

Leiden University Bachelor's Programmes

Study in Leiden or The Hague



**Universiteit
Leiden**
The Netherlands

What if you could change the world?

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 450 years, students and lecturers from all over the world have come to Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands. Comprised of a mosaic of cultures, the university's staff and students offer you a truly international and unique experience. Here you will find 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. What does this mean for you? Our academic staff include many top scholars with an international reputation of excellence. You will have the chance to closely

interact these scholars and thinkers, conducting your own research and exploring topics that are timely and relevant.

Look beyond your boundaries

The step from secondary school to university encompasses many exciting changes and new experiences for those who are curious, critical and involved in the world around them. If you are willing to get the best out of yourself, Leiden University provides a place where different perspectives come together, allowing you to grow both personally and academically. With us, studying is more than just learning from books. Over your 3-year research bachelor's programme you'll be encouraged to develop and defend your own viewpoints while also being open to the ideas of others, in addition to learning how you can make an impact on the world with your knowledge and actions.



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2 cities



52 bachelor's programmes



80+ master's programmes



120+ nationalities



33,000+ students



600 exchange programs



140,000+ alumni



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Welcome to Leiden University

It's great to see that you want to know more about our bachelor's programmes!

At Leiden University, we find freedom of thought and speech incredibly important. It is not without reason that our motto is: praesidium libertatis, or 'bastion of freedom'. That is why we offer a broad spectrum of academic fields and educational programmes in which you can delve into your own field of interest, as well as develop numerous skills: critical thinking, conducting your own research, problem-solving skills, leadership and entrepreneurship. In this way, after graduating, you can contribute to solutions for all kinds of challenges in our society as an academic professional and committed global citizen.

We wish you much inspiration in finding the study programme that suits you and hope to meet you soon at Leiden University!



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 your future student city!

A student city with character

Students have been coming to Leiden University for 450 years, and approximately 1 in 10 in the city is a student! The ancient canals, the historical buildings, intimate courtyards and the many cafes and shops: Leiden is definitely worth seeing. Leiden 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.

Vibrant city centre

Leiden's vibrant city centre is the place to be if you want to relax or socialise. Leiden is full of culture and experiences: enjoy a cool drink 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. Visit one of the 13 museums, such the National Museum of Antiquities, and the World Museum, or go to one of the numerous festivals, including the Leiden Museum Night, the Leiden International Film Festival, and of course the famous celebration of Leidens Ontzet (Relief of Leiden). There really is something for everyone.

Small-scale and central

Thanks to its compact layout it's never more than a short bike ride from your accommodation to college. It's also centrally located between the Netherlands' main cities, and next door to the international hub, The Hague. 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.

Friends for life

My experience in Leiden started off on a high note with the Orientation Week Leiden. It was an excellent way to make connections. I still hang out with my OWL group regularly—we go for weekly coffee dates or picnics, and our diverse backgrounds make for fascinating conversations. Having never lived outside my hometown, moving to the other side of the world was a huge step. The support from my international friends and the Indonesian student association has been invaluable, making me feel more at home.

Humaira Wardana
Student Psychology



Get to know Leiden

Our students tell you everything you need to know about Leiden.



What you need to know about **Leiden**



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Read more about the city of Leiden:

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Destination, the Netherlands

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.



High praise for the lowlands

I always wanted to study abroad, and I chose the Netherlands because of the friendly tuition fees. Friends who study at Leiden University were also very positive about their experiences, which convinced me to come here as well. I love the Dutch climate with real seasons, especially the cold winters—they feel so cozy.

Ioanna Solomidou

Student English Literature and Culture





Political heart of the world

I have always been fascinated by history and politics, and I love meeting people from different parts of the world. The Hague is a fantastic city and it feels like the political heart of the world. Recently, I attended a meeting at the Dutch House of Representatives and it was surreal to see the politicians I usually watch on the news up close. Just the other day, I saw the president of Moldova driving through the city. The Hague offers diverse areas to explore with a variety of restaurants and great museums, yet it doesn't feel as crowded with tourists as Amsterdam.



