

# Leiden University Bachelor's Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague 2023-2024



**Universiteit  
Leiden**  
The Netherlands

Discover the world at Leiden University



*"I was really surprised by how much is possible in Leiden and The Hague. Be it associations, sports, 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."*

*Nikolas Stratopolous - student*

# Discover our cities and faculties in 360°

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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# Welcome to Leiden University

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!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'H. Bijl'.

**Prof. Hester Bijl**  
Rector Magnificus of Leiden University





# Discover the world at Leiden University

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

## Be a part of it

For over 447 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.

-  7 faculties
-  16 nobel prizes
-  47 bachelor's programmes
-  81 master's programmes
-  125+ nationalities
-  5,848 staff members
-  34,000+ students
-  135,000 alumni

# Why should you study in Holland?

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

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

Holland is one of the safest countries in the world, according to the 2022 Global Peace index and is among the top 5 happiest countries in the world.



## Value for your money

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



## Be part of an international community

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



## Fun Facts

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 welfare, others say it's because of their copious consumption of dairy products.

2

### Dutchies love their coffee

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

3

### Flat as a pancake

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





## Sanne Heynen

Loves to spend time in museums

'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.'



## Lucas Bakker

Loves Africa

'Africa has always attracted me culturally. I thought there was more to Africa than we see through the Western media. Colonialism is about the only thing that we learn about Africa in history courses. I wanted to find out more and broaden my horizons. African Studies is a great programme for that. The focus is on language, culture and history. I also find African languages really interesting. I'm now learning Swahili, which is amazing. It has beautiful constructions and there is a balance in the language. I'm looking forward to learning another African language. Maybe a click language. That's such a different world.

What I think is a valuable lesson is how I've started to look at Africa in a completely different way. I've got much more respect for the continent. The world would be a better place if everyone would look at Africa like I do.

You can do all sorts of things with African Studies. Many people go and work for the government or in education. Just recently a woman told me about her work in Kenya. She works on improving the communication between westerners and Africans. That really appeals to me. I can see myself working with refugees as an interpreter, for the government or an NGO, for example.'





Scan QR code for a  
360° tour of Leiden

# Leiden City of Discoveries

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

## Leiden's history

Situated at what has traditionally been an important junction where waterways and roads intersect, stands a city that will enchant you: Leiden. The city is famous not only for its university, but for its almshouses, museums and glorious history. 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.

## Student associations and clubs

Leiden is renowned for its many student clubs and associations organised around sports, music and social life in addition to cultural associations. There are over 20 main associations, including the 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 Annie's bar, order a legendary Rapen'burger at Barrera 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](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-leiden)

## What you need to know about... Leiden



125,100  
residents



2,800  
national monuments



28  
km of canals



12  
museums



137  
restaurants



650  
shops



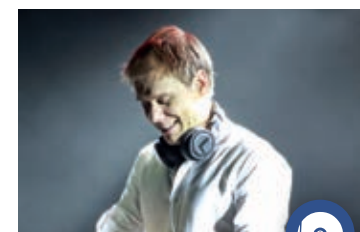
74  
pubs



## FAMOUS FORMER STUDENTS:



Rembrandt van Rijn



DJ Armin van Buuren





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The Hague

# The Hague City of Peace, Justice and Security

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

## International environment

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

## A coffee with the prime minister

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

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

## A city full of art and culture

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

## 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](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/city-the-hague)

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



550,000  
residents



200  
international  
organisations



70  
beach pavilions



365  
pubs



38  
museums



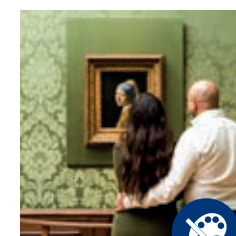
500  
restaurants



2,750  
shops



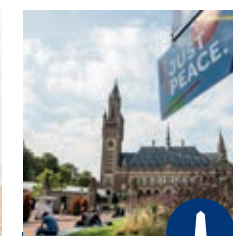
## MUST SEES IN THE HAGUE:



Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*



Scheveningen  
beach



The Peace Palace





## 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.'





# Student life and support

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

## A Warm Welcome

Coming to a new country to study is certainly exciting, but it can be daunting as well. When you're new in Leiden or The Hague it is 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 right away!

Read more about introduction weeks:

Orientation Week Leiden ([📍 orientationweek.org](https://orientationweek.org))

The Hague Orientation Programme ([📍 hopweek.org](https://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 Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE), or the United Nations Students Association (SIB-Leiden).
- Become a member of the Leiden University Sports Centre, to stay fit at Plexus and USC in Leiden or the Buzz in The Hague.
- Follow one of the creative courses at Leiden University. LAK offers courses on dance, drama, photography, visual arts, etc.
- 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), Field Hockey, Basketball, Rowing, Swimming, Sailing, or many other sports.
- Download the app Uni-life to meet other students and stay up to date on the latest events.

Read more about student life:

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

## Assistance at Student affairs

### Student well-being

The well-being and success of our students is very important to us at Leiden University. We offer students all kind of skills packages to improve study-related skills and your own well-being. Topics covered include time or stress management and thesis writing. This offer is varied and consists, among other things, of workshops to individual counselling. We have a number of specialised student counsellors and psychologists available. Not only can they help resolve study and personal problems, they can also assist you in legal, financial and other non-academic matters.

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](https://universiteitleiden.nl/student-wellbeing)

### Programme study advisers/coordinators

Each programme has its own study advisers/coordinators who can answer questions about matters related to your chosen study programme. You can consult the study adviser/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 disability or learning disorder are able to follow their chosen study programme. The Fenestra Disability Centre can assist these students with practical support and relevant information.

