MA 60 Asian Studies
Introduction
Introducing ourselves

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What to do after your BA?

The MA Asian Studies in Leiden:

- MA Asian Studies -> 1 year (60 EC)
- MA Asian Studies -> 2 year (120 EC)
(Presentation: 14.15-15.00, this room, Lipsius 228)

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

5 specialisations:

1. History, Arts, and Culture of Asia (HAC)

2. Politics, Society and Economy of Asia (PSE)

3. South Asian Studies (SAS)

4. Southeast Asian Studies (SEAS)

5. East Asian Studies (EAS)

(Presentation together with MA-120: 14.15-15.00)
Entry requirements

- University BA-degree in Asian Studies or equivalent, or other relevant BA degree with at least 30 EC Asian Studies – related courses.

- Sufficient command of English (IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE). Not applicable in case of native English speakers, Anglo-Saxon or Dutch BA university degrees.
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<td>30 EC: Introduction to Asian Studies (5 EC)</td>
<td>30 EC: Full Elective course or an approved Internship (10 EC)</td>
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<td>Methods Classes &amp; Thesis Seminar (5 EC)</td>
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<td>Elective courses (2) (core) courses</td>
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**HAC Option:** Critical heritage studies

**Program outline (HAC, PSE, start in Sept.)**
# Program outline (SAS, SEAS, start in September)

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<th>Introduction to Asian Studies (5 EC)</th>
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<td>Advanced beginner’s language/other elective (5 EC)</td>
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Program outline

- ALL: Introduction to Asian Studies, Thesis Class incl. 2 methods) (5 EC) + Thesis (15 EC)

- HAC/ PSE, up to 15 EC beginners level language courses is optional.

- SAS/SEAS, Up to a maximum of 15 EC of beginners or advanced level language courses as an optional elective.

- ALL: One elective (10 EC) may be filled in with an internship in country of choice

- HAC: option Critical Heritage Studies
Flagship Course: Introduction to Asian Studies

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<td>History, Colonialism, WWII</td>
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<td>David Henley</td>
<td>Politics, History, Geography, Development</td>
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<td>Ivo Smits</td>
<td>Literature, Media Studies</td>
<td>Japan, East Asia</td>
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<td>Svetlana Kharchenkova</td>
<td>Sociology, Anthropology</td>
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Introduction to Asian Studies

• 5 EC
• Lectures
• Readings
• Exam
• Instructor Experience
• Student Experience

• Thesis class (6 seminars)
• Weekly readings
• Thesis class assignment
• Thesis proposal
• Thesis supervisor meetings
• Tip: start thinking about your thesis topic asap!
  - September intake:
  - 31 January Thesis class assignment
  - 15 May first deadline thesis
  - 1st July final version of the thesis
  - Feb. Intake:
  - 30 June
  - 1 november
  - 15 december
Thesis-and-methods: Methods classes (2)

• Methods classes (2 x 4 class meetings)
• Choose 2 methods classes
• Student’s choice

• Mandatory method classes
  • PSE: Statistics or Questionnaires (quantitative methods)
  • HAC: Discourse Analysis; Audiovisual Methods or Arts & Material Culture
Program outline

• Ma Asian Studies provides a wide range of choices


• Student experience (electives etc)
Program outline: electives

Information on the specific courses per track can be found in the e-prospectus of the MA Asian Studies.

SPECIAL possibility within History, Arts and Culture (HAC): Critical Heritage Studies (dr. Elena Paskaleva) and ‘Double Degree’

https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/studies/show/6859/asian-studies-60-ec-history-arts-and-culture-of-asia
Internship as an elective

• One of the special features in the 1-year Master Programme Asian studies is the possibility to do an internship (or work placement).

• You can present your own project for approval. For personal projects: apply well in advance: 6 months at least.

• 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.

• Contact career service centre, internship coordinators. Contact details: http://hum.leiden.edu/careerservice/about/contact-information.html.

• PLEASE READ THE INTERNSHIP MANUAL FIRST
Application deadlines

- Online application: [www.mastersinleiden.nl](http://www.mastersinleiden.nl)

- Start in February deadlines:
  - 1 December if you are Dutch or live in the Netherlands
  - 15 October if you are foreign, living abroad (visa)

- Start in September deadlines:
  - 15 June if you are Dutch or live in the Netherlands
  - 1 April if you are foreign, living abroad (visa)
Career

With a MA in Asian Studies…
Knowledge & skills

Knowledge:
- knowledge of the broad field of Asia studies, combined with own expertise in specific discipline(s)

Skills:
- Critical and independent thinking
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Solving complex challenges - together with other students
Your future field of work?

Business, journalism/media,
diplomacy, cultural exchange,
education,
own company,
consultancy, translation/interpreting,
government/ministries,
multinationals,
Tourism, art/musea, …
Your future prospects?

http://hum.leiden.edu/careerservice/yourprospectsforwork/

And visit the Job Market, now in the Arsenaal building!
More information

- E-prospectus
- New prospectus will be available in April/May

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

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QUESTIONS?