

# Crisis and Security Management (MSc)

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## Specialisations

- Governance of Violence (MSc)
- Governance of Crisis (MSc)
- Governance of radicalism, extremism and terrorism (MSc)
- Cybersecurity Governance (MSc)
- War and Peace Studies (MSc)
- Intelligence and National Security (MSc)

Crises arising from terrorism, war, violence, cyber threats, and natural disasters dominate world news and make Crisis and Security Management a heavily politicised and hotly debated topic at the top of the national and global societal and governance agenda.

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# Larissa Verkaik

Alumna



"This master's programme offers a unique multidisciplinary approach to the broadening concepts of crisis and security issues. The main advantage of the programme is that we get the chance to apply the academic perspectives we learn in class to real-life situations. This really demonstrates the importance and relevance of the study".

# Adrian Zacharias

student from Germany



"A perk of this programme is definitely its location. Entirely taught on Campus The Hague of Leiden University it offers a great opportunity for students or recent graduates to pursue a career in one of the many international organizations based in the city or yet private companies in proximity of these institutions. The lecturers are particularly easy to approach and always open to give feedback on your work or give assistance on other academic matters."

## What does this master's programme entail?

The master Crisis and Security Management is a programme built around four modules in which substantive knowledge, research skills and professional skills are integrated. Based on activating working methods and enquiry-based learning, the programme prepares students to become reflective, academically trained crisis and security professionals working in the public, private and civic sector.

During this multidisciplinary career-relevant master's programme you will become familiar with the academic, political and societal dimensions of the governance of (in)security and crisis. 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. Students graduate on the base of a portfolio and reflection paper showing how they acquired the learning outcomes of the programme.

This one-year, English-taught programme is the only academic Master's programme that offers insights on general developments as well as the specific challenges in the field of the governance of crisis and security,

with in-depth knowledge of sub-fields of crisis and security management. By selecting one track that suits your interest, you will be able to become a security professional with specialized knowledge and skills combined with a deep understanding of the general field.

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## Reasons to choose CSM at Leiden University in The Hague

- You will both gain insights on general developments and challenges in the field of the governance of crisis and security and in-depth knowledge on the sub-fields of crisis and security management;
- You will study real-life cases in an international community;
- You will gain insights on all phases of crises and disaster management;
- You will develop your academic, analytical and professional skills;
- This programme is unique in the Netherlands because of the combination of the common courses and the track courses;
- This programme is taught in the Centre of The Hague, the international City of Peace, Justice and Security.

[Why Leiden University](#)

## Is CSM the right programme for you?

This full-time one-year Master's programme is unique in the Netherlands because of the combination of the common courses and the track courses, and the emphasis on both academic and professional skills. There is ample room to gain in-depth and extensive knowledge and to develop vocational skills. The programme is aligned closely with the Bachelor Security Studies, but students from a wide range of disciplines are welcome to enrol.

- Are you curious about and interested in the complex challenges our society is facing in the field of security and crisis?
- Would you like to participate in discussions about and contribute to creative, balanced solutions for these challenges?
- Are you looking for an education that will allow you to delve into your chosen specialist field?
- Do you believe it is important to develop the skills employers are looking for and that will allow you to get ahead in your career?
- Are you someone who does not like it when information is simply handed to you during classes?
- Are you eager to delve into challenging assignments that will allow you to develop your research skills?
- Do you sit up and take notice when it comes to innovative teaching methods such as serious gaming?

Then this is the Master's programme for you.

[Admission and application](#)

## Chat with a student

Do you have a question about studying at Leiden University or student life in Leiden or in The Hague? Do you want more information about the Crisis and Security Management programme? [Chat with a current student](#) for answers to your questions!

# Why Leiden University?

In an increasingly complex and security-challenged society, the CSM programme provides you with the theoretical and practical skills to understand the issues underlying security challenges and develop solutions for crisis and security management.

You will join the only master's programme in the Netherlands to offer six unique specialisations within the field of crisis and security management. With a broad curriculum and flexible design, this Master's degree allows you to tailor your degree to suit your career goals. Six specialisations are available, each with their own thematic focus, and each with further scope for customisation. You will be able to specialise in areas of Terrorism, Crisis Governance, Violence, War & Peace, Intelligence and Cyber.

