more than just excavations. Archaeology graduates find work as a field archaeologist or an independent consultant, work as a field archaeologist or an independent consultant, or they work in policy, at museums, in heritage management or public relations. Alternatively, you could continue in academia and become a university researcher after your master's degree.

The structure of the bachelor’s programme

Curriculum: Bachelor Archaeology – World Archaeology

Year 1 60 ec
- World Archaeology 30 ec
  - Deep History 5 ec
  - Complex Societies 5 ec
  - Imperial Powers, Global Cultures 5 ec
  - Landscape Archaeology Projects 10 ec
- Material Studies 5 ec
- Past and Future 5 ec
- Introduction to Heritage Studies 10 ec
- Exploratory Data Analysis in Archaeology 5 ec
- Field Techniques 5 ec
  - Field School 1 5 ec
  - Field School 2 10 ec

Year 2 60 ec
- World Archaeology 15 ec
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  - Imperial Powers, Global Cultures 5 ec
  - Landscape Archaeology Projects 10 ec
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- Exploratory Data Analysis in Archaeology 5 ec
- Field Techniques 5 ec
  - Field School 1 5 ec
  - Field School 2 10 ec
- Minor/Study Abroad 30 ec
  - Research Preparation 5 ec
  - Heritage Seminars 10 ec
  - Introduction 5 ec
  - Past & Future 5 ec
  - Seminar 15 ec
- Field School 2 10 ec
  - Seminar 5 ec
  - Thesis 10 ec
  - Internship 5 ec
  - Heritage Protection in the 21st century 5 ec
  - Imperial Powers, Global Cultures 5 ec
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  - Designing Archaeological Research 5 ec
  - Science Communication: Archaeology in the 21st century 5 ec
  - Internship 5 ec
  - Thesis 10 ec

Curriculum: Bachelor Archaeology – Heritage and Society

Year 1 60 ec
- World Archaeology 15 ec
- Landscape Studies 10 ec
- Material Studies 5 ec
- Past and Future 5 ec
- Introduction to Heritage Studies 10 ec
- Exploratory Data Analysis in Archaeology 5 ec
- Field Techniques 5 ec
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Why study Archaeology in Leiden?

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

In the bachelor’s programme in Archaeology, you study past examples of topical issues like:
- globalisation
- mass migration
- social inequality through time
- human impact on the environment
- cultural heritage and cultural identity

Two specialisations

Leiden you can choose between two specialisations within the Archaeology bachelor's programme: World Archaeology or Heritage and Society. World Archaeology gives an overview of the development of humans and cultures in a wide diversity of areas around the world, from the Americas to the Middle East. The Heritage and Society specialisation has a stronger focus on more recent history and societal problems arising from globalisation.

Your future career

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

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

As a Leiden alumna you can:
- conduct academic and professional specialised scientific work, like DNA, to ethical debates on the political sensibilities of such data; from museums and collections to de-colonisation debates; covering the big questions that archaeology aims to answer. It’s a great class to teach because we see how it opens up perspectives and possibilities and we have plenty of engaging discussions with the students. In the end, the new generations will define what archaeology is going to be, and how it is relevant!'

Maikel Kuipers
Assistant Professor

Archaeology

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

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

There are six majors to choose from at LUC:

- Earth, Energy & Sustainability
- Global, Public Health
- World Politics
- International Justice
- Culture, History and Society
- Governance, Economics and Development

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

Why study at LUC The Hague?
- An international environment with 50 different nationalities all living together in a residential setting in The Hague.
- Intensive and small-scale education using dynamic teaching methods and offering close interaction between students and professors.
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Residential Concept
All first- and second-year students live in LUC’s building, which is located in the heart of The Hague. Each student will receive a self-contained studio apartment with all the necessities. The residential concept allows students to experience different learning opportunities outside the classroom, by living alongside each other in an international and diverse environment. Through the residential life programme, each residential floor has a student residence assistant who supervises those living in a residence hall or housing facility. They are the first point of call for any emergency, but also facilitate a community feeling within the floor, and foster a network of peers.

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

Your future career
Our 1000+ alumni have spread their wings to pursue prestigious master’s degrees, PhD programmes or start their professional careers across the globe.