Read more about student support:

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

## Career Support

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

### Leiden University Mentor Network.

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

### Good perspective on the job market

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

Read more about career support:

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

## Diversity and inclusion

Leiden University 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](https://universiteitleiden.nl/diversity)





# Application and admission

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



## Visa and residence permit

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

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



### 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 6.0-7.0 depending on the programme.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): with a minimum score of 80-100 depending on the programme.
- 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](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/en)

### Step 2: Check the application deadlines



**1 December 2022 (Early Bird/Non-EEA)**  
**15 March 2023 (Regular)**  
Leiden University College The Hague



**15 January 2023**  
Numerus Fixus programmes (Psychology, Political Science: International Relations and Organisations)



**1 April 2023**  
Bachelor's programmes for students who  
• Require a student visa or residence permit



**1 May 2023**  
Programmes with a compulsory matching module



**15 June 2023**  
Bachelor's programmes for students who  
• Do not require a visa or residence permit to study in the Netherlands  
• Are not applying for a programme with compulsory matching or numerus fixus

### Step 3: Collect the required documents

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

These include:

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

## What happens next?

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

### Step 4: Start your application

#### 1. Apply in Studielink

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

#### 2. Complete the application form

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

#### 3. Pay the application fee

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

Find out all details about admission and application at:  
[universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application](https://universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application)



‘People who study anthropology are very open-minded. We try to understand why people do what they do. Anthropologists question everything; no subject is too out there. I think it’s great that you can have such good conversations about the world, about social issues such as gender and sexuality, and that everyone dares to talk about them.

I’ve always been an avid photographer. In my third year at university, Leidsch Dagblad, the local newspaper was looking for seven Cultural Anthropology students who wanted to be city photographers for a year. I photographed young people who had unique stories: homosexuality, someone with foster parents, a young DJ on his way to the top, and so on. After that year, I started doing more with photography. Now I photograph student rooms and take pictures at student galas.

Thanks to a partnership between Leiden University and the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague, I’ve taken several photography courses. I think it’s very cool that you get opportunities to develop yourself outside your studies, and I think it was quite unique that I was able to take art courses there.’

## Wilke Geurds

Loves to take photos



## Comar Beulens

Loves cities

‘I’ve spent a lot of time living abroad, in America and Taiwan. It struck me how cities are very different from one another and how people behave differently in cities. People have such a different relationship with cities in Asia and Europe. I found that really interesting. More and more people are living in cities. That also brings challenges. What about sustainability, health, safety and multiculturalism, for example? In the Urban Studies programme, we look at the problems, the solutions, the opportunities and the drawbacks.’

You could see Urban Studies as a mix of social geography, planning and urban administration. You actually cover loads of topics. That’s what makes the programme such fun. We’re taught by lecturers from all sorts of faculties. If you have broad interests and like to think about complex issues, this is the right programme for you.

There’s a vibrant student life in Leiden and The Hague. Leiden and The Hague are both great cities and it’s a good university. There are more Dutch students in Leiden, whereas The Hague is more international. I’ve got friends from all over the world that I’d never have met otherwise.





# Financial matters

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

### Tuition fee

The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on your nationality, your study programme and whether you have already obtained a Dutch higher education diploma. If you are a national of a European Economic Area (EEA) country, Suriname or Switzerland and this is your first bachelor's in the Netherlands, the tuition fee is €2,209\*. EU/EEA Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay an additional institutional tuition fee of €2,610. The Dutch cabinet has decided to halve the statutory tuition fees for specific groups of first-year bachelor's students. These students will be entitled to pay the halved fee once during a consecutive period of 12 months. Please visit the website for more detailed information. If you are not a national of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland, the tuition fee for most bachelor's programmes is between €12,000 and €16,000.

Non-EU/EEA Students following the Liberal Arts and Sciences programme pay a tuition fee of €15,400 per year, plus an additional institutional fee of €2,610 per year. 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](https://universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee)

### Student finance & student travel pass

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

### Working while studying while

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

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

### The Holland Scholarship

Excellent international bachelor's students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) enrolling in an English-taught bachelor's programme starting in September 2023 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](https://universiteitleiden.nl/financial-aid)

## Estimated monthly expenses

	<b>Rent**</b> (incl. water and electricity)	€400 – €700
	<b>General living expenses</b> (food, clothes, phone, personal expenses)	€300 – €350
	<b>Transport</b> (depending on where you live and whether you ride a bicycle)	€70 – €100
	<b>Health and liability insurance</b>	€80 – €120
	<b>Books/study materials</b>	€50 – €100
	<b>Social activities</b>	€70 – €150
	<b>Total (excluding tuition fee)</b>	€980 – €1,520

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

\*For most programmes this tuition fee only applies if this is your first bachelor's programme in the Netherlands. The amount of this fee is subject to change. At the moment of printing this brochure the Dutch government has not decided the actual amount for next academic year.





**Daria Bantas**  
Loves Linguistics

I loved and admired languages all my life, and I think it was because I was raised in a multilingual environment. I speak 7 languages and I am always eager to learn some more. A friend advised me about the online platform Coursera, where I found a Leiden University MOOC called "Miracles of Human Language: An Introduction to Linguistics". I finished the course and realised that Leiden University would be a great fit for me in the future. After I finished high school, I applied for a Marketing Management degree abroad, however, in my spare time I was studying languages and linguistics as a hobby. As you can see now, my biggest dream came true thanks to Leiden University!

I like our university, because it provides an opportunity to meet new and interesting people not only from the faculty that you are studying in, but also from the other studies. For example, the Orientation Week Leiden (OWL) which contains various activities for those who are new here. Of course I was curious and wanted to find new friends, which is why I joined and didn't regret it!

Leiden has a special historical atmosphere. While I walk through the streets of Leiden, I imagine how many great people were taking steps at the same place where I am going right now; how many of those talented and ambitious people made a contribution to the future that we are living in right now.



# Arts and academics: the best of both worlds!

Are you looking for an extra challenge in your studies? Do you have a passion for visual art, music or design? You can enrich and deepen your studies at the Academy of Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA). The arts and academics can complement, challenge and inspire each other. Via the ACPA, you have several options to combine your academic study with the fields of visual arts, design or music.

## Electives

The ACPA offers electives covering different disciplines in art and music. Courses such as *Music Cognition*, *Music – Philosophy – Politics*, *Music x Technology*, and *Popular and Global Music* link music to philosophy, psychology, rhetoric and even artificial intelligence. If you are more into visual arts and design, in the *Essay Film in Theory and Practice* you'll research how filmmakers use the essay film to highlight social problems. *Hacking Tools as Artistic Research* is all about exploring the different sorts of interaction that are possible with everyday digital or physical tools. *Exhibition Research Lab* examines the possibilities of the exhibition as a framework for research, experiment and (re) presentation.

## Minors

In the *Minor in Music Studies* you learn to think about music in a different way. Music is more than just an art form, more than entertainment. What are the different roles of music within our society? And how does music influence

politics, media and technology, for instance? In this minor, theory and practice come together.