## Reasons why you should study CSM in The Hague

- Your lecturers come from a wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds in addition to coming from the Institute of Security and Global Affairs;
- Many are associated with think tanks, research institutes and NGOs;
- The Hague is home to such organisations as NATO, Upeace, and the ICCT;
- An ideal environment in which to study, intern, and research;
- You study in the Wijnhaven Building just minutes from The Hague Central;
- Employment opportunities in and around The Hague;
- The Hague is the Netherlands' fastest-growing student city and it boasts international allure.

## Study at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

The faculty studies current topics such as climate change, terrorism, and (economic) crises. With her interdisciplinary approach, the faculty connects with the surrounding national and international organisations. Located in The Hague, city of peace, safety and law, our students and researchers look at 21st century issues through a combined perspective of public administration, political science, law, sociology and economics. This interdisciplinary approach gives the Faculty's research and teaching its cross-border character.

## Study at a world-class university

Leiden University is the oldest university in the Netherlands and enjoys an excellent worldwide reputation built up over more than four centuries. Since 1575 we've provided sound personal education for hundreds of thousands of students. We'll do our utmost to give you the best possible support. And if you can and want to do more, we'll challenge you every step of the way. For many years, we've been among the leaders in Dutch university rankings and we are currently to be found in a variety of [top international rankings](#) too.

[More reasons to choose Leiden University](#)

## About the programme

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## Programme overview

This full-time one-year Master's programme is unique in the Netherlands because of the combination of the common courses and the track courses, and the emphasis on both academic and professional skills. There is ample room to gain in-depth and extensive knowledge and to develop vocational skills. Every track includes 4 track modules as well as 3 common courses.

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By selecting one specialisation that suits your interest, you will be able to become a security professional with specialized knowledge and skills combined with a deep understanding of the general field. During the year, you cannot switch specialisations since these consist of a coherent set of courses aimed towards gaining specific skills and knowledge.

Specialisations:

- [Governance of Crisis \(MSc\)](#)
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- [Intelligence and National Security \(MSc\)](#)
- [War and Peace Studies \(MSc\)](#)
- [Governance of Violence \(MSc\)](#)

## Multidisciplinary programme

The Master of Science programme in Crisis and Security Management is an academic programme that emphasises the ability to understand and analytically apply multidisciplinary insights from Security Studies, Public Administration, Political Science, Law, International Relations and other disciplines to challenges of crisis and security management.

## Teaching methods

Usually, people enrol in a course to obtain more knowledge and insights but you would also like to work on your skillset. This master allows you to do both. Learning by doing is central to this master. This includes innovative teaching methods such as serious gaming. You will learn how to work together in teams, how to present findings to different audiences and how to self-direct your learning. Theoretical knowledge is always enriched with real-life cases enabling students to become academically trained professionals.

## Student support services

Sometimes students need extra support or advice before or during their studies at Leiden University. This may take many forms: maybe you need the help of a Study Advisor, or to speak with a student psychologist about personal issues, or you experience chronic illness such as physical or psychological difficulties or dyslexia.

- [Information about Exceptional circumstances](#)
- [Information about Study Advisors](#)

# Programme structure

This one-year, English-taught Master's programme offers insights on general developments as well as the specific challenges in the field of the governance of crisis and security, with in-depth knowledge of sub-fields of crisis and security management.

## Courses

The CSM programme consists of three common courses of 4 or 5 ECTS each. Next, you choose a specialisation that consists of four coherent courses of 10 ECTS each. Further, one elective of 5 ECTS completes the CSM curriculum. Students graduate on account of a portfolio and reflection paper, showing how exactly they met the learning outcomes of the programme.

## Programme outline

The CSM programme consists of three common courses of 5 or 4 ECTS each. Additionally, you take part in four specialisation courses of 10 ECTS each and one elective of 5 ECTS. The final 1 ECTS can be obtained in the Portfolio course.

## Main Courses

### Security Challenges in a Globalizing World (4 ECTS)

In this course, students get acquainted with the underlying social, economic, political and cultural changes of late-modernity that influence perceptions of (in)security and critically discuss the concept of ontological security. This course addresses transformations in society that produce ontological insecurity, like globalisation and hybrid threats. Further, the course will look into the renewed search for ontological security, as manifested in populism, identity politics, re-territorialisation, nationalism and nostalgia.