Alec Kushmerek

Student Political
Sciences: International
Relations and
Organisations.

One of the safest and happiest countries in the world

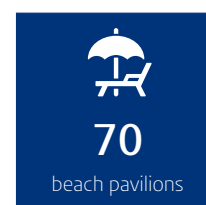
The Netherlands is one of the safest countries in the world, according to the 2025 Global Peace index and is among the top 5 happiest countries in the world.

Plenty of international career opportunities

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



What you need to know about **The Hague**



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Read more about the city of The Hague:

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Get to know The Hague!

Our students tell you everything you need to know about The Hague.

The Hague City of Peace, Justice and Security

Welcome to The Hague, a vibrant student city located in the political heart of the Netherlands. Whether you're into law and policy, solving societal challenges, exploring museums, engaging in cultural activities, or relaxing at the beach—The Hague has it all.

Your future in The Hague

By choosing a Leiden University programme in The Hague, you'll start building connections from day one. Surrounded by political, legal, and international institutions, your future internship or job might be just around the corner. Thanks to its unique location, you'll learn directly from professionals, gaining valuable real-world insights early on.

International to the core

The Hague is known globally as a city of peace, justice, and diplomacy. It's home to the International Criminal Court, embassies, and a wide range of international organizations. In our lecture halls, you'll meet students from around the world, sharing ideas,

experiences and perspectives that will broaden your horizon.

Student life

With over 30,000 students, The Hague is a real student city full of extracurricular and social activities. Take part in HOP Week—Leiden University's introduction week in The Hague—to explore clubs, associations, and your faculty. It's packed with academic and social events, perfect for making new friends and getting to know the city.

Everything within reach

Leiden University's faculty buildings are located right in the city centre, including the newest facility opening on the Spui in 2026. All buildings are within walking distance of one another and surrounded by shops, restaurants, and cozy cafés. Key government buildings, the Binnenhof, museums and theatres are steps away. The city's urban vibe is perfectly balanced with access to nature and the coast. Visit Scheveningen pier, stroll through the dunes, or unwind in one of the many nearby parks. With Leiden only 15 minutes away by train, you get the best of both cities.

Student life and support

Engaging with others and focusing on your professional development is a critical part of studying at Leiden University. The university cultivates a diverse and inclusive community for all students and staff. Dive into student life, and remember to access any support systems you may need make your university experience a fun and healthy one!

A warm welcome

When you're new in Leiden or The Hague, it is a good idea to register for one of the introduction weeks. They are open to all new students. Experience everything the cities have to offer, participate in fun activities and meet lots of new people at the OWL or HOP weeks. If you are studying at Leiden University College The Hague, you will have your very own introweek with all the other new students for that programme. At all introduction weeks you will learn more about your programme and practical matters, and feel at home before the start of the academic year. While the orientation weeks aren't mandatory, we strongly encourage you to participate to start the year in the best way possible.

Read more about introduction weeks:

- ▶ orientationweek.org
- ▶ hopweek.org

Dishcover the world

Find out what more about the experiences of other international students in the series Dishcover the world.



How to feel at home quickly

- > Join a buddy programme or support networks.
- > Join a student association or club. Some are affiliated with a particular study programme, while others are open to all students for debates, symposia, field trips, and social events.
- > Become a member of one of the international student networks, or find the community that suits you best. There are many options to choose from.
- > 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.

Read more about student life:

- ▶ bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-life





Diversity and inclusion

Engage with your chosen communities through networks, events and safe spaces related to diversity and inclusion.

► universiteitleiden.nl/diversity

Student well-being

The well-being and success of our students is very important to at Leiden University.