The *Minor in Creative Strategies for a Society in Change* makes a connection between gaining insight into creative processes and exploring social issues that characterise our time. The perspective is that of the visual arts disciplines, including film and design. The thematic emphasis is on broad social developments and urgencies that involve a multitude of topics, such as migration, climate change, and anti-racist struggles.

## Music and visual arts programme

ACPA has two programmes for motivated and highly talented students: *Practicum Musicae*, a music programme at the Royal Conservatoire, and *Practicum Artium*, a visual arts programme at the Royal Academy of Art. These programmes are easy to combine with your timetable at Leiden University and offer you the opportunity to develop your talent to a high level.

More information:

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





# 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. Access to booking your accommodation is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, according to the date we have received the housing fee, so be sure to request housing as early as possible and pay the fee. 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 lives in a self-contained studio apartment with all the necessities. Leiden University College is the exception in terms of housing at Leiden University.

## More information:

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

## Residence Life Support

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





# How to choose a programme?

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



## Discover yourself

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

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



## Design your list

2

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

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



## Do your research

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The world is at your fingertips so search it!

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

# Overview of programmes



Scan QR code to follow our 360° faculty tours

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)

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## Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs



Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges (BA/BSc)

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Security Studies (BSc)

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## Faculty of Humanities



African Studies (BA)

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Arts, Media and Society (BA)

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Dutch Studies (BA)

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English Language and Culture (BA)

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International Studies (BA)

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Linguistics (BA)

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Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives (BA)

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South and Southeast Asian Studies (BA)

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Urban Studies (BA)

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## Faculty of Science



Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (BSc)

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## Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences



Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (BSc)

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Political Science: International Relations and Organisations (BSc)

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Psychology (Bsc)

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# Archaeology

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

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2015 English-taught programme established
- 21 nationalities
- 95 largest lecture size
- 25 maximum tutorial size

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



## The structure of the bachelor’s programme

### Curriculum: Bachelor Archaeology – World Archaeology

Year 1	60 ec	Year 2	60 ec	Year 3	60 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Archaeology</li></ul>	15 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deep History</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minor/Study Abroad</li></ul>	30 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Landscape Dynamics</li></ul>	10 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early Cities: A Comparative Perspective</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Archaeological Theory</li></ul>	5 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Material Studies</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early Empires in West Asia and the Mediterranean</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designing Archaeological Research</li></ul>	5 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Past and Future</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Landscape Archaeology Projects</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Science Communication: Archaeology in the 21st century</li></ul>	5 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction to Heritage Studies</li></ul>	10 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bioarchaeology</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internship</li></ul>	5 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exploratory Data Analysis in Archaeology</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Geographic Information Systems (GIS)</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis</li></ul>	10 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field Techniques</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Material Studies 2</li></ul>	5 ec		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field School 1</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seminars</li></ul>	15 ec		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field School 2</li></ul>	10 ec		



### Why study Archaeology in Leiden?

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

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

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

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

### Two specialisations

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

### Fieldwork internship

With a minimum of 10 weeks of internships required, there are many opportunities to go abroad. Join one of the projects of our staff

members going on around the globe, for example:

- The Udhruh Archaeology Project in Jordan
- Cave site La Grande Roche excavation in France

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

### Your future career

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

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

As a Leiden alumnus you can:

- conduct academic and professional archaeological research in the field or in the lab;
- develop and employ strategies for heritage outreach and science communication;
- work in commercial archaeology, regional development, museums and more.



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'Excavations are likely what brought you to archaeology. Yet, that is just the tip of the iceberg of our discipline. There is so much more! In the first-year course Past & Future that I teach with my colleague Martin Berger we will show you the rest of the iceberg. Covering the many different specialisations we offer at the faculty, and the enormous scope of archaeology in general. This goes from highly specialised scientific work, like DNA, to ethical debates on the political sensibilities of such data; from museums and collections to decolonisation debates; and covering the big questions that archaeology aims to answers. 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 about, and how it is relevant!'

Maikel Kuijpers  
Assistant Professor

### Curriculum: Bachelor Archaeology – Heritage and Society

Year 1	60 ec	Year 2	60 ec	Year 3	60 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Archaeology</li></ul>	15 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deep History</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minor/Study Abroad</li></ul>	30 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Landscape Dynamics</li></ul>	10 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early Cities: A Comparative Perspective</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Archaeological Theory</li></ul>	5 ec
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction to Heritage Studies</li></ul>	10 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Heritage Protection in the 21st century</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internship</li></ul>	5 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exploratory Data Analysis in Archaeology</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Museums and Collections: A Practical Introduction</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis</li></ul>	10 ec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field Techniques</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Heritage Seminars</li></ul>	10 ec		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Field School 1</li></ul>	5 ec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anthropological Research in Practice</li></ul>	10 ec		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fieldwork</li></ul>	10 ec		

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

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



# Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges

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

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

This thematic approach to Liberal Arts & Sciences is unique to LUC.

## Then... What is Liberal Arts & Sciences?

When you study Liberal Arts & Sciences, you combine different fields of study, and have the freedom to choose from a range of different subjects throughout the years. At LUC you start out broad, exploring the Global Challenges through different academic disciplines, choosing a major or specialization in your second year.

This way, the programme will you will gain broad knowledge about the wider world, but also study a specific area of interest more in depth. This helps you develop analytical and critical thinking skills and allows you to think outside of the box, skills which are in high demand in our current society. At LUC you benefit from studying in small classes and dynamic teaching methods, in an eco-system with excellent personal and academic support where you live on campus during the first two years. The intensive pace of study in this close-knit international community, which has a passion for making an impact on society, makes studying at this honours college a unique experience.

## Why study at LUC the Hague?

- Join the international community with 50 different nationalities all living and studying together in one building in the city centre of The Hague
- Experience intensive and small-scale education using dynamic teaching methods and offering close interaction between students and professors
- Create your own flexible programme that allows you to think critically and connect different issues through interdisciplinary thinking and developing Global Citizenship skills.

## Programme structure year 1

There are six majors to choose from at LUC, with many electives available. In your first year, you follow introductory courses of the four core Global Challenges of the programme. These courses expand your perspectives and teach you interdisciplinary thinking by introducing you to several fields of study, and help you in choosing your Major at the end of your first year. In addition to the Global Challenges courses, you will follow 4 electives and several general courses such as Academic Writing.



