MA Asian Studies
Introducing advanced language tracks
Korea, Japan, China

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What do we inform you about here?
The MA Asian Studies **advanced language programmes**:

• MA Asian Studies East Asian Studies ➔
  1 year (60 EC)

• MA Asian Studies ➔
  2 year (120 EC)

China, Japan, Korea tracks.

• (Research MA Asian Studies 120 EC)
  (Presentation: 16.15-17.00, Lipsius 228)
60 EC MA Asian studies

5 specialisations:
1. East Asian Studies
   a) China track
   b) Japan track
   c) Korea track
2. South Asian Studies
3. Southeast Asian Studies
4. History, Arts, and Culture of Asia
5. Politics, Society, and Economy of Asia

(Presentation was 13.15-14.00, further questions: Meet & Greet, PJ Veth building)
Entry requirements advanced language programs

- University BA-degree in Japanese, Chinese or Korean Studies or equivalent.

- or: relevant University BA degree and high command of the chosen language (Chinese level 4 (HSK New Style) or level 3 (TOCFL), Japanese JLPT2, or Korean (TOPIC 4) or equivalent level (B1).

- Sufficient command of English (IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE). This requirement is not applicable to native English speakers, Anglo-saxon or Dutch BA university degrees.
Application deadlines

- Online application: www.mastersinleiden.nl

- MA-120 starts once a year, in September
  - Sept. 2019 deadline is: 1 April 2019 FOR ALL STUDENTS

- for MA-60 program EAS (outside Netherlands):
  - Feb. 2019 deadline is: 1 December 2018
  - Sept. 2019 deadline is: 15 June 2019

Without visa:
  - start in February 2019: 15 October 2018
  - start in September 2019: 1 April 2019
Extra Application requirements

• MA-120 is a selective programme

• Required BA results:

• grades comparable with an average mark of at least 7.0 (Dutch grading system) for the entire bachelor’s programme, and a grade for the bachelor’s thesis of at least a 7.0.
MA Asian studies advanced language courses

1st (fall) SEMESTER

10 EC   Advanced Language courses
10 EC   Standard & compulsory courses (Introduction to Asian Studies, Thesis Class)
10 EC   Elective

2nd (spring) SEMESTER

5 EC   Advanced Language Courses
10 EC   Elective Course (or Internship)
15 EC   MA Thesis
East Asian Studies Course Offerings

• E-study guide:
• https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/studies/show/6857/asian-studies-60-ec-east-asian-studies
• https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/studies/show/6857/asian-studies-60-ec-east-asian-studies
Flagship Course: Introduction to Asian Studies

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Student Experience(s)

• *Introduction to Area Studies*
• Elective(s)
  • *Human Rights Discourses on North Korea*
  • *Asia Through Consumption*
*Internship as an elective (EAS)*

- One of the special features to be developed in the 1-year Master Programme Asian studies is the possibility to do an internship (or work placement).
- The Sustainable Humanities Work Placement Fund enables students at the Faculty of Humanities to do a work placement in a region outside the European Union.
- For personal projects: try to apply 6 months in advance.
- Further Info: Contact the university Career Service office (https://www.student.universiteitleiden.nl/en/internship-career---work)
- and consult the internship manual
- **PLEASE READ THE INTERNSHIP MANUAL FIRST & CAREFULLY**
## Past Internships (2016-17)

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MA Asian Studies 120 EC: 3 specialisations

- Chinese Studies (max. 30 students)
- Japanese Studies (max. 17 students)
- Korean Studies (max. 12 students)
Application MA Asian Studies 120

• Online application: www.mastersinleiden.nl

• Deadline for September 2019 start: 1 April 2018
   For ALL Students.

   • BA completed before September 1, 2019, (average 7, thesis result 7)

   • English or other foreign language (Chinese, Japanese, Korean certificates), if applicable. Dutch students are also encouraged to take language tests (esp. english!) for outplacement in esp. Japan and Korea
Language Requirements MA Asian Studies 120

- University BA-degree in Japanese, Chinese or Korean Studies or:
  - Relevant academic BA degree and
  - Chinese level 4 HSK New Style), or level 3 (TOCFL)
  - Japanese JLPT2,
  - or Korean (TOPIC 4) or equivalent level (B1).
- These programmes are not suitable for (near) native speakers
- Sufficient command of English (IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE).
  -(Not appl. in case of native English speakers, Anglo-saxon or Dutch BA university degrees.)

- NOTE: Even if not required for our programme, relevant language diploma’s help with your outplacement!
MA Asian Studies 120

General information:

• Duration: two years (120 EC)
• Taught in English
• Including one year study abroad (in China, Japan, Korea)

Scholarships
Language acquisition
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Jinan City, Shandong Province
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Dorm room

You can also rent private rooms off campus
Chinese Class

• Level test! Written and oral
• 5 days a week, morning or afternoon
• 高级1 (Advanced level), 高级2 (highest)
• Reading, listening, speaking
MA Asian Studies 120: Japanese Studies

- 1st MA year start in Leiden
  Content: Introduction to Asian Studies, Thesis Class, language training, electives

- 1 April – end March study in Japan (60EC)
  Content: further language training, research for MA-thesis, content course(s) on MA-thesis topic
  Placement at different universities f.e. Todai; Kyodai: Keio; Kyushu (Fukuoka); Nagasaki; Osaka, Kobe etc.

- 2nd MA year last part in Leiden
  Content: advanced language training, concluding MA-thesis (15 EC)
MA Asian Studies 120: Korean Studies

- 1st MA year 1st semester (fall) start in Leiden
  Content: Introduction to Asian Studies, Thesis Class, language training, elective
- 2nd semester (spring) - 1st semester (fall) study in Korea
  Content: further language training, research for MA-thesis, content course(s) MA-thesis topic
- 2nd MA year 2nd semester (spring) in Leiden
  Content: advanced language training, elective, concluding MA-Thesis (15 EC)
Yonsei University campus
Seoul
University neighbourhood: Sinchon
University activities
Korean classes

- Level test! Written and oral
- 5 days a week, 2 hours a day
- Level 5 (advanced) and level 6 (highest)
- Reading, listening, speaking, writing
Career

With an MA in Asian Studies…
Knowledge & skills

Knowledge:
- professional language proficiency in Japanese Korean or Chinese
- knowledge of the broad field of area studies, combined with deeper individual expertise

Skills:
• Critical and independent thinking
• Excellent verbal and written communication skills
• Solving complex challenges
Your future field of work?

Business, journalism/media,

diplomacy, cultural exchange,

education,

own company,

consultancy, translation/interpreting,

government/ministries,

multinationals,

Tourism, art/museums, …
Your future prospects?

http://hum.leiden.edu/careerservice/yourprospectsforwork/
Career-building: What kind of preparation works?

- Acquiring relevant work experience alongside your studies (via an internship, board membership or job)
- A master’s programme does pay 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
- 76% of our students with relevant work experience found a paid job within two months. For alumni without relevant work experience, this is 67%. Student Career Service /TNS Nipo job market survey (2013).
More Information

• E-Studyguide (prospectus) https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/studies/masters

• Website Asian Studies:
  • https://www.universiteit.leiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/asian-studies
Contact and advice

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