- > Connect with dedicated counselors for academic or non-academic matters.
- > Attend workshops and build your study-related and well-being skills, such as academic writing, stress or time management, or thesis writing.
- > Participate in Well-being Weeks and Healthy University initiatives to engage with other students and staff.
- > Find support for learning and physical disabilities at the Fenestra Disability Center.

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 centre in Leiden, and the Beehive student centre in The Hague.

Read more about student support and wellbeing:

- bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/student-support
- universiteitleiden.nl/student-wellbeing

Career support

To help you prepare for the job market, Leiden University offers you dedicated support in mapping out a path that prepares you for your first job. Your transition to the labour market begins in various ways, including: network skills training, developing competencies like leadership and entrepreneurship, exploring the job market, gaining practical experience, and connecting with alumni and employers. We help shape you into an academic who is ready for the job market of the future.

Leiden University Career Zone

Questions about your study plan or the job market, vacancies, finding a job that suits you, creating your CV or job-application procedures? Make an appointment at the Career Zone, join a Coach Café, or participate in one of the many useful workshops they run to prepare you for your next steps.

Advice from alumni through the Mentor Network

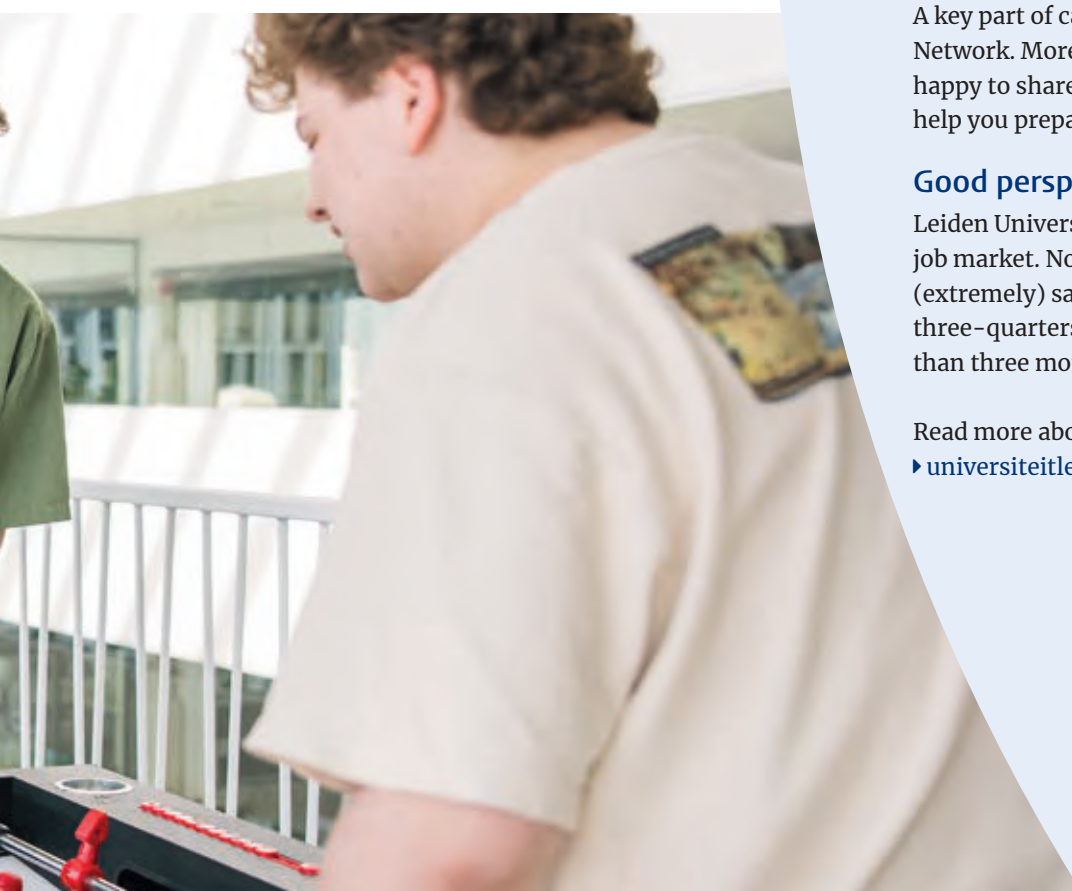
A key part of career support is the Alumni Mentor Network. More than 650 former students are happy to share their knowledge and experience to help you prepare for your post-graduation career.