Location: The Hague

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS  
**2010** English-taught programme established  
**50** nationalities  
**200** largest lecture size  
**20** maximum tutorial size

[bachelors.universiteitleidennl/globalchallenges](https://bachelors.universiteitleidennl/globalchallenges)



## Programme structure year 2 + 3

In your second year, you choose a major to focus on. In year 2 and 3 you mainly follow courses within your chosen Major, where each major has several tracks and specializations available, and plenty of room to add electives. The Global Challenges continue to play a large role throughout all Majors in the programme.

## On-campus living

At LUC you will live with fellow first- and second-year students on campus in a studio apartment with all necessities including your own bathroom and kitchen, located in the heart of The Hague. By living with other LUC students, your learning experience will extend beyond the class room as you live in an international and diverse environment. Each residential floor has a Resident Assistant: your first point of contact in case of emergency, but they 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, such as Bocconi University, Universidad Diego Portales in Chile, National University Singapore and Macalester College.

## Your future career

Our 1500+ alumni have spread their wings to pursue prestigious master's and PhD degrees, or start their careers anywhere in the world. The flexible and interdisciplinary approach with a focus on Global Challenges ensures that when you graduate from LUC, you will have a solid set of skills which can be applied to real-life situations. With rapidly changing demands on

an increasingly international labor market, you will be an attractive candidate for many organisations across the globe. This includes both multinationals such as big consultancy firms or investment agencies, as well as the non-profit sector; many of our graduates end up at NGOs, government agencies, research institutes with think tanks, or the European Union.

## Admissions

LUC has a selective and holistic admissions process, and admits 200 students each year. We want to make sure we are the right fit for you, and you are the right fit for LUC. We do that by looking at your academic background but also your motivation to study at LUC. For a full overview of minimum required grades and documents, we refer you to our website. Keep an eye on the application deadlines: December 1 (Early bird) and March 15 (regular)!

## Financial Support

LUC provides limited financial aid for students who have demonstrated financial need: a partial waiver on the institutional fee or on the cost of living. You may apply for financial aid once you have received an offer from LUC.

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‘The Global Challenges courses provide students with a conceptual vocabulary for understanding wide-ranging processes. For example, in the Diversity Global Challenge, 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 perceptive, and politically attuned way to understand our entangled and evolving world.’

Ajay Gandhi  
Assistant Professor



# Security Studies

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

At every stage, 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.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme



Subject to change

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

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

Location: The Hague



3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2017 English-taught programme established

40 nationalities

300 largest lecture size

30 maximum tutorial size

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

## Why study Security Studies in The Hague?

- It is a unique academic programme with an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary security and safety challenges.
- You will learn by 'Exploring, Understanding and Doing' security
- You will study international topics in an international setting

## 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 and sustaining conflict and disaster, as well as the effects and implications for government and citizens. You will learn to review an event, or set of events, through the lenses of various academic disciplines and gain the ability to apply this skill to other cases.

## Design your own future

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

other organisations in the security domain such as Europol, the Ministry of Justice and Security, research institutes, and consultancy organisations.

## Your future career

Graduates are encouraged to complete their academic education with a master's programme. Security Studies guarantees entry to one of the six specialisations of the MSc in Crisis and Security Management (CSM) at Leiden University and qualifies you for a wide range of other master's programmes at Leiden University and elsewhere.

Graduates may take up positions such as:

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

## Compulsory matching

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

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‘The focus of Security Studies is on contemporary security issues, which range from intentional ones such as terrorist attacks and hacks to non-intentional ones such as epidemics and hurricanes. To understand and study these kinds of security issues, you need knowledge and skills that transcend disciplinary boundaries. You need to look at a problem from different angles to understand it and be able to do something about it. Our programme therefore takes an interdisciplinary approach. Economics, international relations, sociology and philosophy but technical matters too: all elements are addressed. This will help us gain a better understanding of contemporary security issues.’

Daan Weggemans  
Programme director and lecturer



# 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.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

Semester 1	Introduction to African Studies	African Languages Lab	Introduction to African History	'Activating the Past': Heritage, Sources & Public History of Africa	Introduction to African Literature & Arts
Semester 2	Swahili or Berber 1	African Networks: diaspora, international relations, connectivity	Research in Present-day Africa	Oral Literature: Research in Living Traditions	

### Year 2

Year 2				
Semester 1	Philosophy of Science	Swahili or Berber 2	Free Choice in Core Curriculum Courses	Choose two: Sociolinguistics Ecological Imperialism in Africa World Art History
Semester 2	Semester in Africa (a.o. Second Language)			

### Year 3

Semester 1	Swahili or Berber 3	Africa Today	Elective Credits (Internship, Study Abroad, Minor)
Semester 2	Choose one: Anthropological Linguistics Missionaries in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa Novels, Conflict & Dialogue	Thesis	Elective Credits (Internship, Study Abroad, Minor)

- Core Courses
- Language Acquisition
- Semester abroad
- Curricular Electives
- Elective Credits
- Linguistics
- History
- Literature

Location: Leiden

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

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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. Mirjam de Bruijn)
- African history, including oral history and slave songs (Dr. Anne Marieke van der Wal)
- Berber street language in the Netherlands (Dr. Khalid Mourigh)

### 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

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'I chose to study African Studies in Leiden because I am passionate about Africa. It is the place to be there are so many ideas, exciting developments, so much creativity and entrepreneurship. Much of this is just not acknowledged outside of the continent. I have learned a lot about various cultures and ethnicities within African countries, which has helped me to adapt my communication skills to various situations. This kind of knowledge has proved to be very useful in my professional work environment, as well as in daily life.'

