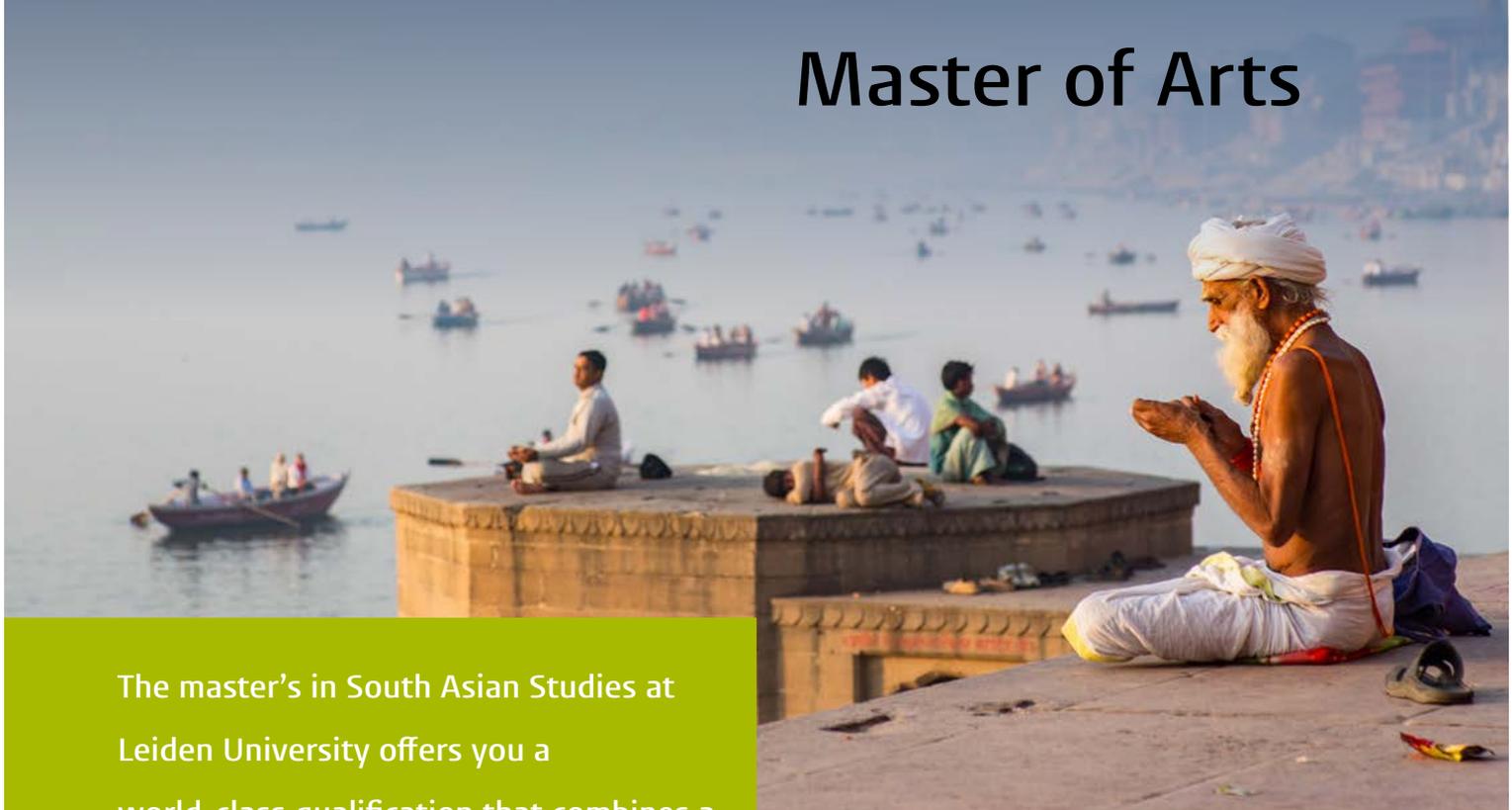


South Asian Studies

Master of Arts



The master's in South Asian Studies at Leiden University offers you a world-class qualification that combines a comparative and global approach with specialised and in-depth expertise. You will learn about the countries or regions of South Asia from the perspective of a wide range of complementary disciplines including history, literature, art history, media and cultural studies, religious studies, philosophy and philology.

Why study South Asian 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 language and 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 South 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 Sanskrit, Tibetan, or Hindi. These courses are taken instead of one elective in both the first and second semesters.

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

As a graduate of the MA in Asian Studies, you are qualified to work within a variety of fields where there is a demand for expertise in Asia, including journalism and publishing, international trade and marketing, business, public relations, education and development aid, and in government, international organisations 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 course: Introduction to Asian Studies (5 EC) Thesis & Methods Classes (5 EC)</p>	<p>MA Thesis Asian Studies (15 EC)</p>
<p>Electives (20 EC) You may choose from a wide range of electives Options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Language courses › Advanced Readings in Sanskrit Literature › Hindi Literature › Modern Muslim Qur’an Interpretation › Material Culture, Memory and Commemoration along the Silk Roads in Central Asia › Cultures of Resistance in the Post-colonial World › The Literature of Mature Indian Esoteric Buddhism › Religious Themes in Asian Art › Constructing Digital Language Toolkits 	<p>Electives (15 EC) 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 › Contemporary Indian Politics › Hands-on Research Experience in Museum Volkenkunde › Culture and Conquest: the Impact of the Mongols and their Descendants › Anthropology of Muslim Societies › ‘Ulamâ’ in the Modern Muslim World › Reading Buddhist Scriptures

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

“Leiden University has incredible strengths – it is possible, for instance, to study Buddhism across the whole of Asia. I teach introductory courses on Buddhism, and advanced thematic seminars on various topics. And of course, I always love to read Buddhist texts with students in their original languages as well as in translation. The study of Buddhism should be a dynamic synthesis of factual knowledge and critical perspectives, and the Leiden master’s programme offers students just this approach.”

Jonathan Silk, Professor of Buddhist Studies



What our alumni say

“In my current position as management trainee at TU Delft, I benefit every day from having followed the MA East Asian Studies. I owe it to this programme that I have a unique outlook on the world, which makes a great difference when making decisions or doing business.”

Robbert Beers, Graduated in Asian Studies