Good perspective on the job market

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:

- universiteitleiden.nl/careerservices





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*. As Leiden University is an urban campus, student housing is spread throughout the cities of Leiden and The Hague as well as 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.

Finding housing on your own

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

The Leiden University Housing Office reserves a very limited number of rooms each year for new 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. 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.

*An exception: Leiden University College

Accommodation in the first 2 years of the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges programme is guaranteed. This is the only residential programme within the university.

More information:

► universiteitleiden.nl/housing

Financial matters

Tuitions fees academic year 2026-2027

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. Please check the website for financial information and to use the Tuition Fee Calculator.

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

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.

More information:

► universiteitleiden.nl/tuition-fees

Estimated monthly expenses



Rent*

(incl. water and electricity)

€500 – €1000



General living expenses

(food, clothes, phone, personal expenses)

€300 – €350



Transport

(depending on where you live and whether you ride a bicycle)

€70 – €100



Health and liability insurance

€80 – €120



Books/study materials

€50 – €100



Social activities

€70 – €250



Total (excluding tuition fee)

€1,020 – €2,020



How to choose?

Let us help you be well-prepared and confident in your study choice. Here are some suggestions for along the way.

Orientation

Try our study choice test to help map your interests and aptitudes to the programmes at Leiden University. By answering a few questions, you'll gain insight into your learning profile and see which programmes could be a good fit.



What information activities are there?

Open Days

Visit an Open Day to attend presentations and ask your questions directly to teachers and students. Upcoming dates:

- > Saturday, November 1, 2025
- > Saturday, March 7, 2026

Try it out:

Experience days

Want to dive deeper into a programme? Join an Experience Day to visit the campus, attend a lecture, and get an in-depth look at student life and the curriculum.

Student-for-a-day

Follow a current student to experience a day in their shoes. It's the perfect way to find out what studying at Leiden University is really like.

Read more about our Information Activities:

- ▶ bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/information-activities

Your next step

Which programmes matched your profile? Which subjects appeal to you? Start by researching these programmes to see if they spark your interest. Watch programme videos, attend presentations, and speak to students and study advisors during an Open Day—either on campus or online. Find out: How is the programme structured? What subjects are covered? What careers can it lead to? Talk it over with parents, friends, or a study counselor—they can help you reflect on what suits you best.

A deeper understanding

Want to get a real feel for your future studies? Join (online) experience modules or spend a day as a student—either in person or virtually. And if you have questions about studying or student life, our students are here to help.

- ▶ bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/chat-with-a-student



Ready to apply



1. Check the admission requirements

Over 50 international secondary diplomas are eligible for admission to Leiden University's bachelor's programmes. Check per programme for specific requirements.



2. Register in Studielink

Make an account in Studielink from October 1st. Add the programme(s) of your choice there. Around this time, orient yourself about student housing in Leiden and The Hague.



3. Gather the required documents

You need several documents to apply for a bachelor's programme at Leiden University such as your passport and transcripts/diploma. Plan ahead to have these ready when you apply.



4. Submit your application prior to the deadline

After registering in Studielink, complete and submit the Leiden University online application form(s), and pay the application fee. If your programme has a selection process, there will be additional steps to follow.

For programmes with a *numerus fixus*, you must apply before January 15th. For the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges programme at LUC The Hague, there is an Early Bird deadline of December 1st, but you can continue to apply until March 15th. For programmes with compulsory matching, the deadline is May 1st. If you require a visa or residence permit to study in the Netherlands (most non-EU/EEA citizens), you must apply before 1 April. Be sure to check your programme details for your deadline.