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

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- IB: Minimum 35 points including bonus
- A-levels: Minimum 3 A-levels with A-B grades in academic subjects
- International Diploma/US: minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA and 4 APs with a 4 or higher.
- For other diplomas check the website
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Motivation according to guidelines
- Letter of Recommendation
- LUC Proficiency Form for Mugh and English
- Other documents may be required. Check the website for an accurate overview.

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

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

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

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

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

Why study Security Studies in The Hague?

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

Case studies

During the course, you will study two real-life cases. You will learn how to understand and explain these cases from different perspectives. You will analyse cases such as the Syrian conflict and the Fukushima nuclear disaster and you will acquire knowledge and understanding of several basic security and safety concepts. By applying interdisciplinary thinking, you will learn how to understand and explain causes and factors driving them to these challenging case studies.

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Graduates may take up positions such as:

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

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African Studies

Africa is home to around 1.5 billion inhabitants in 54 countries, with a wide range of cultures and languages. As a continent it plays an increasingly important role in the global arena, with a major impact on issues such as climate change, economy and international relations. In the African Studies bachelor’s programme you will gain in-depth knowledge about Africa, from an internal perspective, with a critical eye for the external often euro-centric approaches of ‘Africa’.

You will have the choice to study Africa as a continent, its individual regions or its individual countries, exploring a wide range of topics, including literature and art, politics, economic developments and technological innovations. African history from zero to the very recent past takes a central place within the curriculum, allowing you to study how, for instance, slavery still impacts Africa and its inhabitants today.

Language plays an important role in the programme. Studying Africa through a linguistic lens will reveal important aspects of past and present developments. Moreover, it will also tell you a lot about social inequalities. In this programme, you will have the opportunity to learn either Swahili or Berber. Swahili is one of the main languages of Eastern Africa. Berber, spoken in Northern Africa, is a language that is linked with many African diaspora communities across the world. As such it plays an important part in the African Diaspora component of the programme. As you cannot become an expert on Africa without ever having visited the continent, a stay in an African country is part of our programme. Our graduates find that this programme is the perfect preparation for a further academic career or for entering the job market.

Why African Studies?
• Leiden is the only place in Europe where you can follow an English-language BA programme on African Studies.
• In this programme, you will learn Berber or Swahili. As part of the language acquisition courses, in your second year you will stay an entire semester in an African country of your choice.
• The programme’s four pillars, African Languages, African History/Histories, African Developments, and African Diaspora, allows you to study Africa in-depth.
• You will gain not only expert knowledge about Africa, but you will also develop valuable skills, including digital academic skills. You will be able to tailor the programme according to your interests, focusing on your disciplinary choice, a particular theme, Africa as a continent or a particular region or country.
• We have a close connection with the renowned African Study Centre, which has the largest library on Africa-related topics in Europe.

Cutting-edge research
African Studies is taught by internationally renowned lecturers who belong to the top of their field. Their teaching is closely linked to their research projects, which means that as a student, you will be in touch with the latest developments in this discipline.

Some examples of interesting research projects:
• Radicalisation in the Sahel countries (Prof. Dr. Mirmam de Bruin).
• African history, including oral history and slave songs (Dr. Anne Marieke van der Wal).
• Berber street language in the Netherlands (Dr. Khalid Mourgh).

Your future career
Upon graduating, you will not only possess valuable knowledge on Africa, but you will also have gained professional and personal skills that are sought after by employers.

You can work, for instance, in:
• Journalism
• Media
• Museums
• Tourism
• Policy adviser in the public sector

The structure of the bachelor’s programme

Year 1
Semester 1
- Swahili or Berber 1
- Introduction African History and Anthropology 1
- Africa History and Contemporary Africa
- African History and Anthropology 2
- Sources and Heritage of African History
- Introduction African Languages and Linguistics

Semester 2
- Swahili or Berber 2
- Africa History and Anthropology 3
- Africa from Zero to Now
- African Literature: Oral and Written Literature in Africa
- Language and Antropology 1
- Introduction Religion