Lisette Meulman  
Graduate





# 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.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

<b>Semester 1</b>	Freshman's Class/ Academic Skills I: On the Scholarly Study of Art and its History	How the World Makes art	Art in the West- 1800	Modern and Contemporary Visual Art after 1800	Big Media	Arts in Society
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<b>Semester 2</b>	Academic Skills II: The Academic Research Paper	Modern and Contemporary Architecture and Design	Curating Cultures	Cultural Representation and Signifying Practices	Cinema and Photography: Theory	Cinema and Photography: Methodology
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### Year 2

<b>Semester 1</b>	Museums, Cultural Heritage and Collections	Artivism	World Art Studies	Choice from approved list of electives	Seminar in your specialisation
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<b>Semester 2</b>	Philosophy of Science	AMS on Site: Curating the City	Artists' writings	TV Series	Seminar in your specialisation
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### Year 3

<b>Semester 1</b>	Framing AMS Case Studies	Seminar in your specialisation	Discretionary space (study abroad, internship, minor)
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<b>Semester 2</b>	Thesis	The Cultural Field in Practice	Discretionary space (study abroad, internship, minor)
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- Core courses
- Elective related to Arts, Media and Society
- Excursion
- Discretionary space
- Thesis

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2017 English-taught programme established
- 25 nationalities
- 50 largest lecture size
- 20 maximum tutorial size

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

## Renowned artists

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

Some examples: Dutch artists Floris Kaayk and Arne Hendriks, international artists Kaisu Koski

(Finland) Mike Thompson (UK), Susana Cámara Leret (ES), Jennifer Willet (Canada), Adam Zaretsky (US), Anna Dumitriu (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
- Organiser 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

## Matching

Part of the admission and application procedure is participation in the matching module. Matching helps you determine whether the focus and level of the programme are for you. You receive advice in order to solidify your decision to start this programme.



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'Since I am not from Europe myself, I was a bit afraid my background wouldn't be welcomed as much in my work, but the professors are always welcoming my story and my story as a Japanese student. We have students in the classroom from everywhere in the world, so I can learn a lot about different cultures and it helps me to become an international person. I think this is important because you can learn from the values in other places in the world and take some home.'

Wakana Kaitani  
Senior student





# Dutch Studies

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: after the first term of the first year you will be able to follow the lectures and participate in tutorials in Dutch. At the end of your third year you will write your bachelor's thesis in Dutch.
2. Linguistics: You will explore questions like: 'Why is learning a foreign language much more difficult than learning your first language?' 'Does a 'knack for languages' really exist?'
3. Literature: The courses on Dutch literature will

give you an overview of Dutch literature in the past as well as the present. You will also study the influence of Dutch literature on society.

4. History and Politics: During these classes you will examine Dutch history from a modern perspective, exploring questions such as: How is it possible that the Netherlands' first king was a Frenchman? And a connection between Netherlands' founding father Willem of Oranje and today's populist politician Geert Wilders.
5. Art History: You will focus on understanding the phenomenon and impact of famous artists, such as Rembrandt van Rijn and Vincent van Gogh. What is it that makes their work so recognisable? In which way does their work reflect the period in which they lived?

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

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

### Year 2

# Year 2

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

### Year 3

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

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

Location: Leiden



- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 1986 programme established
- 21 nationalities
- 100 largest lecture size
- 18 maximum tutorial size

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### 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 the international centre for Dutch Studies. Our lecturers give guest lectures at Dutch language departments all over the world, from Jakarta to Wrocław.

### Starting at 3 different levels

Our programme is suitable for students with no previous knowledge of Dutch, 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



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

Laura Pereira  
First-year student



# English Language and Culture

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

### Year 2

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

### Year 3

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

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

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2018 English-taught programme established
- 8 nationalities
- 130 largest lecture size
- 24 maximum tutorial size

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### Specialisms

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. Companies where our students have done internships typically include publishers and translation agencies, both inside and outside the Netherlands.

### Studying abroad

A stay in an English-speaking country is a unique experience. It will give you an even better command of the English language and every opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture. 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

### Matching

Part of the admission and application procedure is participation in the matching module. Matching helps you determine whether the focus and level of the programme are for you. You receive advice in order to solidify your decision to start this programme.

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‘In the second year, you can choose between American and British literature. I've chosen American literature and during the first semester we discussed the period of slavery in the United States. This was intriguing: gaining more background information about the subject will make the literature much more interesting. During the programme, everybody needs to choose a specialisation: literature, philology or linguistics. I've chosen literature. I'd love to pursue a career in this field, which is also the reason that I've filled my elective space of 30 ECTS with a minor Journalism.’

Tahani Lalmahomed  
Senior student



# International Studies

Globalisation is shaping the world we live in. In this programme, you will have the opportunity to study one of eight world regions within the context of global challenges and changes. You will gain the ability to place regional developments in a global perspective, through studying four main disciplines: culture, history, politics and economics. At the same time, you will learn a key language of your chosen world region and acquire skills that will prove to be highly valuable for your future career. The regions and languages you can choose are:

- Africa: Arabic, Berber, French, Portuguese, Swahili
- East Asia: Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese
- Europe: Dutch, German, French, Portuguese, Spanish
- Latin America: Portuguese, Spanish

- Middle East: Arabic, Berber, Modern Hebrew, Persian, Turkish
- North America: French, Spanish
- Russia and Eurasia: Russian
- South Asia and Southeast Asia: Hindi, Indonesian

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



Location: The Hague

3 year programme, 180 ECTS  
2012 English-taught programme established  
50 nationalities  
550 largest lecture size  
15 maximum tutorial size

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## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

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

### Year 2

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

### Year 3

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

- Research Skills
- Economy
- Culture
- Politics
- History
- Language related to Region
- Elective

## 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 rewarding combination of theory and practice. In your third year, we 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 finds a job directly after their graduation and about one-third decides to take a gap year. International Studies grants access to a large variety of master's programmes ranging from international relations, history, development studies, and area studies, to management and business studies.

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



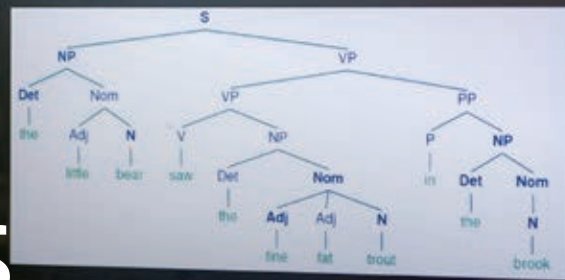
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'I thought that the first semester of the first year was an easy transition into university life. It was nice to have some interdisciplinary courses to get settled in, and then in the second semester we chose our region – which is already a bit more complicated, but also more fun! I study Africa, and I could not be more excited about my choice. ‘Africa’ entails the entire continent, which is very culturally and linguistically diverse of course! Because of this, they give us a lot of opportunities to research what we find most interesting ourselves.'

