

Find the answers here to the most frequently asked questions about the Bachelor Security Studies' programme.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Do you ever have to go to Leiden? Or just The Hague?

You will only have classes in The Hague

How many hours are we expecting to work on our own?

40 hours, including approximately 6-8 hours of lectures/work groups per week



What does the coursework look like, aside from reading?

It partly will be theory (indeed, some reading), and it partly will be practice. This means that you have to do some presentations, do some research and also contribute to academic discussions.

What help is there for 1st year students?

First of all, there are two study advisors where you always can turn to in case you have a question regarding your personal situation. The study advisors will plan an individual meeting in the beginning of the program, to get to know you better. As the year continues, there will be another meeting with them, to see where you stand with your study progress but also to see how you are doing.

This also happens with the tutors, which are the academic mentors in the program. First of all, they will teach you how to do research correctly, but they will also keep a close eye on you to see how you are doing. But please note: we are an academic university, so we also expect students to plan their own studies accordingly.

Are there a lot of Dutch students?

Yes, 70% of the students is Dutch and 30% of the students are from abroad

If we fail an exam, can we redo it?

You have two chances for an exam each year.

Can you give an example of some study material or literature I can expect?

'The politics of leadership' by Arjen Boin
'Essence of decision making' by Allison
'Destroying a Nation' by Nikolaos van Dam.

Most material will be academic articles.



Does each course has both tutorials and lectures? Next to the skill labs?

In the first year there will be skills labs, those are separate courses from the lectures(which do not have individual tutorials). In the second year you will have a main course with lectures followed by small scale course labs.

For year 1 there are skills labs and general lectures. For years 2 and 3 there are both lectures and smaller working-groups. Some courses also use online tutorials.



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Does the university offer a Dutch language course?

You can find more information on this at the [Leiden Language Center](#). They offer discounts for students and sometimes if it doesn't clash you can always see if it fits within your regular schedule (with no extra costs).



Does the university help with studying abroad? Do they have partner universities?

Yes, we do have an international office who can help you with choosing an university to do your study abroad at. We have tons of universities all over the world that we work with.



When finished with this bachelor, to what extent are you narrowed down to a very specific variety of masters or working fields?

There is a number of masters you can enter after the Bachelor Security Studies. For other Master Programmes you need to do a pre-master. It depends per programme.

Is a foreign internship possible?

Yes, it's possible. If you want to know more about doing an internship, please visit [this website](#).

Are there enough job opportunities on the market after finishing the master?

Yes, of course! Although it is hard to tell what the world will look like in the next years, during this uncertain COVID-19 pandemic, skilled professionals in the field of crisis management, safety and security are still very much needed.

Is it possible to enroll in additional language classes from the wide variety of languages offered by the university?

This is a full time bachelor programme and we want to prevent you from taking on too much. Nonetheless you can always follow language programs after class in the evening or during your elective period.

I didn't find my answer, what do I do?

Do you have more questions about the Bachelor programme Security Studies? Please send an e-mail to: securitystudies.info@fgga.leidenuniv.nl.

Do you have more questions for our student ambassadors? You can send an e-mail to sambass@fgga.leidenuniv.nl



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