

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Are there also classes in Leiden? Or just The Hague?

We are part of Leiden University, but you will only have classes in The Hague.

How many hours are we expected to study by ourselves?

You can expect a full working week of 40 hours, of which you will spend an average of 12 hours in-class.



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?

The programme has a team of study advisors you can always turn to in case of personal or study-related questions. The study advisors will plan an individual meeting at the beginning of the programme 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, who 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.

How diverse is the student population?

Around 70% of our students is Dutch and 30% of the students are from abroad.

If we fail an exam, can we retake it?

You can retake a failed examination once in that academic year.

Can you give an example of the used literature for this programme?

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

Most material will be recent academic articles.



What are Skills Labs?

In the first year you will have lectures, workgroups and separate Skills Labs. Skills labs are small groups of about 15 students, guided by a tutor. You will learn to analyse texts, construct arguments, reflect on your work, give and receive feedback and practice leadership and teamwork skills.



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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 on their language courses.



Is it possible to study abroad?

Our faculty's International Office can help you choose a university to do your study abroad at. We have tons of universities all over the world that we work with, such as the National University of Singapore, the American University in Cairo and Uppsala University.



What can I do after completing this bachelor?

Graduates of this bachelor programme are eligible to various master programmes at Leiden University or elsewhere and often work in public and (semi-)private organisations. Careers include risk consultants, security policy makers or managers, trainees, research and financial compliance officers.

Is an internship abroad possible?

You can do an internship in the Netherlands, or abroad. If you want to know more about doing an internship abroad, please visit [this website](#).

Is The Hague a good city for students?

Yes, The Hague is a real student city! There are many bars and restaurants, and the beach is within cycling distance of the city centre. The many student and study associations contribute to a vibrant student life.

Make sure to check out our very own [L.S.A Custodia](#).

Which extra challenges are there during my studies?

If you are ready to take on an extra challenge during your bachelor programme, there are several options. You can combine with courses in the fine arts at ACPA, or enroll in the bachelor honours classes.

For more information, [visit this website](#).

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. If your question is admissions-related, please contact the [Student Affairs Front Office](#).

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