### Security: Actors, Institutions and Constellations (5 ECTS)

The provision of security has increased in complexity over time. The public provision of security is divided amongst several public entities, the pure public provision of security is deemed an illusion, and citizens demand a role in this framework as well. The very concepts of internal and external security become fluid as well, not in the least because of the growing importance of cyber security. Lastly, this multi-actor approach plays in a multilevel setting. In this course, students discuss the different theories on how security can be provided in the most effective way, and what repercussions this has for the organisational structure of security actors.

### Security and the Rule of Law (5 ECTS)

Democracies today continue to wrestle with shifting and rapidly evolving threats stemming from conflicts, state coercion, and a variety of security concerns. Differently from other political systems, societies

upholding the rule of law require policy and legal responses to respect balances and protect civil, social and human rights. Hence, how can states ensure safety while respecting a democratic legal framework? What kind of powers and responsibilities characterise democratic security governance? The aim of this course is to bring together different theoretical and methodological approaches in order to address these questions. Specifically, the seminars are designed around seven dilemmas related to security and the rule of law addressing both national and international politics.

## **Elective (5 ECTS)**

In Block 4, students are required to pick one elective of 5 ECTS. Find the overview of the electives offered in 2023-2024 [here](#).

## **Portfolio (1 ECTS)**

You will acquire substantive knowledge and (research) skills throughout the CSM-programme, especially in the specialisation courses where assignments are tailored towards testing specific research skills: literature review, data collection, analysis of complex situations and phenomena, and critical review of standing research.

In your portfolio, you include assignments produced during the specialisation courses and common courses, showing the (research) skills and competencies acquired.

The portfolio also functions as a showcase for future employers: you can not only show to employers skills obtained, but also the research papers they produced. The portfolio therefore is also part of the labour market preparation in the CSM-programme.

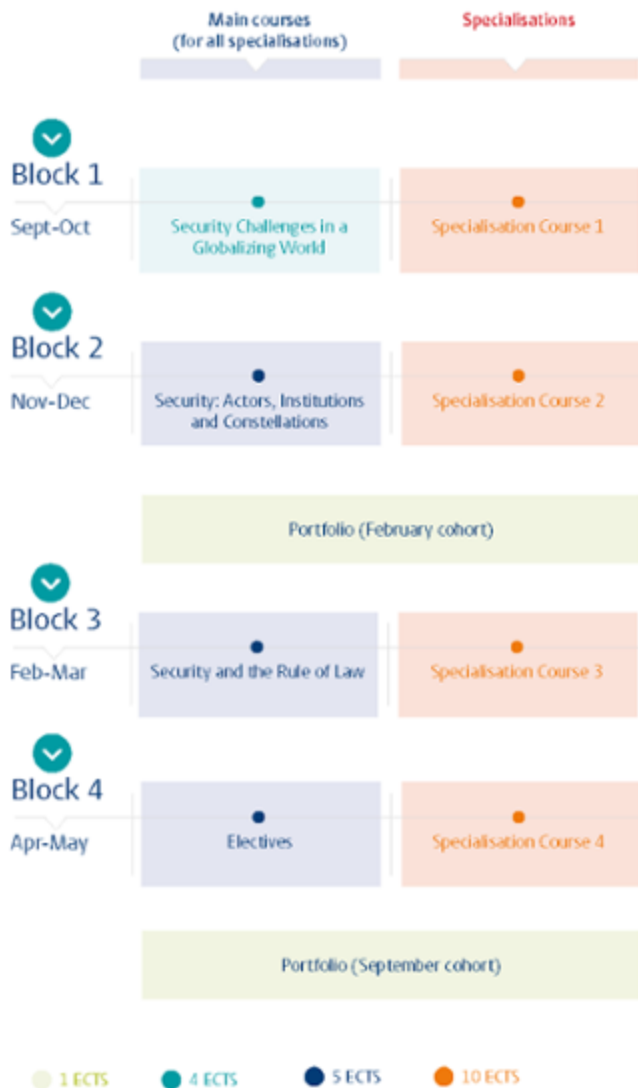
Additionally, the portfolio has to be accompanied by a reflection paper and problem analysis assignment. In the specialisation courses and common courses you have to produce short interim reflection papers, that serve as the basis for the final reflection paper.

