

Leiden University College The Hague

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Global Challenges



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What are the Liberal Arts & Sciences?

A Liberal Arts & Sciences education is an approach to learning that empowers and prepares you to deal with complex, diverse and interdisciplinary problems. It helps you develop a sense of social responsibility by exploring the ideas and cultures from all over the world, from ancient times to today. Rather than a narrow programme with a single focus, a Liberal Arts & Sciences education provides you with broad knowledge of the wider world as well as in-depth study in a specific area of interest. It includes a variety of disciplines such as the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, languages, writing and mathematics. Explore and combine your interests from various areas of study and talents into an education unique to you.

At Leiden University College The Hague (LUC) we offer Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Liberal Arts & Sciences that focus on the Global Challenges of today: **Peace & Justice, Sustainability, Prosperity, and Diversity.**

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A photograph of four international students standing on a sandy beach with waves in the background. From left to right: a young man in a light blue button-down shirt, a young woman in a white strapless top and white pants with a red crossbody bag, a young man in a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, and a young woman wearing a blue hijab and a colorful patterned dress. They are all smiling and holding blue pennants that feature the LUC logo and the text 'Universiteit Leiden' and 'International Honours College The Hague'.

Introducing LUC The Hague

Find your home away from home studying Liberal Arts and Sciences in the international city of Peace and Justice and living together in a diverse community of students.

International Honours College

The interdisciplinary Liberal Art & Sciences programme at Leiden University College (LUC) The Hague offers a three-year bachelor's degree, taught in English. Each year around 200 students are selected to come and study in this residential international honours college where LUC students live and learn on-campus in a community focused on making an impact on society. This selective programme is an opportunity for talented, open-minded and ambitious students from all over the world.

What makes LUC special?

LUC's international environment brings together students from over 45 countries. The campus is close to over 150 international organisations such as the International

Criminal Court, the UN Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and many embassies, offering students opportunities for internships and career development.

All first and second year students live on campus, combining academic and social activities. While studying at LUC you are a member of the student association Fortuna. LUC also provides an excellent personal and academic support system to help you succeed throughout your studies.

The challenging curriculum offers six majors based on Global Challenges: World Politics; International Justice; Human Diversity; Earth, Energy and Sustainability; Governance, Economics and Development; and Global Public Health.

Why The Hague?

At Leiden University in The Hague, you are at the very centre of Dutch politics and international law. The Hague is the most internationally oriented city due to the numerous embassies, multinationals and high-level courts. The perfect place to study the many challenges affecting humanity, whether it involves tackling global poverty or creating safe, sustainable cities. These challenges require an interdisciplinary approach, which is exactly what Leiden University in The Hague offers by focusing on international law, peace and security, politics and public administration, urban issues and health. Also, The Hague is the fastest growing student city in the country, which you can be a part of!

Admissions & Application Procedure

Each year LUC selects 200 highly motivated and talented students from a pool of applicants. In order to take part in the selection process, all applicants need to submit the following:

- ▶ Completed online application
- ▶ Copy of your most recent secondary school transcript (and diploma if obtained already)
- ▶ Motivation letter (follow LUC requirements)
- ▶ Recommendation letter
- ▶ Curriculum Vitae
- ▶ Completed LUC application form
- ▶ Application fee if applicable

Once your application is complete and has been reviewed by the Admissions Committee with a positive outcome, you may be invited for an admissions interview as a final step of the application process.

Entry Requirements

- ▶ Diploma requirements: LUC The Hague accepts a Dutch VWO diploma or a secondary school diploma equivalent to it, such as the IB Diploma, the European Baccalaureate, A-levels and Advanced

Placement exams. Please check the website for a full list of equivalent diplomas.

- ▶ English proficiency requirements: All students need to prove English proficiency, and need to fill out the application form as part of the application process. Depending on your diploma, students may be required to take an English proficiency test. Please check the website for further information.

To contact the admissions office email admissions@luc.leidenuniv.nl.

