Vision on Teaching & Learning@LeidenUniversity

Teaching in interaction with society

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Integration of research and teaching

‘Integration of research and teaching’ is the core of the teaching in all our programmes and we stimulate students to develop an inquisitive attitude. It is not enough for students to simply watch and listen; the University encourages them to be active participants. Students also devise and carry out their own research.

Activating teaching and learning

We ask a pro-active attitude from our students and provide teaching in small-scale, interactive learning communities in which students play an active role. They prepare for classes through digital learning platforms, flipped classrooms, work together in tutorial groups and learn from one another through peer teaching.

Flexible learning pathways

Greater flexibility in learning pathways under the supervision of their teachers, enables students to develop their own learning pathways in line with their personal ambitions. They can connect a variety of subjects and disciplines whilst pursuing their own interests. Internships at home or abroad also contribute to their personal learning objectives.

Skills

We focus attention in our teaching on skills, in parallel with academic competences. There is an increasing demand in the labour-market and in society in general for graduates who think critically, resolve complex problems and engage in self-reflection. Today’s graduates also need to be creative and able to work successfully in teams; they need communication skills, enabling them to communicate effectively and persuasively and contribute to debates in a meaningful manner.

Employability enhancement

Preparing students for the job market is becoming an integral part of our teaching programmes. During their studies, students prepare for their future careers by taking part in skills training and exploring career opportunities, through interaction with employers and practical experience.

Engagement with society

We adapt our teaching to meet the challenges of society. With the knowledge and skills they acquire during their studies, our students will as critical citizens be able to contribute to a better world. Even during their time at university, students can make a contribution by taking part in service learning and community projects in partnership with societal institutions such as local councils and schools.

Application of technology

We exploit technological developments to the full in our teaching programmes. Lecturers apply technological innovations to complement their own specialist field, and we incorporate the most cutting-edge digital developments into our teaching. We design innovative online teaching methods and strive to meet the needs of students with different entry levels, study tempo, learning styles and individual tracks.

Internationalisation and diversity

We offer a stimulating, international and inclusive environment in which everyone feels welcome. We aim to help all our students develop their full potential. Students from different nationalities, cultures and religions come together in our international classrooms. Our teaching programmes address cross-disciplinary and global problems that are approached from different perspectives.