

# Chinese Studies

## Master of Arts

Leiden University's master's in Chinese Studies is taught by top researchers from a wide range of disciplines. The programme combines in depth content courses with intensive and advanced language training and you will study China from a broad range of perspectives using a comparative and global viewpoint.

### Why study Chinese Studies at Leiden University?

- Expertise on Asia at Leiden University is internationally renowned. Learn from some of Europe's best scholars in the field, many of whom are at the leading edge of Asia-related research.
- Tailor your qualification to reflect your interests or career ambitions. You can choose from a broad range of electives and select a subject for your MA thesis. Choose to focus on a single country, or on a specific discipline and region.
- Acquire an excellent command of Mandarin and, in the case of certain specialisations, of Classical Chinese.
- All Asian Studies programmes make the most of Leiden University's world-class resources, including its famous and unique collections of Asian artifacts.



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**Study in China**

Two semesters of your degree are spent studying at the prestigious Shandong University in Jinan, China, offering you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in Chinese culture, language, and society. At this university, programmes in Chinese language and civilisation for foreign students typically include courses, such as conversation, writing, newspaper readings and translation, offered at various levels for each course.

The Faculty of Humanities offers a partial scholarship to reduce costs (and travel expenses) for the year in China for each applicant who has been admitted to the programme. This is not a full scholarship but only a partial contribution to your expenses in China.

**An academic career**

If you have ambitions to pursue a PhD position or career as a researcher outside of academia you can apply for the two-year Research Master in Asian Studies on completion of the programme.

**Career prospects**

Our graduates frequently find employment in policy-making occupations and are sought-after within the world of commerce. We have alumni working in management positions in NGOs, multinationals and SMEs in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and elsewhere in Asia.

Some of the occupations of our graduates include:

- Curator of the China department at a national museum of ethnology
- PhD candidate at a university in Hong Kong
- China Director at an international architecture, planning and strategic consultancy firm
- Test consultant at a large IT consultancy firm
- Managing partner of a translation agency
- Policy officer at a ministry of foreign affairs
- Editor at a publishing house
- Project officer for Asia collections at Leiden University Library
- Technical programme manager at a multinational technology company
- Web editor and newsletter coordinator at an embassy in China

**Study programme**

Year 1	Year 2
<p><b>Core courses (10 EC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <a href="#">Introduction to Asian Studies</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Thesis &amp; Methods Classes</a></li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">MA Thesis Asian Studies</a> (15 EC)</p>
<p><b>Language Courses (10 EC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <a href="#">Advanced Modern Chinese Listening &amp; Speaking 1</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Advanced Modern Chinese Reading &amp; Writing 1</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Language Courses (10 EC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <a href="#">Advanced Modern Chinese Listening &amp; Speaking 3</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Advanced Modern Chinese Reading &amp; Writing 3</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Electives (10 EC)</b></p> <p>You may choose from a wide range of electives, options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <a href="#">Chinese Linguistics: The State of the Art</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">China's International Political Economy</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">The State in Modern Chinese History</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Advanced Readings in classical Chinese</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">The Politics of Digital East Asia</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Material Culture, Memory and Commemoration along the Silk Roads in Central Asia</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Electives (10 EC)</b></p> <p>You may choose from a wide range of electives, options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <a href="#">Creativity and Culture in Contemporary China</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">China and Global Cyberspace</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Democratizing Histories</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Crime and Criminal Justice: East Asian Perspectives</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">What Art History in China is</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Reading Buddhist Scriptures</a></li> <li>› <a href="#">Sinographics: Chinese writing and writing Chinese</a></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Year in China (60 EC)</a></p>	

## Facts and figures

### Degree

Asian Studies (MA)  
Asian Studies (Research MA)

### Duration

2 year

### Start

September

### Language

English

### Application deadlines

For September entry:

- > 1 April (students from non-EU countries)
- > 15 June (students from EU countries)

### Tuition fee

€2,060 EU / €16,800 non-EU per year

## Entry requirements

Detailed information about the entry requirements and admission is available on the [website](#)

## More information

For more information about the programme, please visit our [website](#).

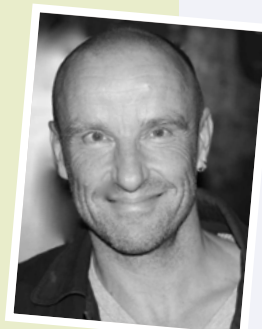
If you have any questions about the content of the programme or entry requirements you can get in touch with the Coordinator of Studies:

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## A word from our staff members

**“We don’t tell students what they should do; rather, we see ourselves as educators whose role is to stimulate students to pursue their own cultural or linguistic interests.”**

*Maghiel van Crevel, Professor of Chinese Language and Literature*



## What our alumni say

**“As soon as I obtained my master’s degree in 2009 I joined the national civil service trainee programme. I thought it would be a good way of getting into the civil service, but to my surprise I was immediately selected for Foreign Affairs, the very place I most wanted to work. My career since has taken me to vastly different places, with ‘all-things-Asia’ frequently returning on my path. Currently I am serving as deputy Consul-General in Chongqing, China.”**

*Thomas Falkenhagen, graduated in Chinese Studies*