Application Deadlines

At LUC there are two application deadlines for starting in September 2020:

- ▶ 1 December 2019 (early bird)*
- ▶ 1 April 2020 (regular)

* *Non-EU students requiring a visa are encouraged to apply by this date. We encourage students to apply early due to a limited number of spaces available.*

Find the precise requirements and possibilities at
 bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/globalchallenges



Typical day of Oscar Feen, first-year student

- 08:00 As soon as I wake up, I open the door. On my floor, we have an open door policy. If you are home and feel like talking, you leave your door open so anybody looking for a chat can walk in.
- 09:00 During classes, we discuss the role mass media is playing in today's world and the impact it has on people. We usually end up having these great discussions because students come from all over the world and all have their own perspectives and stories.
- 11:00 I have lunch with someone from my class.
- 13:00 My favourite course is Principles of Public International Law. For today, we have a case provided by The International Court of Justice.
- 15:00 I prepare for tomorrow's classes and work on my essay.
- 19:00 In the evening we have a floor dinner with all the students living on my floor. Afterwards, we go to a bar in the city for a drink.
- 24:00 I come back to LUC with my friends, and finally call it a day!



Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges

What are Global Challenges?

Global Challenges are the major issues facing humanity and the planet. They cannot be solved by one nation, institution or organisation on its own. Interdisciplinary cooperation between academics, but also governments, organisations and individuals is required to understand these issues, combining and sharing the knowledge and skills to address them collectively.

Global Challenges

These 4 different courses will help you understand interdisciplinary thinking



Peace & Justice

- Politics
- International Law
- Human Rights
- Conflict Studies
- Diplomacy
- Right to Health



Sustainability

- Occupational Health
- Earth
- Responsibility
- Environment
- Toxicology
- Climate Change



Prosperity

- Poverty
- Wealth
- Economics
- Good Governance
- Development
- Health Care



Diversity

- Gender
- Language
- Race
- Social Constructs
- Respect
- Ethnic Health Inequality

7 plenary lectures by specialists from different fields introducing you to a new topic every week
7 small scale seminars to apply the knowledge from the lectures to real world cases

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Academic Programme

Programme Structure

The programme at LUC takes three years to complete. A year consists of 2 semesters with 2 blocks each. Each block is 8 weeks long with an estimated workload of 52 hours (12-14 contact hours) per week. Each block ends with a reading week, which is reserved for your final exams and research projects. At the end of each block, there is either a fall, winter or spring break.

The first year

The four mandatory Global Challenge courses expand your perspectives and introduce you to several fields of study. These courses may also help you in choosing your major at the end of your first year. This year also includes general education courses helping you develop your academic skills and building a good foundation for your studies including subjects such as writing, mathematics and History of Philosophy.

Year 1

Semester 1		Semester 2	
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Global Challenge: Peace & Justice	Global Challenge: Sustainability	Global Challenge: Prosperity	Global Challenge: Diversity
Academic writing		Elective	Mathematics
History of Philosophy			
Statistics	Elective	Elective	Elective

Year 2

Major + electives + requirements (12 courses: 12 options)

Year 3

Major + electives + requirements (Capstone project + 10 courses: 10 options)
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Your Second and Third Year

From the second year onwards, you create a tailor-made curriculum with guidance from your academic adviser. Throughout your second and third year, you will be able to select from an array of courses that fall within your chosen major, minor, or other elective options.

Dr. Ajay Gandhi

Assistant Professor



‘The Global Challenges courses provide students with a conceptual vocabulary for understanding wide-ranging processes. For example, in the Diversity Global Challenge, the focus is on the social, political, and moral aspects of human difference. We use the concepts and methods of anthropology, history, sociology, journalism and literature to analyze, compare and interpret the range of possible social organisations and expressions. We put small-scale communities as well as centralised nations and hierarchical empires within the same frame, analysing how European, African, Asian and American societies produce variation.’

Intensive and student-centred

Distinguishing features from the programme:

- ▶ An intensive and small-scale educational model (average of 18 students per class).
- ▶ Dynamic teaching methods: presentations, discussions, group work, papers, assignments, moot courts and case studies. You will be evaluated based on continuous assessment.
- ▶ Dedicated members of the LUC faculty, who are also research-active teaching staff, serve as academic advisers. They follow and guide your academic and personal development across the three-year LUC programme.

In addition to your major and electives, you will also take part in the Global Citizenship programme.

Global Citizenship programme

As a programme focused on Global Challenges, LUC The Hague values Global Citizenship. Students develop their Global Citizenship skills when learning to communicate across cultural and national divides, as well as learning to position themselves *vis-à-vis* diverse contexts and peoples. Several LUC courses make students sensitive to the challenges of becoming global citizens. In addition, students complete one of the following options:

- ▶ Service Learning Project: e.g. Community Project focused on tutoring recent immigrant children in The Hague.
- ▶ Participate in a field course in East Africa
- ▶ Participate in a global classroom course, working in partnerships with students from other universities to design innovative and effective solutions to various development challenges.