5. Prepare for your studies at Leiden University

Congratulations, you have completed all the steps and will (hopefully) finish your enrollment at Leiden University! This includes applying for your visa/residence permit, if applicable. Check your emails (and junk folder) regularly, and follow all instructions.

If you have questions, reach out to the Student Affairs Front Office for assistance before deadlines.

To prepare you well for the start of your studies, we offer you a number of useful pre-departure tips and you can participate in the introduction weeks where you can get to know the city, student life, the study and your fellow students better.

For all details and the extensive step-by-step plan, visit:

- ▶ universiteitleiden.nl/admission-and-application
- ▶ universiteitleiden.nl/prepare-for-your-studies



Which English-taught bachelor's will you choose?

Leiden

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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'.

Why Archaeology in Leiden?

- > The Faculty of Archaeology has earned a place in the top five 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.

The Archaeology programme in Leiden provides you a solid basis for a career in archaeology, heritage management, heritage policy or within the museum world. This prepares you for an increasingly globalised job market, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	140
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	25
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	21

► bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/archaeology



African Studies

African Studies is a programme in which you will study Africa in all its aspects. It is the only bachelor's programme of its kind in Europe. You will explore the continent's history, languages, literature and art, while also looking at its economic and political role in today's globalised world. Additionally, you will spend a semester in an African country, perfecting your language skills and getting an inside view of African daily life. After graduation, you will find that your knowledge and skills are sought after on the job market. You could work for, instance, as a translator, journalist, editor or policy adviser.

Why African Studies?

- > You can tailor the programme to your own interests.
- > Four pillars: African Languages, African History, African Developments, African Diaspora.
- > Acquire expert knowledge on Africa as well as (digital) academic and personal skills.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	15
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	15

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Arts, Media and Society

Visual art today is strongly interlinked with today's society, a connection which is reinforced by (social) media. In Arts, Media and Society, the English-taught specialisation of the Art History bachelor's programme, you will explore this relationship and analyse how it reflects and impacts issues such as climate change and inequality. The first year focuses on art history, giving you a strong foundation. In the second and third year, you will concentrate on the interaction between contemporary art, media and today's society. This multidisciplinary programme offers insights into the relation of art with disciplines as science and politics. You will develop your academic and personal skills throughout the programme, making you equipped for a wide range of jobs, including curating, art consultancy, publishing or journalism.

Why Arts, Media and Society?

- > Lecturers who belong to the top in their field and who base their teaching on their current research.
- > Lively community of international students and lecturers.
- > Perfect preparation for a career in academia, the public or private sector.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	50
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	20
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	25

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Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology

What if understanding others is the key to changing the world? What if asking questions and observing people is your way of making impact? What if culture lived in algorithms too? Combining hands-on research with academic training, this programme provides you insights and skills relating to cultural and social differences. You will 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, social justice movements, religious expressions, etc. Alumni typically find jobs in areas of policy, communications, UX design, film making and research, for example as environmental consultant at a non-profit organisation, or diversity officer for a municipality.

Why Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology?

- > 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 will specialise in one of two different tracks: People Planet Power or Media Making Movement.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	120
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	16
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	18

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Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

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, mathematics and cognition. You are going to study how to get insights from data and how to build smart machines capable of performing complex tasks. This requires human intelligence in order to provide useful applications for society.

Why Data Science & Artificial Intelligence?

- > You will learn to develop and program intelligent algorithms for a wide area of applications.
- > It has a strong fundamental basis in computer science and mathematics, combined with machine learning, cognitive science and AI competence.
- > Research-oriented: teaching is directly inspired by current research, and students can participate in research projects. Lectures will be given by research staff from LIACS (Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science), Psychology and the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	300
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	40
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	30

► bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/data-science-and-artificial-intelligence



Dutch Studies

The best place to learn the Dutch language as well as the culture, history and mindset of the Netherlands is, naturally, in the Netherlands itself. In the Netherlands, Leiden is the only place where international students can follow a full academic programme in Dutch Studies. Not only will you gain a very good command of the Dutch language, you will also gain insight into the historical and present-day society and culture of the Netherlands. The unique combination of Dutch Studies and your own native language makes you the ideal person to build intercultural connections after your study. Therefore graduated students often find employment in international organisations with Dutch connections; in governmental or NGOs or in Dutch educational programmes in their own country.