In the final reflection paper, you reflect on your learning pathway in terms of (research skills) and general insight in Crisis and Security Management as developed during the programme. That way, you show your competency of self-directed learning and the ability to critically reflect on their competencies and achievement as a (future) reflective, academically trained security professional.

A defense meeting in which the portfolio, reflection paper and problem analysis assignment will be presented and discussed, is part of this course and function as the formal final step in order to graduate.



## CSM Programme Structure



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## Extra-curricular

Are you ready to take on an extra challenge during your Leiden Master programme?



## Honours education for master's students

Are you a curious and motivated master's student? The Honours Academy of Leiden University offers various kinds of extracurricular education, ranging from long-running programmes to short-term courses.

### Leiden Leadership Programme (15 EC)

Are you interested in a leadership challenge? Join the [Leiden Leadership Programme](#) (LLP). This one-year programme will equip you with the leadership knowledge, insights and skills you need to increase your societal impact. You further your personal development through trainings, seminars and a practical assignment within an organisation, in which you learn to cooperate intensively with other professionals. With the LLP, you earn 15 EC in addition to your regular master's degree.

### Master Honours Challenges (max. 10 EC)

Broaden your horizons with a [Master Honours Challenge](#) at Leiden University. In a small-scale, interdisciplinary course, you will tackle a complex issue for society or an organisation.

- **Discover your path.** Try out new topics, fields, and skills and discover what suits you.
- **Gain interdisciplinary experience.** Work with other disciplines on complex issues.
- **Broaden your skillset.** Pitch for stakeholders, make a podcast, documentary, or exhibit or create your own business.
- **Build a network.** Work with motivated students and teachers, as well as real-life partner organisations.

### Academic Excellence Programme CSM

CSM excellent students who have a strong wish to further develop and demonstrate their research skills - for instance, because they aspire to an academic career or another research-led career - have the opportunity to join an Academic Excellence Project. [Read more](#)

## Career prospects

The combination of academic and professional skills taught in the CSM prepares you for a wide variety of careers in the rapidly expanding domain of security and crisis management, including public or private sector and policy-making positions.

### Jip Barthen

Alumnus



"An advantage of the CSM programme is that I was allowed to choose my own topics and specialisations. Therefore I was able to do research in the fields of cybersecurity and privacy. Already prior to my graduation I arranged an internship at De Nederlandsche Bank, concerning Business Continuity Management. During the internship, the position of Security Training & Awareness Coordinator became available, and I applied. Possessing cybersecurity knowledge, communication skills and my master's degree helped me to land this new position. Working days at DNB are extremely dynamic. My work mainly consists of organizing communication campaigns in order to make people aware of cybersecurity risks, but I also work for a security program concerning the payment infrastructure. Examples of relevant topics in my work are social engineering, espionage, and hacking."

## Bianca Alessandra Ruiz

Alumna (2020)



'At CSM, we learned about the global security landscape in various courses such as security & the rule of law (my favorite course!), intelligence studies, crisis management, and terrorism. Here, we assessed global security issues through the political, environmental, and social lenses. On the one hand, I enjoyed my experience as a student as we had engaging class discussions, work groups, and simulations/serious games. We also had accommodating professors and study advisors -- all of whom I'm grateful for. On the other hand, I've been enjoying my social life at university and in The Hague. I've enjoyed the FGGA and CSM borrels, the nightlife, the beach, the parks, and ultimately, the memories I've had with amazing friends. At the moment, I'm job hunting which proves to be extra difficult during the pandemic. I wish to work as an international civil servant in crisis response, a political correspondent, or an investigative journalist.'

The CSM programme aims to educate students to become academically trained, reflective security and crisis professionals in a broad sense. It aims to teach students to develop a critical attitude, adopt a perspective of scholarly independence and a high level of self-directed and autonomous learning and functioning.

The programme strives to convey both general knowledge of the core themes and approaches in crisis and security management and specialised knowledge on the governance of radicalism, extremism and terrorism, the governance of crisis, cybersecurity governance, intelligence and national security, and war and peace. Furthermore, the programme emphasises the ability to reflect on the ethical and normative dimensions of crisis and security management and their consequences for the behaviour of government officials, agencies, actors in civil society and private sector.