Wilder Marsh  
Second-year student



# Linguistics



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 language differ from one another? Linguistics has the answer 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	Languages of the World	Sociolinguistics	Phonology 1	Language and culture of the Indo-Europeans	Speech Sounds of the World	Language and Communication
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Semester 2	Historical Linguistics	Morphology	Syntax 1	Language use in the world	Preparatory course	Preparatory course
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### Language & Cognition

Year 2 Semester 1	Semantics 1	Introduction to Methods and Statistics	Neurolinguistics	Phonology 2	Syntax 2	Analysis and Synthesis of Speech
Semester 2	Experimental Methods 1: Design & Techniques	Semantics 2	Processing Syntax and Semantics	Inferential Statistics for the Language Sciences	Philosophy of Science	Elective

Year 3 Semester 1	Experimental Methods 2: Practicals & Projects	Seminar Form and Meaning	Language Acquisition or internship	Minor/Electives		
Semester 2	Seminar Sound and Sound Structure		Thesis	Minor/Electives		

### Descriptive Linguistics

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

### Comparative Indo-European Linguistics

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

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

Location: Leiden



3 year programme, 180 ECTS  
2018 English-taught programme established  
33 nationalities  
50 largest lecture size  
20 maximum tutorial size

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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 possess 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. As the hunt for Indo-European is by no means complete, you can make an important contribution to this academic reconstruction.

### Study or internship abroad

Interested in studying linguistics abroad? Or would you like to follow a course with a particular (international) specialist? You can do part of your studies abroad, and it is also possible to do an internship in the Netherlands or abroad.

### 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 education. 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.

### Matching

Part of the admission and application procedure is participation in the matching module. Matching helps you determine whether the focus and level of the programme are for you. You receive advice in order to solidify your decision to start this programme.



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'In high school I already knew I wanted to study linguistics, since I was always good with languages. Because I wanted an extra challenge, I decided to study abroad. The Netherlands seemed like the perfect place to get to know a new culture that is still similar enough to what I was used to. Leiden is also the only place where you can study descriptive and comparative Linguistics on the bachelor's level, two subjects that I'm very much interested in. As a board member of the study association T.W.I.S.T., I've also been busy with organising activities, which has been very rewarding. It's been really fun to meet new people who share your interests.'

Isaac Eaton  
Senior student



# Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives

Location: Leiden 

**3** year programme, 180 ECTS  
**2017** English-taught programme established  
**14** nationalities  
**20** largest lecture size  
**20** maximum tutorial size

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

## Study Philosophy

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

Leiden University's approach is different. We meet a need for inclusiveness, by allowing the world's traditions of thought to mutually inform and enrich one other. In addition to traditional Greek 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:

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

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

### Year 2

Semester 1	Political Philosophy	Philosophy of Science	Language and Thought	Concepts of Selfhood	Comparative Philosophy II: Topics	Metaphilosophy
Semester 2	Discretionary space (minor, individual programme, internship)					

### Year 3

Semester 1	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	
Semester 2	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Advanced Philosophy Seminar	Thesis and Thesis Seminar	

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

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

## Why study Philosophy in Leiden?

- The programme is unique in the Netherlands and one of the few worldwide in featuring traditions of thought from India, East Asia, Europe and the Arab world.
- It offers an international academic environment and teaching based on the long tradition of 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

## Matching

Part of the admission and application procedure is participation in the matching module. Matching helps you determine whether the focus and level of the programme are for you. You receive advice in order to solidify your decision to start this programme.



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'Both the teachers and students come from a diverse background and bring in a diversity of thought, which really adds value to the programme. What is so special about this bachelor's is that we are trying to create new ideas by combining concepts from different schools of thought, for example by comparing concepts from Confucianism and Ancient Greek philosophy. Learning about the different ideas, traditions, and ways people from all over the world think had a big impact on me. Such insights help me start cross-cultural dialogue. For example, if you want to work at an NGO, knowing of foreign cultures and ways of thinking will help you enormously.'

Emma Abdi Wansbrough  
Senior 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.

## The structure of the bachelor's programme



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

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2012 English-taught programme established
- 12 nationalities
- 20 largest lecture size
- 20 maximum tutorial size

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/south-and-southeast-asia](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/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. Those studying the Indonesian language will go to Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. If you are studying Hindi or Sanskrit you'll go to the University of Hyderabad. Students studying Tibetan will go to the Rangjung Yeshe Institute in Kathmandu, Nepal, or to a European university. This experience of linguistic and cultural immersion is a signature element of the programme and comes without additional costs. 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 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 Bosman Van Zaal
- The Aspen Institute México

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'I like the fact that the classes are rather small and that there is so much personal attention. There is quite a lot of interaction during the language classes, for example, and there is always room to give your opinion and develop yourself. There is also a kind of community amongst the students, since we all know each other pretty well. Other than that, what I like about this study is that I will likely go to Indonesia in my third year! That is really a highlight of this study.'

Shanté Neese  
First-year student





# Urban Studies



Location: The Hague

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2018 English-taught programme established
- 52 nationalities
- 80 largest lecture size
- 20 maximum tutorial size

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Do cities fascinate you? Would you like to gain insights into the nature and origin of current and future urban 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 centres, 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 deal with the health hazards that come with crowded cities?

## The structure of the bachelor’s programme

### Year 1

Semester 1	Urban Studies Foundations	Governance of Cities and Citizens	Determinants of Human Behaviour	Cultural Diversity in Urban Contexts	Academic Writing and Presenting	
Semester 2	Urban Economics and Planning	The Material City	Imagining the City	Philosophy of Science and the City	Introduction to Methodology	Data Collection Methods



### Year 2

Semester 1	Multicultural City Lecture Series	Safe City Lecture Series	Crime, Criminalisation and the Right to the City or The Production of Belonging: Claiming Urban Space through Cultural and Linguistic Practices	Professional Orientation	Inferential Statistics or Introduction to Experimental Methods for the Humanities
Semester 2	Healthy City Lecture Series	Sustainable City Lecture Series	Population Health Management and Health Behaviour Change or Biodiversity in the City	Advanced Qualitative Methods	Exploring Archival Sources or Spatial Analysis and Modelling in the Urban Environment



### Year 3

Semester 1	Study Abroad, Minor, Internship or Electives				
Semester 2	Setting Up a Project	Literature Seminar	Thesis and Thesis Seminar		

- Core Courses
- Academic skills and methodologies
- The sustainable city
- The multicultural city
- The safe city
- The healthy city
- Elective Space

### Why study Urban Studies in The Hague?

This bachelor’s is unique in the Netherlands, because it is the only interdisciplinary programme to combine humanities, social sciences, law, science and language. Its graduates are exactly what large cities will need to solve their problems. 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 explore our four themes in the second year.