Prof. Dr. Judi Mesman

Dean LUC The Hague



'LUC addresses the core issues facing society: How do we create a safe, inclusive, successful, healthy, sustainable and just society? In this programme we offer students the knowledge needed to answer questions of this kind. Our approach is broader than other, more specific programmes and our students explore a wide range of subjects, with many important themes that impinge on one another. Current events feature strongly in the programme.'



Community Project

The LUC Community Project is a service-learning course aimed at helping students learn about real-life global challenges while serving real community needs. Students study the history, philosophy, and politics of education in the Netherlands and beyond – while also volunteering weekly as tutors and teachers' assistants in local schools. The course has been developed in collaboration with the Municipality of The Hague.

Majors

Each major is made up of 3 or more tracks that contain core courses. Each student selects a certain number of tracks that allows you to develop further within a certain topic or subject in the major. Check our website or major flyers for more in-depth information on each track.

www.universiteitleiden.nl/luc-majors



BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability

Major Tracks

- ▷ Ecosystem Health
- ▷ Earth System Science
- ▷ Energy & Natural Resources

Core courses

- ▷ Environmental Science
- ▷ Earth System Science
- ▷ Energy & Resource Management

Example Research Methodology Course: Geographic Information Systems



BA Human Diversity: Culture, History and Society

Major Tracks

- ▷ Cultural Expressions
- ▷ Time & Space
- ▷ Social Forms

Core courses

- ▷ What is Culture?
- ▷ Birth of the Modern World
- ▷ Social Theory in Everyday Life

Example Research Methodology Course: Historical Research Methods



BA International Justice

Major Tracks

- ▷ International Law
- ▷ Human Rights and Society
- ▷ Statehood & Integration

Core courses

- ▷ Principles of Public International Law
- ▷ Introduction to Socio-legal Studies
- ▷ Sovereignty & Statehood

Example Research Methodology Course: Advocacy and Litigation



BSc Global Public Health

Major Tracks

- ▷ Biomedical Sciences
- ▷ Health and Development
- ▷ Health Policy and Politics

Core courses

- ▷ Introduction to Epidemiology
- ▷ Social Determinants of Health
- ▷ Health Systems Management

Example Research Methodology Course: Quantitative Research Methods



BSc Governance, Economics and Development

Major Tracks

- ▷ Institutional Analysis
- ▷ Policy Science
- ▷ International Development
- ▷ Comparative Politics
- ▷ Political Economy
- ▷ Economics

Core courses

- ▷ Institutions of Governance & Development
- ▷ Intro to Comparative Politics
- ▷ Principles of Economics

Example Research Methodology Course: Game Theory



BA World Politics

Major Tracks

- ▷ IR and Diplomacy
- ▷ Global and Transnational Politics
- ▷ Peace and Conflict Studies
- ▷ International History

Core courses

- ▷ Intro to IR and Diplomacy
- ▷ Intro to Globalisation and Transnational Politics
- ▷ Intro to Peace and Conflict Studies
- ▷ Birth of the Modern World

Example Research Methodology Course: Political Research Methods

Minors

A minor is an important way by which you can add breadth and specialisation to your academic programme and can specialise in different fields besides a major. You may complete a minor in one of three different ways:

1. Pre-structured LUC minors

- ▷ Social and Business Entrepreneurship
- ▷ Psychology
- ▷ Gender Studies
- ▷ Journalism
- ▷ Languages: French and Spanish
- ▷ Philosophy

2. Minor in a major

In consultation with your study adviser, you can select a combination of courses (total of 30 EC) within one of LUC's six majors.

3. Minor at Leiden University or another university

You can also follow a minor at Leiden University and other institutions in the Netherlands.

Semester abroad

LUC offers excellent students the exciting and challenging opportunity to gain experience of living and studying in another country as an integrated part of their academic programme. The credits obtained during the study abroad semester count towards the degree. In addition to participation in the university-wide schemes, LUC has its own unique exchange agreements with a selected group of universities and colleges.

Internships

LUC students have the opportunity to do an internship for credits during or after their studies and benefit from the many international organisations, institutions and embassies in the The Hague area.

Capstone project

Crowning your LUC career is the Capstone project; a final piece of independent research in which you apply the subject knowledge, academic, analytical, and methodological skills you have acquired during your studies. All capstone projects are carefully supervised by our research-active academic staff.