Why Dutch Studies?

- > Learn the Dutch language.
- > Explore Dutch literature, linguistics and (art) history.
- > Acquire all the skills necessary to obtain a full understanding of Dutch culture and society.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	100
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	18
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	21

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English Language and Culture

In today's world English is everywhere – from literature to films, from trade to international politics. In our bachelor's programme, you will acquire an excellent command of spoken and written English, and explore the language structure and the mechanics behind language acquisition. Moreover, you will study the cultures of English-speaking countries in-depth, while analysing the interaction between language changes and changes in society. This bachelor's programme is unique in the Netherlands for the breadth of its scope. We offer four specialisations: Language Acquisition, Literature, Linguistics and Philology. After graduation, your knowledge and academic and personal skills will support you in finding a high-level job, for instance in publishing, journalism or the government.

Why English Language and Culture?

- > Excellent connections with universities in English-speaking countries.
- > Lecturers with an international reputation and interesting research projects.
- > Programme with a personal approach, where you will be in close contact with the lecturers.

Location	Leiden
Duration programme	3 year
Largest lecture size	130
Maximum tutorial size	24
Number of nationalities	8

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Linguistics

In Linguistics you study all aspects of language. You compare languages, analyse nearly extinct languages, and learn about the sounds, rules, and structure of language. In the second year, you choose one of four specialisations, three of which are entirely taught in English: **Descriptive Linguistics**, **Language & Cognition**, and **Comparative Indo-European Linguistics**. The fourth specialisation is taught partially in Dutch: **Language in Use**. Some of these specialisations include learning unique languages, such as Hittite or Old Norse. This allows you to compare different languages with each other. You are introduced to various approaches to communication, while also learning to make cross-connections between them. These skills will be highly valuable after graduation in roles such as consultant, linguist, language researcher, or editor at a publishing house.

Why Linguistics?

- > This programme ranks highly on both national and international league tables.
- > Two specialisations are rarely taught at other BA programmes in Europe or even the world: Descriptive Linguistics and Comparative Indo-European Linguistics.
- > The programme explores the intersections between language and fields such as biology, psychology, neuroscience, sociology, and anthropology.

Location	Leiden
Duration programme	3 years
Largest lecture size	50
Maximum tutorial size	20
Number of nationalities	33

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Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives

This bachelor's programme is one of the very few programmes worldwide to offer philosophy perspectives from around the globe. Studying the philosophies of India, East Asia, and the Arab world alongside those of the West will give you a global context for thought. You will learn how to challenge unquestioned patterns of thought, and how to develop new perspectives on current issues. While acquiring broad knowledge in this discipline and developing academic and personal skills, you will develop your critical thinking skills. Philosophy graduates typically enter into professions such as: teacher or researcher, policy advisor or consultant for governmental or NGOs, journalist, editor or publisher, communications consultant or cultural entrepreneur.

Why Philosophy: Global and Comparative Perspectives?

- > Broaden your horizons with strong academic competences.
- > Small tutorial groups, complementing your lectures.
- > Excellent career prospects in a globalising world.

Location	Leiden
Duration programme	3 years
Largest lecture size	65
Maximum tutorial size	20
Number of nationalities	14

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Psychology

Psychology is everywhere: a conflict between friends, an elderly neighbour with Alzheimer's who no longer remembers you, or the simple fact that you're an early riser in a family of night owls. What lies behind these everyday situations? What drives people's actions? Why do they behave the way they do, and how do they experience the world around them? These are the kinds of questions psychologists seek to answer. In the bachelor's programme in Psychology, you'll develop key skills such as interviewing, observation, and working with statistical software. Psychology is a broad and versatile science, opening doors to a wide range of career paths. Whether in health care, education, business, or government, you'll be equipped to make a meaningful impact.