### 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 healthy city

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

### The sustainable city

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

### Study abroad or internship

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

### Your future career

Urban Studies gives graduates access to a wide range of master’s programmes. A master’s is an important step in directing and building a career. Labour-market surveys show an increasing demand for graduates in the field of Urban Studies. Examples of jobs in 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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‘As part of the curriculum, our students are guided to explore the Urban Studies field of practice. In the second year course Professional Orientation, students investigate different subsections of the professional field and corresponding roles. This way students get a better understanding of which career possibilities are out there. This is helpful in discovering personal preferences: what do you want to do? Which study and career related decisions do you need to take to get there? In the third year course Setting up a project, students work on urban challenges put to them by organisations from the field (government, businesses, NGO’s). An example of a challenge could be finding a solution to parking problems in a densely populated city.’

Miko Flohr  
Programme chair Urban Studies



# Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

Are you interested in human cognition? Would you like to learn how to program and develop smart computers and systems? Are you eager to understand AI, and how the technology behind it works? In the bachelor's programme Data Science & Artificial Intelligence you gain a solid basis in computer science and mathematics. You are going to study how to get insights from data and how to build smart machine capable of performing complex 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.
- 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

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

Year 1						
Semester 1	Calculus 1 (3 EC)	Linear Algebra for Computer Scientists 1 (3 EC)	Studying and Presenting (3 EC)	Orientation AI (3 EC)	Essentials of Computing Systems (6 EC)	Foundations of Computer Science (6 EC)
Semester 2	Calculus 2 (3 EC)	Linear Algebra for Computer Scientists 2 (3 EC)	Algorithms and Data Structures (6 EC)	Databases (6 EC)	Introduction to Cognitive Science (6 EC)	Introduction to Logic (6 EC)
Year 2						
Semester 1	Automata Theory (6 EC)	Human-Robot Interaction (6 EC)	Software Development (6 EC)	Symbolic AI (6 EC)	Statistics for Computer Scientists (6 EC)	
Semester 2	Cognitive Robotics (6 EC)	Introduction to Behavioural Data Science (6 EC)	Introduction to Neural Computing (6 EC)	Machine Learning (6 EC)	Security (6 EC)	
Year 3*						
	Software Engineering (6 EC)	Choice between one of the following two courses: Cognitive Neuroscience or Introduction to Reinforcement Learning (6 EC)	Electives (30 EC): Cognitive Modelling, Cognitive Neuroscience, Creative AI, Data Science, Human Computer Interaction and Information Visualization, Introduction to Reinforcement Learning, Introduction to Video Game Making, Natural Computing, Natural Language Processing and Program Correctness.			
	AI and Ethics (3 EC)	Bachelorproject/Bachelorklas (15 EC)				

● AI ● Data ● Hardware & Systems ● Mathematics ● Research & Skills ● Software & programming ● Theory

\* The 3rd year contains a number of electives, and 5 courses may be replaced by a minor programme of at most 30 ECTS.

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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- 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.

## 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: [universiteit leiden.nl/admission-and-application](https://universiteit leiden.nl/admission-and-application).



'Data science and artificial intelligence algorithms are designed to make decisions by insights derived on data. The bachelor Data Science & Artificial Intelligence at Leiden University will let you understand how these algorithms work, where they can be applied, and why they can solve problems that were considered impossible until now.'

Prof. dr. Marcello Bonsangue  
Professor Computer Science



# Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology

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

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

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

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

## The structure of the bachelor's programme

### Year 1

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



### Year 2

Semester 1	Key Issue Economy & Ecology (SuSo) Key Issue Visual Ethnography (DAE)	Key Issue States & Citizens (SuSo) Key Issue Digital Anthropology (DAE)	Research Preparation Sustainable Societies (SuSo) Research Preparation Digital & Audiovisual Ethnography (DAE)	Fieldwork NL (SuSo) Visualising NL (DAE)
Semester 2	Fieldwork NL (SuSo) Visualising NL (DAE)	Multivariate Analysis: from Data to Report	Key Issue Diversity & Power	Anthropology of Sub-Saharan Africa, Anthropology of South Asia, Anthropology of South-East Asia, or area course of own choice



### Year 3

Semester 1	Elective space (internship, minor, study abroad)			
Semester 2	Bachelor's Thesis (SuSo or DAE)	Anthropology of Religion or Medical Anthropology (SuSo) Expanded Ethnography (DAE)	Personal and Professional Impact for Anthropologists	

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

Location: Leiden

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2019 English-taught programme established
- 125 largest lecture size
- 16 maximum tutorial size
- 23 nationalities

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

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

- You will explore current social themes concerning diversity, digitalisation, and sustainability;
- You 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.



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

Bart Barendregt  
Associate Professor





# Political Science: International Relations and Organisations

Location: The Hague 

- 3 year programme, 180 ECTS
- 2017 English-taught programme established
- 60 nationalities
- 450 largest lecture size
- 24 maximum tutorial size

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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?

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



## The structure of the bachelor's programme

Year 1						
Semester 1	Introduction to International Relations + Academic Skills: Text interpretation 8 EC	Introduction to International Organisations 5 EC	Actors in World Politics 5 EC	Introduction to Political Science + Academic Skills 7 EC	Economics for Political Scientists 5 EC	Academic Career Support
Semester 2	Global History 5 EC	Research Methods in Political Science 5 EC	Introduction Comparative Politics + Academic Skills: Book Review 7 EC	Statistics 1 5 EC	Politics of the EU + Academic Skills 8 EC	Academic Career Support
Year 2						
Semester 1	Analysing International Relations 5 EC	Research Methods in Political Science 10 EC		Comparative Analysis of Political Systems 5 EC	International Political Economy 5 EC	Academic Skills: Research Design 5 EC
Semester 2	Global Security 5 EC	International Development 5 EC	Contemporary Political Philosophy or Rational Choice Theory 5 EC	Environmental Politics 5 EC	International Law & Human Rights 5 EC	Academic Skills: Data Analysis 5 EC
Year 3						
Semester 1 and 2	Bachelor Seminar* 10 EC	Bachelor Project* 20 EC		Elective Space* 30 EC		Academic Career Support

\* You can place the three elements of the third year in a different order.  
Please note that the curriculum is subject to change without notice.

