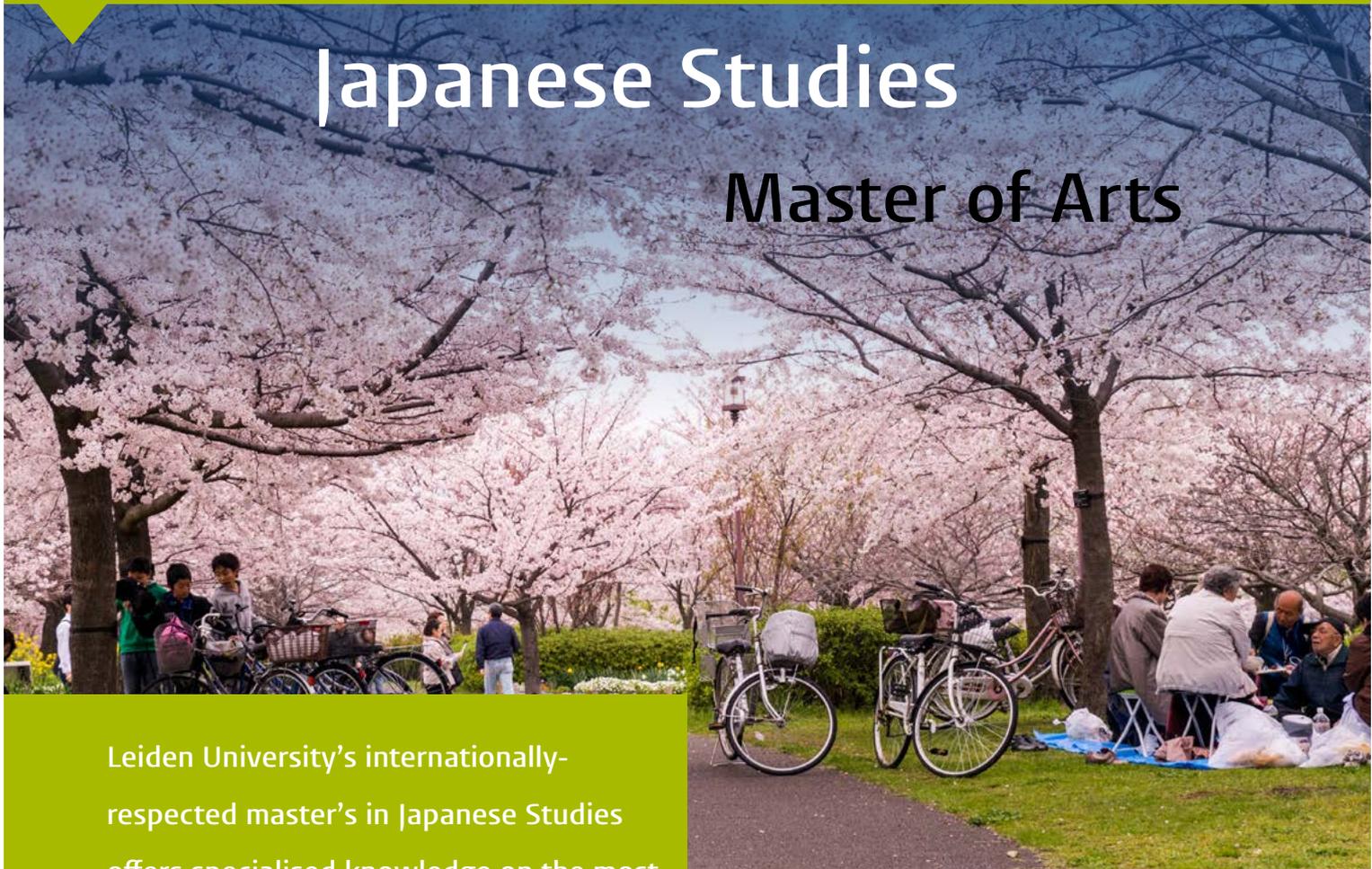


Japanese Studies

Master of Arts



Leiden University's internationally-respected master's in Japanese Studies offers specialised knowledge on the most important aspects of modern and pre-modern Japan. The programme offers teaching by leading academics and a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the East Asian region with a central focus on mastering the Japanese language.

Why study Japanese 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.
- Leiden University has one of the oldest and most established centres for Japanese Studies in the Western world – building on the country's long and intimate relations with Japan.
- 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 the Japanese language.
- 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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Two semesters of your degree will be spent studying at a university in Japan, offering you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in Japanese culture, language, and society. You will have the opportunity to improve your Japanese language skills, follow relevant courses in your field of research and to conduct research for your MA thesis. Develop your fluency in Japanese and gain a host of skills and insights that will prepare you for real-world success after your master’s degree.

An academic career

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

Career prospects

Graduates of the MA in Japanese Studies can offer expertise that is highly relevant to many organisations today. Some of the occupations of our graduates include:

- Account Manager at Asahi Intecc
- Analytics Assistant at Reed Elsevier, a provider of information services
- Area Manager Asia at the Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion
- Marketing Trainee at Wakibi microcredit
- Service Management Consultant at a company developing software
- Junior Project Manager at Concorde Group BV, a translation agency
- Coordinator, International Relations at Mima City Hall
- Consular Officer at the Dutch Embassy in Japan
- Corporate Banking Assistant at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
- Translator and Product Developer at Kobe Bussan

Study programme

Year one	Year two
<p>Core courses (10 EC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Introduction to Asian Studies › Thesis & Methods Classes 	<p>MA Thesis Asian Studies (15 EC)</p> <p>Thesis Tutorial 1 (5 EC)</p> <p>Thesis Tutorial 2 (5 EC)</p>
<p>Language Courses (15 EC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Advanced Reading & Writing in Japanese 1 › Advanced Reading & Writing in Japanese 2 	<p>Language Courses (5 EC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Advanced Reading & Writing in Japanese 3
<p>Electives (20 EC)</p> <p>You may choose from a wide range of electives, options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sociology of Japan › Trends in Japanese Linguistics › Contemporary Japan’s Economy in Global Economic Crises › Topical Readings in Classical Japanese › The Politics of Digital East Asia › Material Culture, Memory and Commemoration along the Silk Roads in Central Asia › The Literature of Mature Indian Esoteric Buddhism 	<p>No electives</p>
<p>Year in Japan (45 EC)</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

“Studying contemporary Japanese society is like a journey: full of discoveries and new insights. It is not just a question of acquiring knowledge, but reflecting on issues relevant to our own lives.”

Aya Ezawa, Researcher and university lecturer



What our alumni say

“I work as an international sales manager for a French company that manufactures seats for theatres, cinemas, auditoriums, and conference halls world-wide. I travel around Northern Europe and Japan, where I meet with architects and owners of such venues and offer the company’s top-quality products. The French company is part of a Japanese-owned company group. The head company of this group is Japanese and I attended an internship there in 2014.”

Christiaan Raaijmakers, graduated in Japanese Studies