Special programmes

At LUC, we offer two additional special programmes students can choose:

- ▷ **Arts:** for students who have an interest in fine or performing arts, there is the option of taking courses or even a full minor via the Academy of Performing and Creative Arts. This Leiden University institute works closely with the Royal Conservatory and the Royal Academy of Creative Arts in The Hague.
- ▷ **Dual Law Degree:** the Double Degree Studies with the Law Faculty is designed to allow students to pursue two degrees at the same time: a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences (Major: International Justice) as well as a bachelor 'LLB Rechtsgeleerdheid' (this study is only offered in Dutch and is a four year programme).



LUC Science Lab

The LUC Science Lab provides students with facilities for 'hands-on' training and experience with fundamental scientific procedures related to the fields of sustainability and global public health. The laboratory supports LUC courses and also student research projects, including Capstone (bachelor thesis) research.



Student Support

Academic autonomy requires individualised attention and advice to ensure that your intellectual and personal development is well conceived and fruitful.

Academic Support

Academic Adviser: LUC has a unique support system which pairs each student with a member of the academic staff for guidance throughout the three years of the student's BA or BSc programme. You will get a first-year academic adviser to help you in your transition to LUC and academic life. After your first year you will get a major-specific academic adviser. These advisers are members of the academic staff. They are available to listen to ideas and offer academic guidance.

Study Adviser: a study adviser is available to support students in selecting courses, monitoring their progress and helping them to succeed at LUC. Additionally, the study adviser can assist with learning disabilities.

Personal Support

Adjusting to university life and college culture can be quite a challenge. Besides the academic support, you also have access to personal and emotional support.

Student Life Officer: the Student Life Officer is in charge of all residential aspects of student life and oversees the Resident Assistant team.

Resident Assistants: there is one Resident Assistant, a senior student, on each floor. They are a first point of contact but are also in charge of creating a community feeling on each floor.

Student Life Counselors: the Student Life Counselors provide emotional and psychological support and are available throughout the week.

María Sánchez Esteban

Resident Assistant



‘One of the things I enjoy most about LUC, is that all students reside together in one building. To make sure all students feel at home, there are Resident Assistants (RAs) on each floor of the building. Upon arrival you are welcomed by your RA, this year I became one myself! If something happens in the middle of the night, there is always an RA you can call. Our tasks are very diverse: we organise community events, provide first aid in case of an emergency, and we help to resolve issues. Most importantly, Resident Assistants make sure everyone feels safe and sound.’



Living and Studying in The Hague

Find your home away from home in The Hague. Students live and study in our college building in The Hague's vibrant city centre.

The Hague is home to embassies, multinationals and international courts, as well as important government ministries, and is globally recognised as the international city of peace, justice and security. As all major institutions are within walking distance of the university, it's very likely that your future internship or work will literally be just around the corner. Many professionals working in the city pop in regularly for guest lectures, making it the ideal place to benefit from hands-on insights from experts in the field.

International student city

As an international city, The Hague offers the chance to mix with people from all corners of the world. A great opportunity to broaden your horizons and develop networks that will help if you later go abroad to work, study or

do an internship. The Hague is also the centre of government and national politics, so don't be surprised if you see the prime minister cycling past or drinking a cappuccino at the next table.

Places to be

What about your free time? The city has 35 museums and 22 theatres and concert venues. It also has hundreds of restaurants, coffee bars and cafés. You'll never be bored! There are festivals and events throughout the year and Scheveningen, or The Hague's 'back yard', is within cycling distance: 11 kilometres of beach and a lively promenade packed with great beach bars right on your doorstep.

- 1** university
- 2** cities (Leiden & The Hague)
- 3** year bachelor's programme
- 5** km from the college building to the beach
- 10** minutes to Leiden by train
- 18** average number of students per class
- 45** different nationalities
- 200** students admitted annually
- 600** students at LUC in total
- 985** LUC alumni
- 17,500** students in The Hague

The LUC Community

The LUC community consists of 600 students of whom 400 live in the college building. LUC students come from all over the world, over 45 different nationalities. By interacting with your peers, learning continues outside the classroom while living at LUC.

Meeting your neighbours

You will be welcomed at LUC by the resident assistant of your floor. You will quickly get to know your neighbours through the many floor dinners and events organised by the RA. Floor activities are a big part of the LUC community experience.

Student Association: Fortuna

All students become a member of the student association Fortuna which is in charge of most student activities and student-run events on campus.

Fortuna aims to represent the interest of all students enrolled at LUC The Hague, which is done by maintaining contact between members of the association and other important bodies within LUC, promoting the development and ensuring the continuity of committees set up by members of the association, representing the student body as a whole to the outside world, and organising activities to broaden the horizon of LUC students outside the curriculum.

