



# Get to know your fellow students

**Security Studies  
Class of 2026**



**Universiteit  
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**Hi there, Security Studies students!**

**On Friday 23 June, some of you came to The Hague to get to know each other and the faculty.**

**Were you unable to attend? No need to worry, because we asked some of your fellow students to share a bit more about themselves.**

**Enjoy reading and hopefully you will see some familiar faces when you arrive on Campus in September!**





# Sindre



**Age:** 19

**Nationality:** Norwegian & German

**Living in:** Oegstgeest

## **What are your hobbies?**

I like to play golf and I like to cycle!

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I liked the outline of the programme, and with the courses I took in high school, I did not have a lot of other possibilities. I like The Hague, but I chose Security Studies for the courses, not for the city.

# Aaron



**Age:** 20  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Zeist

## **What are your hobbies?**

I enjoy playing flight simulator.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I enrolled for six other programmes, including Criminology, Pilot at the Ministry of Defence and Commercial Pilot, but did not get accepted. The courses in Security Studies seemed interesting to me, and after joining a Student for a Day event, I was convinced.

# Stefan



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Voorhout

## **What are your hobbies?**

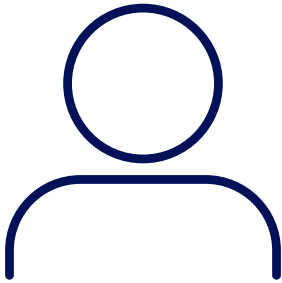
I like playing video games and I enjoy running.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I wanted to apply to become a Maritime Officer, but that would mean being away from home for long periods of time, which is something I did not want. In the end, my mother recommended the Security Studies programme, after which I applied.

# Niek

I like to meet new people, so I am always down to grab a coffee together.



**Age:** 24  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Leiden

## What are your hobbies?

I play sports and I like to read.

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

I went to the Police Academy and I have a bachelor in Policing Studies. I enrolled in Security Studies because I was not done studying after my first programmes. I also feel that a University degree gives you more job opportunities in the security field, which is why I wanted to do another bachelor's.

# Daniël



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Leiden

## **What are your hobbies?**

I play the bass guitar and I like to play sports.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I applied in Amsterdam for Psychology and Business Administration, but those programmes were not the right fit for me. I then found out about Security Studies through a friend and decided to apply here.



# Emily



**Age:** 17  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Leiden

## **What are your hobbies?**

I am a powerlifter, which I enjoy a lot.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I am interested in the topics of this bachelor. I was doubting between International Relations and Security Studies, but decided I want to focus more on the security field. I joined a Student for a Day activity for IRO, but decided I liked Security Studies better after that.

# Leoni



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Tilburg

## **What are your hobbies?**

I like digital drawing and horse riding!

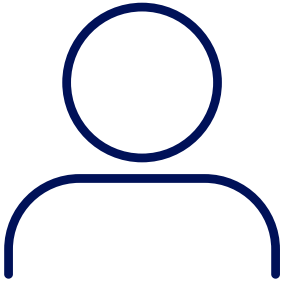
## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

Security Studies fit my interests. I was also interested in Sociology, but I was a bit disappointed after the Open Day. Therefore, I decided to apply for Security Studies instead, as I think this fits me much better. I plan to travel from Tilburg to The Hague for a while.

After that, I want to find a room a bit closer to University.

# Daniël

I enjoy gaming with other people and would love to meet people who want to play videogames together!



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** The Hague

## What are your hobbies?

I like playing video games. I mostly play first-person shooter games or simulation games.

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

I was interested in the field of Security Studies, and therefore decided to apply to the programme.

# Ana

I like to socialise with new people, so feel free to reach out for a coffee or a walk



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch & Spanish  
**Living in:** The Hague & Leiden

## What are your hobbies?

I like bouldering and hanging out with my friends!

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

I applied for IRO, but did not get admitted to the programme. I then decided to enroll for Security Studies. I might switch to IRO anyway after a year, but I want to see how the first year goes and will decide after that. I am going in a bit blindly, but I think I will be fine in the end.

# Molly

I am new to The Hague so I would like to meet new people in the programme!



**Age:** 19  
**Nationality:** German  
**Living in:** The Hague

## What are your hobbies?

I am a basketball player and I like to read.

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

I chose to come to The Netherlands because the programme sounds interesting. I did not decide to enroll because of the city, but mostly because of the programme. I like the fact that the programme offers a wide variety of interesting topics. This suits me perfectly, as I wanted to do something international.

# Ruben



**Age:** 19  
**Nationality:** Dutch & Spanish  
**Living in:** Oegstgeest

## **What are your hobbies?**

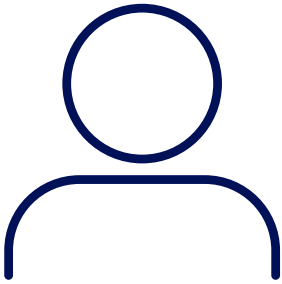
I like hanging out with friends and playing volleyball. I also like to write code and do other computer stuff.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I am interested in Cyber Security. I was interested in Computer Science, but did not have the right grades for that. I also knew I wanted to become involved more in the security and safety arena. I do not want to focus solely on Cyber Security.

# Prat

I am interested in meeting new people in the programme to hang out or watch a movie with.



**Age:**

18

**Living in:**

Uithoorn

## **What are your hobbies?**

I like to watch movies and to go out with friends.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I went to the Open Day and decided to enroll for Security Studies afterwards. I was interested in the programme because I think the courses are interesting. The subjects in the programme are also quite similar to the subjects I dealt with in high school.

# Emilia

If there are any other Finnish students: let's connect over a cup of coffee!



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch & Finnish  
**Living in:** The Hague

## What are your hobbies?

I enjoy going to the gym, watching Netflix, cooking and drinking coffee at nice cafés.

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

The programme is unique, because you cannot take it somewhere else. I am very interested in security, and the courses in Security Studies seem to be the right fit.



# Noor

I enjoy meeting new people, so let's connect! I am open to anything.



**Age:** 18  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Noordwijk

## What are your hobbies?

I like going to the beach, reading, going to the gym and being creative.

## Why did you choose Security Studies?

I knew I wanted to do something with security. I looked at Criminology and Law, and then my sister recommended Security Studies, which seemed very interesting to me, so I decided to apply to the programme.

# Sylvie



**Age:** 17  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Living in:** Voorthuizen

## **What are your hobbies?**

I am a soccer player and I enjoy spending time with my friends.

## **Why did you choose Security Studies?**

I wanted to apply to Criminology, but then I heard about Security Studies via some people.

I went to the Open Day and the programme seemed interesting to me, so I decided to apply to Security Studies instead.





# *Enjoy your summer*

**We are looking forward  
to seeing you on campus  
in September!**

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