Year 2
Semester 1
- Philosophy of Science
- Swahili or Berber 3
- Oral Literature Research or Using Traditions
- Choose: Introduction Literary Studies or Introduction Foreign Languages
- Choose: African History and Anthropology 2
- Philosophy 1
- Swahili Sources of the World
- Oral and Written Literature in Africa

Year 3
Semester 1
- Oral and Written Literature in Africa
- Choose: Tutorial Language Work: Africa History and Anthropology 3
- Elective Credits (Internship, Study Abroad, Minor)

Semester 2
- Anthropological Linguistics
- Thesis
- Elective Credits (Internship, Study Abroad, Minor)

Lisette Meulman
Graduate

Location: Leiden

3 year programme, 180 ECTS
2022 English-taught programme established
15 largest lecture size
15 maximum tutorial size

Please note: the African Studies programme is subject to change. Final information can be found on: bachelor.universiteitleiden.nl/africanstudies
Arts, Media and Society

Expression through art can tell us a lot about how people at different moments and places have understood and still understand the world. In our rapidly changing society we increasingly depend on a wide range of media to produce, disseminate, and communicate our creativity. As an English-taught track of the Art History programme, Arts, Media and Society is a BA programme in its own right. In this programme, you will explore contemporary art in many of its manifestations, including the visual arts, video art, installation art, bio-art, games and digital media art. All of these will be placed in the broader context of the global history of art. Our current society is dealing with many challenges such as global warming, globalisation and inequality. As a student of this programme, you will study how contemporary art comments on and contributes to the debates concerning these issues in interaction with the media. During your studies you will gain in-depth knowledge about:

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

As the programme progresses, several of its courses will combine theoretical knowledge with practice. You will analyse artistic and activist strategies and public manifestations, such as street art, designing an art exhibition and participating in practice-based research. Additionally, there will be interesting field trips and excursions to participate in.

Why study Arts, Media and Society in Leiden?

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

Arts, Media and Society is delivered by Leiden University’s Centre for the Arts in Society which has close connections with local and international museums, archives and art academies, including:

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

Renowned artists
The Arts, Media and Society staff have a large national and international network of contemporary and internationally-recognized artists who will be regularly invited to lecture on their practice and state of the arts today, or to develop projects together with our students.

- Dutch artists: Floris Kaayk and Arne Hendriks, international artists Kaisa Kodki (Finland) Mike Thompson (UK), Susana Cámara Leor (ES), Jennifer Willet (Canada), Adam Zawierucha (US), Anna Dumitrescu (UK) and Špela Petric (Slovenia).

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

Your future career
- Curator or programme developer for museums, festivals, media labs or other cultural institutions
- (Art) journalist or columnist for newspapers and magazines
- (Online) media editor or publisher
- Policy adviser or consultant for governmental and non-governmental organisations
- Organizer of educational or public engagement activities for the education sector, non-governmental organisations or companies
- Art researcher
- Cultural entrepreneur, setting up your own service or institution in the field of art and culture

Compulsory matching
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Leiden is the only place where international students can follow a full academic programme in Dutch Studies. Dutch Studies offers you the opportunity to develop specialised knowledge of Dutch language, culture and society. The programme consists of five different sections:

1. Language acquisition and language proficiency: Starting at 3 different levels, the programme is suitable for students with no previous knowledge of Dutch, while students with elementary and students with advanced knowledge of Dutch are also welcome. Your level of proficiency will be tested in the week prior to the first semester. We offer 3 starting levels:
   - Programme I-A
     This programme is the same as the regular first year of the 3-year programme and is suitable for absolute beginners.
   - Programme I-B
     This programme is for students with an elementary knowledge of Dutch. The programme is a combination of first- and second-year courses. It will only be offered if there are enough participants.
   - Programme II
     If your Dutch is of an advanced level, you can join the second-year language acquisition classes, combined with other classes such as Dutch Painting 1400 - 1950 from the first year. Students starting at this level of the programme, can obtain the bachelor's degree in Dutch Studies within two years.