Fortuna has several committees, each with their own contributions. Some of Fortuna's committees include:

- ▷ 22F(M) (radio)
- ▷ Act Aware
- ▷ Amnesty International Group
- ▷ Beyond Arts (Dance/Fine Arts/Music and more)
- ▷ Debating

- ▷ Diversity Committee
- ▷ Film Committee
- ▷ LUCV (volunteering)
- ▷ PAX (magazine)
- ▷ Sports Committee
- ▷ And more!

Members of Fortuna may enjoy events such as movie nights, (themed) parties, career-related events, Model United Nations conferences, Dutch language courses amongst other activities.

Furthermore, every year, an inter-UC tournament is organised between all the university colleges of the Netherlands, during which each university college sends sports teams, dancing groups, singing groups, and artists to engage in some friendly competition.

 [More detailed info about Fortuna:
fortuna-luc.nl](https://fortuna-luc.nl)



College Building

The college building is located next to The Hague Central Station and the Royal Library. The 21 story building includes all living and learning facilities. The first 4 floors are dedicated to academic and social life including class rooms, study areas, meeting areas, a grand café, a lounge, a student-run bar and offices (for staff, faculty and students).

The residential areas for students starts from the fifth floor upwards. Most students get a single studio apartment. Every floor houses between 17 and 26 students and one resident assistant (2nd or 3rd year student), as well as a common room where students get together to study, eat and socialise. There are laundry and bike storage facilities on the ground floor. Having the city centre of The Hague and a park of 10 hectares called Haagse Bos as its 'backyard' makes the Anna van Buerenplein (or AvB, as our students call the building) a vibrant home for students to study and live together.

LUC Studios

Most LUC student have a self-contained studio of approximately 27 m² with private facilities. This includes:

- ▷ Furniture
- ▷ Kitchen area
- ▷ Bathroom with a toilet, shower and washbasin with mirror
- ▷ Internet and TV connection

A limited number of shared apartments are available.

Student Facilities

- ▷ Fully equipped lab
- ▷ Digital lab
- ▷ Writing studio
- ▷ Student Information Desk

- ▷ The office of Fortuna, LUC's student association
- ▷ Grand Café
- ▷ Coasters, a bar run by students
- ▷ Study Area
- ▷ Soundproof room for debating, or rehearsals (music, theatre or plays)
- ▷ Audio and video equipment
- ▷ Roof terrace

Finances

The academic fees for LUC The Hague for the academic year 2019-2020 are:

- ▷ EU Tuition Fee: € 1.041*/ € 2.083
- ▷ Institutional Fee (applies to all): € 2.335
- ▷ Non-EU Tuition Fee: € 10.800

** Applicable for all first year students from the EU who enroll in the Dutch Higher Education System for the first time. Please visit the website for more detailed conditions for reduced tuition fee in first year:*

universiteitleiden.nl/bachelors/tuition-fee

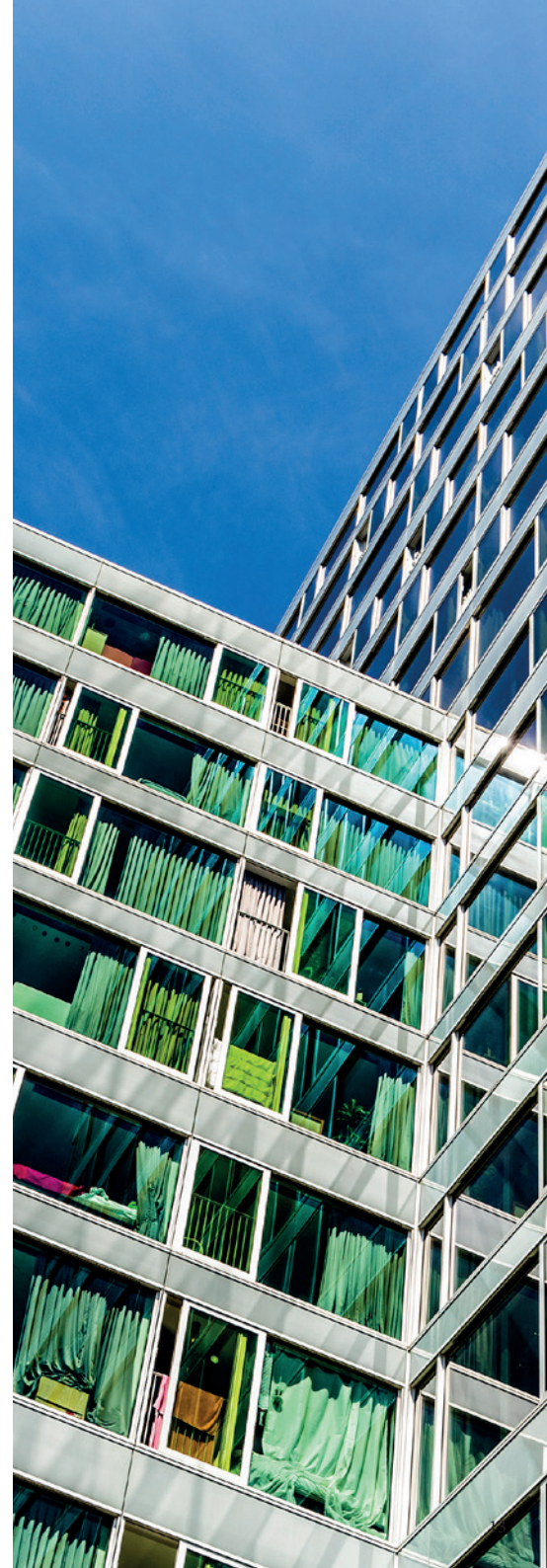
The housing costs depend on the size of studio apartment assigned to you. The average costs per month of a studio apartment including service fees is (please note additional municipal taxes may apply):

