

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

## Why this programme?

In the Crisis and Security Management MSc programme, you will study contemporary security challenges from both local and global points of view, gaining a deep understanding of the 'wicked problem' of security and crisis topics in a complex and globalising world.

## What is the difference between starting the programme in September or February?

There is no difference between both intake moments, except for the moment of starting. As our courses are only offered once a year, February students join students from the September intake in the very same courses. Due to the modular approach of the programme instead of linear, starting in February should not offer a different experience compared to starting in September.

## Which courses has each specialisation?

You can find the courses of each specialization in our online study guide, the [e-Prospectus](#). Please note next year courses may subject to change.

## Who can I ask questions about admission & application?

You can address your questions about admission and application to [csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl). We can then answer your questions that remain after reading our website for prospective students.

Please note we do not do detailed pre-scans on previous education for an indication of admissibility: this will burden our Admission Board with double work of assessing, first for an indication and then for the actual assessment. Again, the website for prospective students contains relevant information in this, such as a section with elaboration and guidelines for graduates from many different Bachelor programmes.

## What are the application deadlines?

Please look at our [website for prospective students](#) for the most up-to-date information concerning application and admission.

## Is the Master is more research focused or more focused on bringing academic knowledge to practice?

This programme caters for both approaches. Students who wish to pursue an academic career focusing on research, can do so by expressing relevant accents into their curriculum. However, it is also possible to focus on the bidirectional relation between armchair/text book science and the real world. In the end, it all depends on the accents put by the individual student.



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## Is it possible to follow multiple specialisations, considering this is a full time master's programme?

No, it is not possible to follow multiple specialisations, you can only choose one.

## How much technical / IT knowledge do you need for the Cybersecurity Governance specialisation?

The focus of this specialisation is more on Governance than on the technical details of cyber security. Affinity with IT technology is certainly helpful, but is not an admission requirement.

## Students are not requested to write a thesis. How does that make this Master suitable for students with academic ambitions in The Netherlands or abroad?

For students who pursue an academic career, it is possible to write an extracurricular thesis (Academic Excellence programme). Prerequisites to this are a minimum GPA and solid thesis proposal.

## Does the programme offer to gain experience through an internship or to go abroad?

No. Officially, there is no room in the one-year CSM programme for internships or exchange. In the case of exchange, we do not offer an exchange programme within CSM; Regarding internships, doing one will not earn you any ECTS credits. However, there is always the possibility of doing an extracurricular internship. This might earn you valuable work experience and broaden your network, but may also come at the expense of considerable study delay as CSM courses are offered only once a year. Always consult a study advisor when considering an extracurricular internship.

## What are the Serious Games?

Serious Games are simulation games, that will introduce you in several aspects regarding Crisis and Security Management. Important is not only the simulation itself, but also the reflection on performance by students afterwards.

## Will the programme be taught online the first months?

As the situation regarding Covid-19 is unclear and frequently changing, students starting in February will be enabled to follow the entire programme online, though a limited number of on-campus sessions per specialisation course will still be organised for those students preferring on-campus education. Online students will also be involved in these on-campus sessions, so they do not miss out on information provided during these meetings. For September 2021, we obviously cannot provide any information on this subject yet



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