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

Your future career
Where do Leiden's graduates of Dutch Studies work?
- In education and teaching Dutch in their home countries
- In multinational companies, (both in the Netherlands and in their home countries)
- At embassies or in government (as policy staff or consular assistants)
- In the academic world (as a researcher)
- In the private sector as freelance translators and journalists

Laura Pereira
First-year student

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The structure of the bachelor's programme

Year 1
Semester 1
- Language Acquisition
- Dutch Debaters
- Dutch Painting 1400 - 1950
- Culture and Society of the Netherlands

Semester 2
- Language Acquisition
- Introduction to Dutch Linguistics
- Philosophy of Science
- Representation of the Netherlands in Modern Literature and Music

Year 2
Semester 1
- Language Proficiency
- Introduction to Second Language Acquisition
- Dutch Debate: Learning Dutch as a Second Language
- Dutch History and Politics
- Dutch Literature

Semester 2
- Language Proficiency
- Dutch History and Politics
- Core Curriculum, according to the specialisation
- History of the Language
- Dutch History and Politics
- Dutch Literature

Year 3
Semester 1
- Academic Writing
- Electives
- In-depth module
- In-depth module

Semester 2
- In-depth module
- Electives or an internship with an organisation or company
- Electives

Why study Dutch Studies in Leiden?
- You will rapidly develop your proficiency in the Dutch language. From the second term onwards, all courses will be taught in Dutch. This language acquisition component is embedded in a broad, interdisciplinary programme, which will familiarise you with many aspects of Dutch history, culture and society.
- Since we are a small department, you may expect intensive, personal guidance from your first year right up to graduation.
- Leiden is the international centre for Dutch Studies. Our lecturers give guest lectures at Dutch language departments all over the world, from Jakarta to Wroclaw.

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Laura Pereira
First-year student
English Language and Culture

English is a true world language. In this programme, you will obtain an excellent command of English, while studying the culture and literature of English-speaking countries. In addition, you will be able to explore the linguistic aspects of the language.

The BA programme in English Language and Culture has a uniquely broad scope. It covers English in all its varieties, from the earliest beginning in the Middle Ages to the present day. As a student of English in Leiden, you will learn to speak, read and write the language at an advanced near-native level. At the same time, you will familiarise yourself with the literature of English-speaking countries, including Great Britain, Ireland, the United States, Canada, and various African, Asian and Caribbean nations. You will also study Old and Middle English texts, which will bring you right on the doorstep of the Middle Ages. Additionally, you will explore the language itself from various theoretical and pragmatic perspectives, including the relation between language changes and societal changes over the ages.

The structure of the bachelor's programme

**Year 1**
- Semester 1: From English to Post
- Introduction to Library Studies in English (10 EC)
- The Classical and Middle English in literature (10 EC)
- Introduction to Middle English
- The Syntax of English

**Semester 2**
- The Spoken Word
- English Literature (10 EC)
- Introduction to Old English Language and Literature (10 EC)
- The Syntax of English (10 EC)

**Year 2**
- Semester 1: Grammar in Writing
- American or British Literature (10 EC)
- History of the English language (10 EC)
- English Language and Linguistics (10 EC)

- Semester 2: Public Speaking in Theory and Practice
- American or British Literature (10 EC)
- Middle English and Early Modern English (10 EC)
- The Phonology of English
- Philology of Science
- English Language and Popular Culture

**Year 3**
- Semester 1: Theories and Research Methods Applied linguistics
- Specialisation in linguistics, literature or popular culture

- Semester 2: Dimensions of Comparative and Text Analysis

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

Why study English in Leiden?
- You will develop a near-native command of the English language and learn to think and write about all possible aspects of language at a high academic level.
- If you want to know more about Old and Middle English, then Leiden is the place to be.
- You will be taught by enthusiastic and accessible lecturers who enjoy international reputations as scientists in their respective fields.
- English Language and Culture is an internationally oriented, ambitious and, above all, enjoyable programme.

Internship options
- An internship is an ideal way to find out what really interests you, as well as an excellent way of finding out whether the kind of job that appeals to you will also suit you. An internship will offer you work experience, additional skills and valuable network contacts.

Studying abroad
- A stay in an English-speaking country is a unique experience. It will give you an even better command of the English language and every opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture. As a result of Brexit, opportunities to study in the UK for the moment are limited, but we have excellent connections with universities in e.g. Ireland, the United States and Canada.