- ▷ Single: € 574*
- ▷ Shared: € 366

** Students in single studio apartments are eligible to apply for rent benefits (If one qualifies, this can be around € 170 per month).*

Financial support

If you are accepted into LUC The Hague, you are eligible to apply for financial support. LUC offers financial support in the form of waivers for students who demonstrate financial need.





The start of a great career

Students who have graduated from LUC find their education an invaluable preparation for following up their studies or career with specialisations in many different directions all around the world.

Further education

70% of graduates follow a master's or PhD programme after graduation in the following regions:

- 44% The Netherlands
- 25% United Kingdom
- 26% Other European Countries
- 5% Outside Europe

Top fields of study include: Business, Environmental Studies, International Relations, Law, Political Science, Public Health and Security Studies.

Some examples include:

- MPhil Social Anthropology, Cambridge University (UK)
- LL.M. Law of the Sea, University of Tromsø (Norway)
- MA IR & Diplomacy Studies, College d'Europe (Belgium)
- MPH Int. Health & Development, Tulane University (US)
- MSc Sustainable Resources, University College London (UK)
- MSc Human Security, Aarhus University (Denmark)

Work/ Internships

Our alumni who are currently working can be found in:

- 40% public sector
- 40% for-profit sector (private)
- 20% non-profit sector (private)

LUC Alumni are spread out across the globe, with a majority in Europe (88%) and North America (9%).

- Intern at the World Health Organisation (Denmark)
- Internship at International Criminal Court (The Netherlands)
- Data Analyst at the Red Cross (Switzerland)
- Assistant Consultant at Oxford Policy Management (United Kingdom)
- Innovation Officer at Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (United States)

Cecilia Diemont

Graduate of LUC



'I work as a strategy consultant at Bain & Company, one of the world's leading management consulting firms and am based in their Amsterdam office. As a strategy consultant you work in small teams to advise global leaders on their most critical issues and opportunities. At the moment I'm helping the UN Refugee Agency to define and grow their private sector fundraising strategy. Working in teams with talented professionals from different backgrounds, presenting in front of groups and critically analysing problems are skills that LUC helped me develop. After finishing LUC I completed a master degree in War Studies at King's College London and worked for the NGO Human Rights Watch. In the future I hope to one day use my experience in both the private and public sector to bring about positive change in the field of human rights.'



Information activities

Are you looking for more information about LUC The Hague? Do you want to experience studying in The Hague? Join us at our Information Days!

Open Day

At the Open Day you can explore all the programmes taught at the university. Get your bearings at the information fair, go to the presentations and learn more about what Leiden University has to offer.

Experience Days

Attend lectures and presentations about LUC's academic programme and learn more about student life. This is a good way for you – along with other prospective students – to find out what the programme and living at LUC is really about as well as have a tour of the facilities and housing.

Student for a day

This is your opportunity to participate in classes, experience the College Building and Campus and perhaps even join in on some extracurricular activities. If you are looking for the real LUC experience we encourage you to join our Student for a Day experience!

For dates and more information:

[bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/
information-activities](https://bachelors.universiteitleiden.nl/information-activities)

If you have any questions, we'll be happy to help you!




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