## 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 through the programme culminating in your bachelor's thesis project.

## Teaching methods

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

## Electives

In your third year, you can, based on your preference, 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 media, government departments, multinationals or non-governmental organisations and other international organisations. They work in policy-making, strategic analysis, research and education, management, consultancy, diplomacy, administration and politics, for example.

## Selection & Placement

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

Applications are submitted in Studielink. The application deadline is 15 January 2023, so make sure you're on time.



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

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 and Statistics in Psychology

## The structure of the bachelor's programme



Location: Leiden

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2013 English-taught programme established

45 nationalities

450 largest lecture size

24 maximum tutorial size

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### Why study Psychology in Leiden?

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

### Study abroad

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

**North America:** McGill University and University of British Columbia (Canada), College of William and Mary and University of Denver (USA)  
**Europe:** Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Wien, Lund Universitet, Universidad de Granada, Koç Üniversitesi,  
**Asia:** Chinese University of Hong Kong, Singapore Management University  
**Africa:** Stellenbosch University  
**Oceania:** University of Otago, New Zealand and University of Melbourne

### Your future career

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

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

- 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
- Clinical psychologist in a mental health care institution
- 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.

A selection procedure will determine which students are qualified and motivated, and 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.

Applications are submitted in Studielink. The application deadline is 15 January 2023, so make sure you are on time.



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

Sarah van Wyke  
Senior student





# 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.

## Discover the basics of the programme

On our website you will find tips on how to make an educated decision about the right study programme for you. You will also find informational videos for all our programmes, including this one. Each video gives you more details about the content of the programme, the different courses you will study and we will inform you about your career prospects as well. Finished the video? Come and visit us on-campus during the

Open Day or join our Online Open Day for international students. You will find out what students think of the programme and get to know your future student city.

## Find out more about the programme

To get an in-depth understanding of the programme, as well as experience the courses and the lectures yourself, you can take part in various activities. Become a Student for a Day, join an Experience

Day, or follow an Online Experience module whenever it suits you best.

## 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? Our students are ready and available for you through the chat on our website.

## Follow a virtual tour

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

[universiteitleidennl/ba-360-tours](https://universiteitleidennl/ba-360-tours)

## 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:

[bachelors.universiteitleidennl/information-activities](https://bachelors.universiteitleidennl/information-activities)

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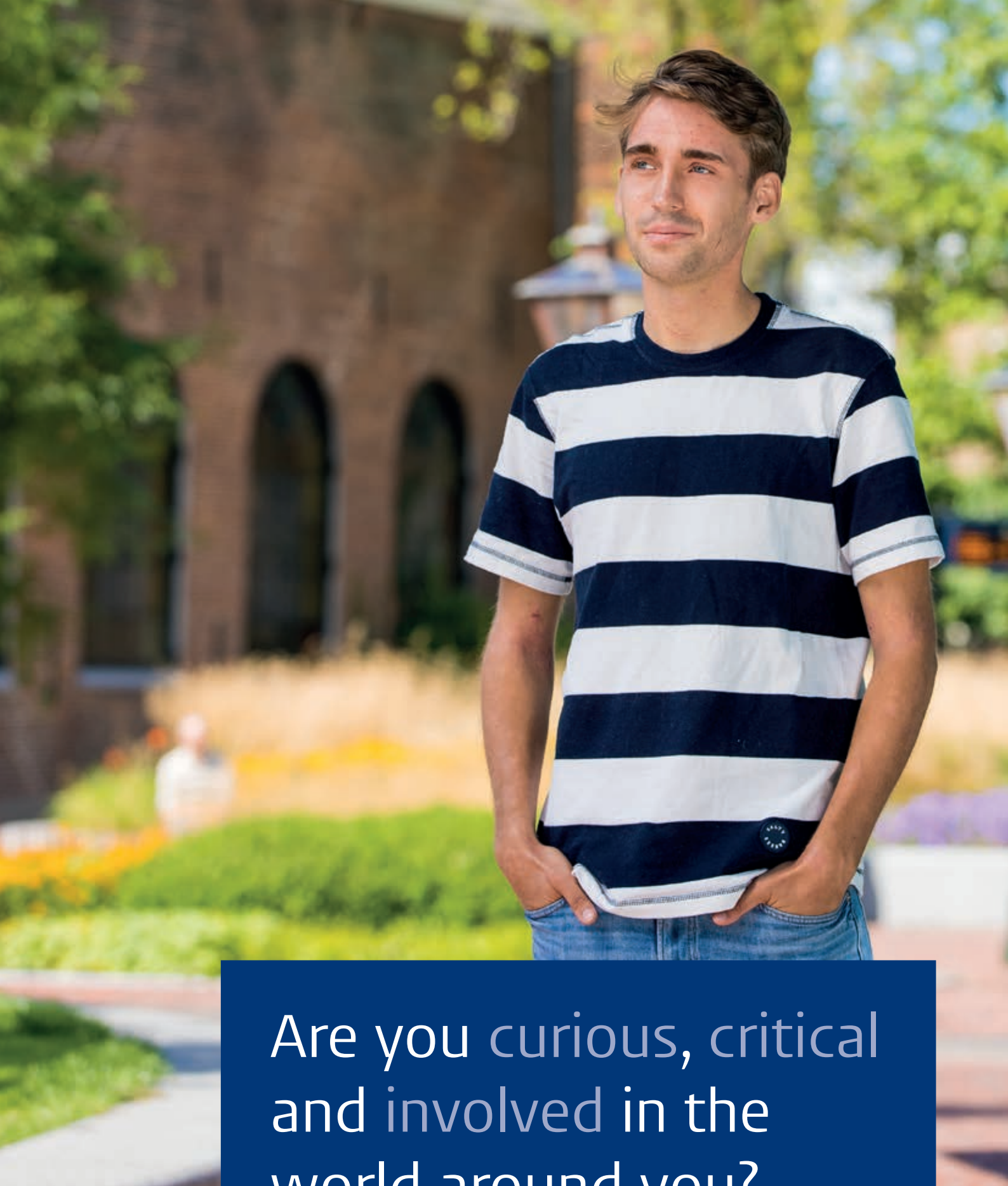
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