Your future career
- After obtaining your diploma, you will find yourself in demand on the job market for positions in education, government, or publishing. Graduates of the English Language and Culture programme typically find jobs with organisations such as:
  - International accounting and tax consultants, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
  - Koninklijke Bibliotheek Nederland (the Netherlands Royal Library)
  - Lemniscaat Publishing
  - the American School of the Hague

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

Jitse Brouwer
Senior student

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2018 English-taught programme established
- 8 nationalities
- 130 largest lecture size
- 24 maximum tutorial size
- bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/english
Why study International Studies in The Hague?

- A unique combination of area studies placed in The Hague, home of international organisations.
- An English-taught programme in an international environment with over 50 nationalities.
- Learn one of the major languages of the region in which you specialise.
- Combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience in working with organisations and businesses.

Teaching methods

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

Electives

In the first semester of your third year you can choose either to study abroad, take a minor, follow selected courses, or complete an internship. Leiden University has partnerships with over 600 universities abroad. This gives you the option to study almost anywhere in the world.

Hands-on experience

This programme offers a unique combination of theory and practice. In your third year, you offer you a unique opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills you have acquired to a set of practical challenges. In this year, you will take the exciting 12-week consultancy course Practising International Studies (PRINS). In a team with fellow students you will work on finding solutions to real-life issues put forward by leading organisations, such as Unilever, UNESCO, UN Women, Starbucks, Philips, the European Space Agency and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Your future career

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

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

Find out more about the careers of our alumni at: bit.ly/Alumni-Dreams

Maria Barroso Raimundo
First-year student
Do you ever wonder how children acquire their native language? How did a language like English develop over the centuries? And how and why do languages differ from one another? Linguistics has the answers to those questions. In this exciting programme you get to explore all aspects of languages. You will compare languages, study languages that are almost extinct and learn about language rules and structure.

The structure of the bachelor’s programme

### Year 1

- **Semester 1**
  - Language of the World
  - Sociolinguistics
  - Phonology 1
  - Language and culture of the Indo-European families
  - Extra semester, no credits: Academic Skills

- **Semester 2**
  - Historical Linguistics
  - Morphology
  - Syntax 1
  - Language in the world
  - Preparatory course
  - Preparatory course

### Language & Cognition

- **Year 2**
  - Semester 1
    - Introduction to Methods and Statistics
    - Descriptive Linguistics
    - Phonology 2
    - Syntax 2
    - Analytical phonetics of speech
  - Semester 2
    - Descriptive Methods II: English in languages
    - Seminars 2
    - Processing brain and behaviour
    - Intra- and inter-linguistics
    - Academic Skills

- **Year 3**
  - Semester 1
    - Experiential (minor) electives
    - Seminar Form and Function
    - Language and cognition: cross-cultural
  - Semester 2
    - Seminar Research and Sound Structure
    - Thesis

### Descriptive Linguistics

- **Year 2**
  - Semester 1
    - Descriptive Linguistics
    - Language Synchrony
    - Descriptive Linguistics
  - Semester 2
    - Descriptive Linguistics 2
    - Descriptive Linguistics 2
    - Introduction to hermeneutics
    - Language and pragmatics

- **Year 3**
  - Semester 1
    - Seminar Linguistic Fieldwork I
    - Language Descriptiveness
    - Descriptive methods of linguistics
    - Thesis
  - Semester 2
    - Seminar Linguistic Fieldwork II
    - Thesis

### Comparative Indo-European Linguistics

- **Year 2**
  - Semester 1
    - Indo-European (Phonology)
    - Indo-European verbs
    - available courses:
      - Antropological linguistics
      - Historical phonology II
      - Indo-European verbs
      - Indo-European verbs
      - Indo-European verbs
  - Semester 2
    - Indo-European verbs
    - Language and presentation
    - Reading Indo-European literature
    - Thesis

- **Year 3**
  - Semester 1
    - History of language of India
    - Historical phonology of language
    - Reading in Indo-European linguistics
    - Thesis
  - Semester 2
    - Thesis

Linguistics differs from academic language programmes. As a Linguistics student, you delve deeply into language structure, sounds and syntax. We offer specialisations where you will learn one or more new languages. This language acquisition’s main purpose is to enable you to analyse their structure and to compare various languages with one another. As a Linguistics graduate, you will be posses knowledge of the many aspects of language.