Why Psychology?

- > Develop a broad orientation in the first year and then choose part of your own courses.
- > Attend lectures and interactive work groups led by top scientists in an international classroom.
- > Combine scientific knowledge with research and practical skills.

Location	Leiden
Duration programme	3 years
Largest lecture size	350
Maximum tutorial size	24
Number of nationalities	41

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Science for Sustainable Societies

What if we could grow prosperity around the world without damaging our planet? What if local communities benefit and contribute to protecting biodiversity, rather than being excluded? What if farmers were paid fairly for growing food in ways that care for the soil, water, and climate? Real-life sustainability challenges are messy and complicated. They affect people, ecosystems, and economies all at once. That is why solving them takes more than just one way of thinking. To tackle today's big sustainability challenges—like climate change, loss of biodiversity, or creating fair and sustainable food systems—we need minds that understand nature but also how human communities work. Our unique programme brings these worlds together.

Why Science for Sustainable Societies?

- > We combine disciplines to understand complex sustainability issues.
- > We connect theory with hands-on experience: through field work, excursions and real-life case-studies.
- > We offer personal attention, interactive seminars and space for discussion and personal growth.
- > Our international learning environment fosters collaboration and understanding
- > You will develop a wide range of academic and practical skills.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	75-100
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	30
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	20

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South and Southeast Asian Studies

Dozens of peoples, religions and languages exist alongside each other in India, Indonesia and the neighbouring countries. In this programme you will encounter a fascinating mix of traditional and modern cultures. You will study the history, culture, politics and societies of South and Southeast Asia, choose one of four languages (Hindi, Indonesian, Sanskrit or Tibetan) and learn about religions like Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam. You have the option to study aspects of modern society or to learn about classical civilisations. Also, you will gain a strong foundation in academic skills, language and critical thinking. Your knowledge of this region makes you into a good candidate for various job positions with international organisations, becoming a researcher, or working as a consultant.

Why South and Southeast Asian Studies?

- > Focus on both traditional and modern societies.
- > Unique expertise in Asian languages at Leiden University.
- > Internationally renowned Asian collections and institutes in Leiden.

<i>Location</i>	Leiden
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	20
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	20
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	12

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Political Science: International Relations and Organisations

In this programme, you will study cross-border themes from a social science perspective. International Relations and Organisations (IRO) offers a deep dive into political science, international law, conflict resolution, and global governance. You'll gain analytical and research skills to understand and address today's most pressing challenges. The programme combines theoretical insights with a strong focus on current world affairs and the role played by major powers such as the US, China and Russia, and organisations such as the EU, IMF, NATO, the UN and the World Bank. You will also develop academic and professional skills: statistics, research methods, text analysis, and debating. IRO prepares you for a job in for example policy-making, strategic analysis, research and education, management, consultancy, diplomacy, administration and politics.

Why Political Science: 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.

<i>Location</i>	The Hague
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	400
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	24
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	60

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International Studies

In International Studies, you will study developments in one of eight regions of the world and learn to understand them in a global context. During the programme you will specialise in one of these regions, while also learning one of the region's major languages. Our multifaceted approach will allow you to study the historical and cultural background of the region of your choice, as well as its political and economic developments. In the third year, we offer a unique consultancy course. You will work on solutions to issues presented by leading organisations such as Unilever, UN agencies, the War Child Alliance and the European Space Agency.

Why International Studies?

- > A unique combination of area studies placed in an international setting in The Hague.
- > You will develop academic and personal skills which will be of great value in your future career.
- > An international atmosphere, with students and lecturers from all over the world.

