

Politics, Society and Economy of Asia

Master of Arts



The master's in Politics, Society and Economy of Asia at Leiden University takes a social science approach to the study of one or more countries or regions in modern or contemporary Asia. Select your country or region, and explore it from diverse disciplinary perspectives – often using original source materials – including modern history, sociology, development economics, media studies, political science, international relations and anthropology.

Why study Politics, Society and Economy of Asia 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.
- 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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Elective courses

In addition to a core course on Asia, you will also take various courses of your own choice. These elective courses introduce the issues, debates and methodologies of a discipline with a regional focus on one of the countries or regions of Asia.

Learn a language

Knowledge of an Asian language is not required for this master's programme, but you have the option of taking intensive language courses in a modern-day language including Japanese, Indonesian, Chinese, Korean or Hindi.

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's in Asian Studies on completion of the programme.

Career prospects

Graduates of the MA in Politics, Society and Economy of Asia can offer expertise that is highly relevant to many organisations today. A selection of roles in which expertise on Asia is desirable include professions in journalism, publishing, international trade, marketing, business, public relations, education, development aid, and in government, multinationals and NGOs.

Some of the occupations of our graduates include:

- Account manager at a translation agency
- Project manager at a trading and consultancy company in India
- Owner of a consultancy firm
- Consultant at a defence and security company
- Communications officer at an animation studio in Japan
- Relations management officer at an organisation promoting internationalisation in education
- Editor at an academic publishing house
- Content editor at a booking website

Study programme

Semester 1	Semester 2
<p>Core courses (20-30 EC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Introduction to Asian Studies (5 EC) › Thesis & Methods Classes (5 EC) <p>Choose one or two from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › China's International Political Economy (10 EC) › Contemporary Japan's Economy in Global Economic Crises (10 EC) › Economic Development and Social Change in Southeast Asia (10 EC) 	<p>MA Thesis Asian Studies (15 EC)</p>
<p>Electives (up to 10 EC)</p> <p>You may choose from a wide range of electives Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language courses › The Politics of Digital East Asia › Sociology of Japan › Politics of Culture in Southeast Asia › The Politics of North Korea(n) Culture › Cultures of Resistance in the Post-colonial World › BRIC: Emerging Powers and Changing Global Relations 	<p>Electives (15 EC)</p> <p>You may choose from a wide range of electives. Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language courses › Democratizing Histories › Asia through Consumption › Crime and Criminal Justice: East Asian Perspectives › Contemporary Indian Politics › Human Rights Discourses on North Korea › China and Global Cyberspace › Political Economy of Southeast Asia

Facts and figures

Degree

Asian Studies (MA)

Asian Studies (Research MA)

Duration

1 year (MA)

2 years (research MA)

Start

September, February

Language

English

Application deadlines

For September entry:

› 1 April (students from non-EU countries)

› 15 June (students from EU countries)

For February entry:

› 15 October (students from non-EU countries)

› 1 December (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

“During projects, I take the time to talk to my students, ask questions about their topic, and give as much detailed feedback as I can on their writing. Putting a large research project together is a lot of work, and it requires skills that most of us don’t have when we start our graduate studies.”

Florian Schneider, Researcher and University Lecturer



What our alumni say

“I didn’t want to limit myself during my studies. So alongside my BA programme I followed courses in journalism and business studies. During my master’s programme in Asian Studies I did a communication internship at the Municipality of Almere and I also did the Leiden Leadership Programme. I learned about how to lead, motivate and reward people, and how to stand in front of a group. And these skills are precisely what I need now.”

Omid Anwari, Graduated in Politics, Society and Economy of Asia