**Why study Linguistics in Leiden?**

- A linguistics qualification from top-ranking Leiden University is respected by organisations worldwide.
- Over 65 languages are studied at Leiden University: whether you want to compare languages or find out something about a specific language, you can always find a specialist in Leiden.

3 English-taught specialisations:

**Descriptive Linguistics**

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

**Language and Cognition**

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

**Comparative Indo-European Linguistics**

Languages such as Sanskrit and Latin originate from the ancient Indo-European language, as do Dutch, English and Russian. We try to reconstruct the language of the Indo-Europeans by learning and comparing many languages.

### Your future career

Linguistics graduates are attractive to a wide range of employers. Our alumni have gone on to such positions as researcher, consultant, policy officer, editor communications adviser. Others work in public relations, copywriting or editing. Our graduates have, for example, found jobs at academic institutions such as Leiden University and The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), but also at commercial businesses such as Unilever and McKinsey & Company management consulting.

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**Suk Sum Tsang**

Senior student

2018

English-taught programme established

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

33 nationalities

50 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

Location: Leiden

bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/linguistics
Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives

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

Global and comparative

Your lecturers and supervisors are internationally recognised scholars from a wide range of philosophical disciplines. The programme stands out through its focus on philosophies from around the world, using comparisons and interaction. You will explore these disciplines:

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

Why study Philosophy in Leiden?

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

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

- love reading and writing;
- have a good command of English;
- are prepared to challenge preconceived notions;
- are not afraid of high levels of abstraction;
- appreciate the value of diverse practices; concepts and modes of understanding;
- want to develop your intercultural competences.

It's up to you

You will be able to adapt your programme as much as possible to suit your own interests and ambitions. The Philosophy programme includes a full semester of optional studies in your second year. You could follow one of the many minor programmes that Leiden University offers. Doing an exchange semester at a university outside the Netherlands will give you the opportunity to broaden your horizons and boost your academic knowledge and personal development. Leiden University has agreements with many leading universities, including those in Oxford, Beijing, Paris, and Hawaii. Moreover, with your newly acquired background in cross-cultural thinking, you will also get the chance to test your skills in practice. An internship in a professional organisation is a unique opportunity to acquire hands-on experience and additional skills. Besides, it can also be a source of inspiration for your future career.

Your future career

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

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

Our graduates have, for example, found jobs at:
- Dutch embassy in Turkey
- European ThinkTank Freedom Lab
- Red Cross
- World Wildlife Fund
- Dasym Investment Strategies

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Lorenzo Marsili  
First-year student
South and Southeast Asian Studies

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

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

Why study South and Southeast Asian Studies in Leiden?

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

Study abroad

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

Asian Library

The Asian Library (opened September 2017) holds the world’s largest collection of works on Indonesia, and also houses major collections containing unique material on countries in South and Southeast Asia, China, Japan and Korea. In total, the library has more than 30 kilometres of material available for research and teaching on Asia, ranging from prints and books to manuscripts, photos, maps and much more.

Your future career

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

Organisations in the Netherlands and abroad that employ our alumni include:
- World Education
- Political party ChristenUnie/SGP The Hague
- The Indonesia Nederland Youth Society
- The University of Melbourne
- Ahold
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Food Innovator Rismar Van Zaal
- The Aspen Institute México

If you are interested in working with an organisation in Indonesia:
- Indonesian Embassy in The Hague
- Ahold
- The Precious Stones Foundation
- World Education
- World Development

Senior student

Priscilla Rasyid

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

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Senior student
Urban Studies

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

In 2050, around 70% of the world population is expected to live in urban centers, while at the moment, cities already are home to 55%. At Urban Studies, you will get the chance to analyse and study some of the most urgent questions of our time: how do cities cope in terms of increasing traffic, pollution, waste and scarcity of materials? How do we keep cities inclusive and just for all the different ethnic and socio-economic groups living there? How do we ensure that cities are safe places for everyone? And how do we cope with the health hazards that come with crowded cities?

