Master Programme
International Relations

Introduction for the specialisations:
- Culture and Politics
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- Global Political Economy
International Relations (IR) discipline
MAIR – Humanities-based
Pillars of Humanities-based IR

Trans-disciplinary

Human Understanding

Critical Thinking

Diversity

Engagement
Master in International Relations

Mission Statement:

“The MA International Relations at Leiden University engages with frameworks and concepts from a myriad of different national, international and cultural perspectives and uses qualitative approaches to comprehend contemporary global politics.”
MA Specializations

- Culture and Politics
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Political Economy
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- European Union Studies
Why Leiden?

Because…:
• Leiden University offers an unrivalled range of Area Studies, History, Language and Cultural Studies expertise.
• Our staff are specialists in a broad range of subjects.
• We offer a multidisciplinary and humanities based approach.

And because we are good…:
• *Times Higher Education rankings:* Humanities no.25 (2017)
• *QS rankings:* Politics & International Studies no. 25 (2016 – first Dutch university)
Admission requirements

• You will need a BA degree from a university in the field of social sciences, humanities, law or economics.
• No pre-master programme.
• Students with a HBO-diploma can’t be admitted.
• Provide essay (if no 30 EC in field of International Studies), motivation letter, reference letters, transcript of records, CV.
• From September 2018: minimum grade requirements and limited number of students per specialisation.

• A good academic record demonstrated by either an average grade of 7.0 (out of ten), or the equivalent thereof, for the Bachelor thesis, and/or other indicators such as relevant extracurricular activity or participation in an honours programme.

For more detailed entry requirements, please visit: https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations and/or the information market.
MA International Relations Students

- International Relations students are highly motivated students.

- Our students have diverse backgrounds, about 40% are international students (both EU and non-EU students).

- We offer research-based teaching and learning.

- You will have about 6-8 contact hours per week (lectures, tutorials, seminars).

- You will devote most of your time to self-study (about 30 hours per week).
Some of our staff...

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez Vincente
Dr. Eugenio Cusumano
Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn
Dr. Noa Schonmann
Prof. dr. E. Amann
Dr. Eelco v/d Maat
Prof. André Gerrits
Dr. Jonathan London
Prof. Alanna O'Malley
Dr. Salvador Regilme
Dr. Karen Smith
Dr. Vineet Thakur
Discover the world at Leiden University

Culture and Politics

European Union Studies
- Ideas in World Politics
- Thesis Seminar & Methods in IR Research
- Regionalism in World Politics
- Thesis

Global Conflict in the Modern Era

Global Order in Historical Perspective

Global Political Economy
# The Curriculum

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Some electives…

• Best Practice: Legislating and Regulating a Better Global Economy
• BRIC: Emerging Powers and Changing Global Relations
• Global Environmental Politics and Ethics
• Global Governance and Human Rights
• International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
• Nation-building and Resistance
• Neoliberalism and Illegality
• Violent Non-state Actors in International Affairs
• Women and Politics in Asia
And some more…

• Collective Memory: A Shared Historical Narrative in Reconciliation
• Contemporary Brazil
• Decentering International Relations: Views from the Global South
• Genocide, Civilian Victimization, and Violence
• Internationalism, Empire and the Cold War: 20th Century International Relations
• Legacies of War and Memory in World Politics

See the e-prospectus for a full overview: https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl
Thesis subjects

• What impact has Felipe Calderon’s declaration of war against drug trafficking organizations had in Mexico?

• Assertive BRICS & Iran's Nuclear Issue

• Diasporas and Reconciliation: The Case of the Armenian Diaspora in the Netherlands

• Between a Rock and a Hard Place: a Security Dilemma in the Baltics?

• Neo-Sufism: Examining the Roots of the Islamic reform Movement called “Neo-Sufism”

• Rivals and Cooperation in Outer Space

• Is the Indonesian Manufacturing Industry Ready for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)?
Joint programme with Johns Hopkins

• Due to a special agreement, it is possible to earn a second master’s degree in International Affairs at the Johns Hopkins Bologna Center in Italy.

• After admission to Johns Hopkins, a Leiden MA in International Relations gives you access to the second year of the MA in International Affairs.

• Candidates admitted to the Bologna programme would be given a full year’s credit towards this two-year MA.
Internships

In the past years many Leiden International Relations students have completed internships at organisations, including:

- International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
- United Nations (UN)
- The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law
- Embassies
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

You can exchange one elective for an internship or you can do this as an extracurricular activity.
Job perspectives

Students who graduated in International Relations found, for example, the following jobs:

• PhD candidate and research assistant at Durham University
• Consultant at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
• Communications Officer at World Student Christian Federation – Europe
• Senior Immigration Expert at EY
• Executive Officer Projects and Events at the Economic and Social Research Institute
• University Relations Manager at the Center for International Studies
Job perspectives - continued

• Communications assistant at HelpAge International
• Research assistant at ETH Zurich
• Consular information office Dutch Ministry of For. Affairs
• Management trainee at Dutch Railways
• Senior officer for multilateral relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kosovo
• Project Assistant at Publistat
• Trainee at the European Parliament
• Tutor at Leiden University
• Product manager at l’Oréal
• Intern programme officer at Cordaid

> Visit our alumnus at the information market!
What kind of job preparation works?

• Acquiring relevant work experience alongside your studies (internship, board membership, job)

• A master’s programme pays off! In their first job, but also after a few years of work experience, master’s students often occupy higher-level positions than bachelor’s students

• Contact the Career Service for advice on internships and work.
Important deadlines

• You can submit your application through Leiden University’s online application system after you have registered on Studielink.

• **February 2019 intake: 1 November 2018.**

• **September 2019 intake: 1 April 2019 for all students (no direct admission for BAIS students)**

For more information, please visit: [https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations](https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations) and/or the information market.
Relevant websites and contact info

• Contact information study adviser:
  Janneke Walstra MA e.j.walstra@hum.leidenuniv.nl
  (or visit the information market at the Arsenaal)

• Course descriptions: e-prospectus:
  https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/en

• Website for prospective students:
  https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/international-relations
Questions?