



Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges

LUC offers a Liberal Arts and Sciences education. Courses are not limited to the confines of academic disciplines, neither are the students. To the contrary, students can combine courses from an array of fields in order to understand and tackle large issues in science, culture, and society from different perspectives. LUC has a unique approach of Liberal Arts and Sciences interdisciplinary education which focuses on the global challenges of our time: Peace, Justice, Sustainability, Prosperity, and Diversity. All courses at LUC are centred around these challenges and allow for both a broad and an in-depth study of the student's areas of interest. It allows students to become more socially responsible, to develop strong intellectual and practical skills, and to apply knowledge in real-world settings.

Courses Offerings

LUC offers a total of 350 courses and all courses are offered in English. If you decide to spend a semester or year studying abroad at LUC The Hague, please bear in mind that **you will be required to take all you courses at LUC**. It will not be possible to take courses at other faculties or programmes of Leiden University. In our [e-Prospectus](#) you will find all relevant academic information about available courses, including detailed course outlines, timetables, the LUC attendance policy, and the LUC grading policy.

Some courses may have prerequisites, which are indicated in the course descriptions on the e-Prospectus. If you are worried you might not meet these prerequisites, please contact the course instructor. Contact information is available in the outline of the course on the e-Prospectus.

Course registration

Exchange and independent Study Abroad students can choose from all courses on offer at LUC. Before the start of the semester, all students submit a list of their preferred courses through the online course pre-registration system. Course registration happens twice per year. You will thus indicate your preferences for the entire semester (Block I and II or Block III and IV). Exchange students normally take up three courses per block (15 ECTS) and will be required to indicate their six preferred courses per block during course registration. When selecting courses, please take note of the different time slots. Courses and their corresponding time slots can be found in the [e-Prospectus](#).

Courses will be allocated as fairly as possible. There is no "first come, first serve" system in place. Some 4 to 6 weeks before the start of the semester, you will receive a confirmation of your course allocations. It is possible to drop or switch courses up until the end of the first week of the block. Of course, whether or not you will be able to switch courses depends on the availability of courses you are interested in.

You will be informed in more detail about the course registration process and choosing your courses by LUC's exchange officer some 6 to 8 weeks before the start of your semester.

Blocks, Credits, Levels and Grades

LUC The Hague is a 3-year bachelor programme. The academic year at LUC is divided into two semesters: the Fall Semester and the Spring Semester. Each semester is divided into two blocks. An academic year thus comprises four blocks.

LUC The Hague uses the ECTS system for accreditation of courses. Courses are generally worth 5 ECTS. Language courses at LUC are the only exception to this general rule, and are semester long



courses worth 10 ECTS. Students normally take up 15 ECTS worth of courses, i.e. three courses, per block. Students who have different course load requirements by their home university can opt for a limited course load. However, the maximal course load for incoming exchange students is always 30 ECTS per semester.

Courses at LUC are divided into different levels. 100-level courses are introductory and do normally not have any prerequisites. 200-level and 300-level courses build on the knowledge acquired in 100-level courses and may require relevant background knowledge. Possible prerequisites are indicated in the e-Prospectus. Finally, there is a limited amount of courses available at the 400-level. The level carried by a specific course is indicated in the course description in the e-Prospectus.

LUC uses the international letter-based grading system, ranging from an A+ (highest possible grade) to an F (lowest possible grade). Additionally, grades are converted to the 4-point scale to calculate the GPA. At the end of your exchange period at LUC, you will receive a transcript detailing course names, tags, numbers of credits, course levels, and grades on the A-F letter scale as well as the 4-point numerical scale.

Obtaining your transcript

Non-degree students will receive an official transcript for the courses which they have been registered the work and/or examination. The academic transcript contains the subjects you attended, the corresponding course levels, the grades received and the credits obtained. Two original transcripts are sent to your home institution. Transcripts are never given to students directly.