Why study Urban Studies in The Hague?
This bachelor is unique in the Netherlands, because it is the only interdisciplinary programme to combine humanities, social sciences, law, science and language. Its graduates are exactly what large cities will need to solve their problems. The diverse and complex urban problems faced by cities all over the world are driving an increasing need for interdisciplinary approaches.

Four themes
After kicking off with a broad introduction in the first year, you will build on this in year two by exploring our four themes:

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

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

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

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

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

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Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

Are you interested in human cognition? Would you like to learn programming and develop smart machines and systems? Do you want to understand AI, and how the technology works? In the bachelor’s programme Data Science & Artificial Intelligence you gain a solid basis in computer science and mathematics with a focus on AI. You are going to study how to get insights from data and how to build smart machines capable of performing tasks. This requires human intelligence in order to provide useful applications for society.

Why study Data Science & Artificial Intelligence?
- The programme focuses on the combination of Computer Science and AI. It has a strong fundamental basis in computer science, mathematics and statistics combined to advanced machine learning, cognitive science and AI competence.
- Research-oriented: teaching is directly inspired by current research, and students can participate in research projects. Lectures will be given by research staff from LIACS (Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science), Psychology and the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.
- Balanced mix of theory and practice: most courses include exercise classes in which students practice theory in small groups.

Programme
The focus of this programme is on computer science, and its applications in Artificial Intelligence. You will receive a strong basis in mathematics, statistics and computer science, combined with advanced knowledge of machine learning, cognitive science and human-robot interaction. Additionally, you will learn to develop and program systems based on knowledge of the human brain. The programme focuses on six learning trajectories: computational thinking, mathematical skills, basis AI, intelligent systems, cognition, and research skills.

Programme structure
The first year gives a thorough grounding in the mathematical and formal foundation of data science and artificial intelligence. Mathematical support courses are needed for understanding the core concepts of modelling and algorithms. Special attention is paid to social and ethical issues related to data science and artificial intelligence. The second year is dedicated to further enrichment in some of the key areas of artificial intelligence and data science: search and decision making, cognitive and behavioural data science, autonomous and multi-agent systems, statistics, human-robot interaction, and machine learning. In addition, students deepen their knowledge in computational models and algorithms. The third year consists mostly of electives and the bachelor’s project. Students can be assigned to research groups at the institute, and can follow a minor at Leiden University, Delft University of Technology or Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Your future career
The knowledge with a Data Science & Artificial Intelligence diploma can be used to make computers and systems function in better ways and is used in many sectors: for example in business, where machine learning chatbots are used in customer service, in the production of automated news messages or in healthcare where automation ensures accurate diagnoses. Examples of careers in data science & artificial intelligence are Machine Learning engineer; data scientist; business intelligence developer.

Admission requirements
Students with a Dutch VWO diploma with Mathematics B (preferably within the VWO profile Nature & Technology or Nature & Health) are admitted directly to the bachelor’s programme, after completing the compulsory matching activity. International students should have an equivalent of a Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma with a comparable level on Mathematics. The equivalent of Dutch VWO Mathematics can be acquired through:
- Having obtained the passing grade for the Online Mathematics Placement Test (OMPT-D);
- Having obtained the mathematics B certificate of Boswell Beta at the Boswell-Bèta Institute;
- For the mathematics requirements for the most common diplomas, see the document at the admission requirement page on our website: universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application.

Location: Leiden

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2022 English-taught programme established

2017 Dutch-taught AI specialisation established

30 maximum tutorial size

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Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology

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

Combining hands-on research with academic training, this bachelor’s in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology is a three-year programme that provides you with insights and skills relating to cultural and social differences. At Leiden University, we study culture as the set of ideas, values and behaviour that people find important, which makes the work of anthropologists indispensable for understanding today’s gender issues, social media use, food habits, social justice movements, labour relations, religious expressions, etc. This programme will challenge you to explore different cultures by learning about people and their way of life, and you will be stimulated to delve deeper into areas that fascinate you, varying from climate change to racism, and from homelessness to child labour. You’ll also commit to a personal theme, acquiring a deep and critical view on knowledge and expertise on a particular group of people.

Why study Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology in Leiden?