<i>Location</i>	The Hague
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	400
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	15
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	50

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Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges at Leiden University College

How do countries collaborate to impact climate change? How does inequality affect life expectancy? How can diplomacy help reduce international conflict? These types of questions revolve around Global Challenges and are central to the programme at Leiden University College. A Liberal Arts & Sciences education like this prepares you to deal with complex and interdisciplinary topics. Rather than focusing on a single academic field, you will gain broad knowledge from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities before you pick an area of interest to study in depth: your major.

Programme structure

In the first year, you follow courses to become familiarized with Global Challenges: what they are, what makes them complicated, and how they affect diverse communities around the globe and locally.

In addition, you will follow a few courses to lay a strong academic foundation, such as statistics and academic writing, and supplement this with 3 electives: courses which are completely your choice. At the end of year one, you choose a specialization (major), from the following six options:

- > BA Culture, History and Society
- > BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability
- > BSc Governance, Economics and Development
- > BSc Global Health, Innovation and Society
- > BA International Justice
- > BA World Politics

On Campus Community

Housing in the LUC building in the center of The Hague is guaranteed for the first two years of your studies. If you choose to live on campus, you will have a studio apartment with your own bathroom and kitchen, and share a common room on your floor. Living together greatly enhances the community feeling in the college and contributes to learning from others outside the class room.

Inspiring community

At Leiden University College, you'll find a range of different extracurricular activities and traditions to take part in, such as the pantomime, a sports tournament with all Dutch university colleges or Model United Nations. Joining LUC means joining an inspiring and close-knit community of motivated students from all around the world.

Admission and Application

Each year, LUC admits 200 talented students from the Netherlands and abroad. You will study together in small classes of max 22 students, where there is lots of room for discussion and interaction. We have two application deadlines: 1 December (Early bird) or 15 March (Regular). Check our website for a full overview of admission procedures & requirements and upcoming experience days.

<i>Location</i>	The Hague
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	200
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	20
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	54



Security Studies

International terrorism, organised crime, armed conflict, cyber incidents, natural, health and industrial crises affect the security and safety of millions each day. This programme teaches students to analyse and address contemporary security and safety challenges. Using various theoretical lenses, students unravel security cases by focusing on the political, historical, and societal context, but also on governance structures, institutions, and the role of the media. Special attention is given to the development of academic and professional skills, such as: critical thinking, writing, communication, research, teamwork, intercultural skills, organisational and leadership skills. But also on the application of these skills in contemporary security and safety cases. Graduates can find employment in both the public and private sector in various roles, such as a security policy officer, security consultant, risk manager or strategic security advisor.

Why Security Studies?

- > Interdisciplinary approach to security and safety challenges.
- > You will learn by 'Exploring, Understanding and Doing' security.
- > Combination of lectures and skills labs, where academic and professional skills are trained in small groups.

<i>Location</i>	The Hague
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	300
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	25
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	40

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Urban Studies

Currently, some 50 percent of the world's population is living in cities and knows all about the opposing aspects of urban life. In the Urban Studies programme you will explore how cities are coping with issues related to economic growth, social cohesion, safety and sustainability, and which future challenges they will face. After kicking off with a broad introduction during the first year, in your second year you will be able to specialise in two of our four themes: the multicultural city, the safe city, the healthy city and the sustainable city. The programme brings together lecturers from the humanities, social and natural sciences, and law. After graduation, you will possess the skills and knowledge that will give you an excellent start on the job market.

Why Urban Studies?

- > Teaching you how to develop real-life answers to today's and tomorrow's urban challenges.
- > This interdisciplinary programme combines fields of humanities, social sciences, law, science and language.
- > Hands-on experience in research projects and field trips.

<i>Location</i>	The Hague
<i>Duration programme</i>	3 years
<i>Largest lecture size</i>	80
<i>Maximum tutorial size</i>	20
<i>Number of nationalities</i>	52

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- > Student For A Day
- > Experience Day (on campus or online)
- > Programme videos
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