- You will explore current social themes concerning diversity, digitalisation, and sustainability.
- You will have the opportunity to conduct fieldwork and live for a month with the people you study.
- You can enjoy a unique training in qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- From the second year onwards you will specialise in Sustainable Societies or Digital and Audiovisual Ethnography.

Diversity, digitalisation, sustainability

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

Fieldwork

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

International and small-scale

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

Your future career

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

Compulsory matching

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

Bart Barendregt
Associate Professor
Political Science: International Relations and Organisations

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

This programme combines theoretical insights with a strong focus on current world affairs with a particular emphasis on the role played by major powers such as the US, China and Russia, as well as organisations such as the EU, IMF, NATO, the UN and the World Bank. This programme helps you learn more about the real story behind today’s headlines and make an impact on the world of tomorrow.

Why study International Relations and Organisations in The Hague?
- Study and work with experts in academic research and political fields.
- An analytical approach to International Relations: research and methodology are important components.

The structure of the bachelor’s programme

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Is this the programme for you?
The bachelor’s in Political Science specialisation International Relations and Organisations is the right choice for you if you are:
- Open-minded, inquisitive and critical
- Motivated to work hard and acquire new insights and skills
- Aware of what is going on in the world
- Comfortable in an international environment
- Well-versed in the English language

Academic and research skills
This programme is a Bachelor of Science, you will approach international relations from a Political Science perspective. Social scientific research methodology is a key element of the programme. Training in academic skills such as text analysis and interpretation, literature review and argumentation is offered in the first year of this programme. Research skill development continues throughout the programme culminating in your bachelor’s thesis project.

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

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

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

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

Applications are submitted in Studielink. The application deadline is 15 January 2022, so make sure you’re on time.

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

Niels van Willigen
Associate Professor
Psychology

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

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

Keep your studies broad, or specialise in:
- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social Psychology in Organisations
- Methodology & Statistics in Psychology

The structure of the bachelor's programme

Year 1

SEMESTER I
- Academic Skills Tutorial
- Introduction to Psychology
- Developmental and Educational Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology

SEMESTER II
- Introduction to Methodology and Statistics
- Personality, Clinical, Health Psychology
- Neuropsychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Psychology and Science

Year 2

SEMESTER I
- Perspectives in Career Planning
- Developmental Psychophysiology
- Stress, Health and Disease
- Psychobiology
- Consciousness

SEMESTER II
- Electives and specialisation courses
- Multivariate Data Analysis

Year 3

SEMESTER I
- Speculative

SEMESTER II
- Electives and specialisation courses
- Bachelor's project (thesis)

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

Study abroad
You can study abroad for a semester during your third year. Leiden University has a large number of partnership agreements with research universities around the world. Psychology students have access to more than 100 different study abroad agreements to study a semester at a partner university in or outside of Europe. Among the universities at which our students have studied in the past 3 years are:
- North America: McGill University and University of British Columbia (Canada), College of William and Mary and University of Denver (USA)
- Europe: Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Wien, Lund University, Universidad de Granada, Koç University, Asia: Chinese University of Hong Kong, Singapore Management University
- Africa: Stellenbosch University
- Oceania: University of Otago, New Zealand and University of Melbourne

Your future career
Graduates of the Psychology programme usually carry on to complete a master's programme in their specialisation, and Leiden University currently offers 14 options to continue your studies in Psychology. After further study, our alumni have embarked upon numerous career options:
- Clinical psychologist in a mental health care institution
- Scientific researcher at a university or an applied research institute
- School psychologist in special education
- Career counsellor for professionals or students in an organisation or an educational institute
- Policy adviser, working for the government
- Organisational psychologist
- Marketing and communication manager

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

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

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Location: Leiden
- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2013 English-taught programme established
- 65 nationalities available
- 450 largest lecture size
- 24 maximum tutorial size

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Sarah van Wyke Senior student

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

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

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

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

Follow a virtual tour
Our virtual tours take you around the cities of Leiden and The Hague, show you around on campus and into our classrooms. Take a 360 degree spin on your phone and discover the cities favourite spots or let our students show you the way around their favourite study locations. Experience Leiden University if you have visited us in person.

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

More information
Check for when these activities are being held, whether they are online or in person in Leiden or The Hague and how to register for them.

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