The graduate is thus capable of recognising and analysing a broad range of complex and wicked problems in the domain of crisis and security management, both at the local, the national and the international level. The graduate is able to undertake independent research at graduate level, applying a broad range of theoretical and analytical approaches relevant to crisis and security management.

## Skills after graduation

Once you have obtained your master diploma, you will be ideally equipped to enter the labour market. Because of your specialist knowledge and skillset you will have a world of options available to you, both in the public and in the private sector. There are, for instance, many strategic and challenging opportunities working for a ministry, embassy, European institute, NGO, or local administration but also plenty of opportunities working for consultancy firms or working as a consultant for private security companies.

## Positions held by our alumni

CSM graduates find employment in both the public and private sector, in a wide variety of positions. In the three months after graduation, almost 63% of graduates land their first job. After the first year, this is nearly 92%.

## Example Positions

This MSc provides you with the tools to tackle emerging security and crisis issues through a governance perspective. After completing CSM, graduates work in the private or public sector, in positions in policymaking departments in all levels of government, or strategic positions in international organisations and NGOs, consultancies, or industry. Positions include:

- Consultant
- Policy officer
- Crisis response coordinator
- Network security manager
- Research assistant
- (Business) Analyst
- PhD candidate

## Career preparation

During the CSM programme, you will have interactive guest lectures with professionals active in the security domain. The guest lecturers will speak about their career (development) and how they reached their goals.

Further, as part of labour market preparation, the programme emphasizes both academic and professional skills deemed important by the professional field, such as self-reflection, the competency to work together in multidisciplinary and multicultural teams, the ability to analyse complex problem and a problem-solving attitude.

## Career Services

Leiden University's career counsellors give advice and information during your master and also after graduation. Each of Leiden's seven faculties has its own career services department, with specific expertise related to that faculty's programmes.

You have access to our web-based resources, which include career step plans, job seeking strategies and self-assessment tools. The Career Services desk also offers a range of relevant workshops.

See the [Leiden University Career Zone website](#).

# Admission and Application

Find out how you can apply for Crisis and Security Management at Leiden University by following our step-by-step guide. When applying for the programme, you need to submit your preferred specialisation.

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## Step-by step guide

This guide clearly explains the steps you need to take to apply, and the subsequent admission process.

Step 1: [Check the admission requirements](#)

Step 2: [Check the application deadlines](#)

Step 3: [Collect the required documents](#)

Step 4: [Start your application](#)

Step 5: [Pay your tuition fees](#)

Step 6: [Prepare for your studies at Leiden University](#)

## MSc. Crisis and Security Management: How to apply via Studielink?

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## Admission requirements

To be eligible for MSc Crisis and Security Management at Leiden University, you must meet the following admission requirements.

### 2025 - 2026

Admission requirements for students who will start in September 2025 and in February 2026.

*Please note: Only the specialisation Governance of Violence is open for registration in February 2026.*

Holders of one of the following degrees may be admitted to the programme:

1. Direct admission: When you have a bachelor's degree in Security Studies, Public Administration, Political Science, European Studies or International Relations from any Dutch recognised research University, you can be directly admitted. You can register through Studielink without needing to complete an application in Leiden University's application system (Usis).

2. When you have a bachelor's degree from an accredited research university provided the student meets the requirements across two pillars. First, at least 30 ECTS obtained from courses in the fields of governance, crisis or security related knowledge. Second, at least 20 ECTS related to empirical research skills in social sciences or similar empirical research skills. Register through Studielink and complete your application in Leiden University's application system (uSis).
3. When you have a bachelor's degree in Safety and Security Management Studies (SSMS) at The Hague University of Applied Sciences and have fulfilled the [following academic criteria](#).  
*Please note: you will have to apply through Studielink and the subsequent uSis application portal.*

If you meet the conditions under 1, you only need to apply through Studielink. If you do not meet the conditions under 1, you will need to apply through Studielink and through the online application system (uSis). You will be assessed on an individual base on [proficiency in the English language](#) and the requirements mentioned in 'Elaboration'.

As this study programme is taught in English and all study activities must be undertaken in English, it is essential that you have a good level of proficiency in written and spoken English.

The following requirements apply\*:

- [IELTS](#) Academic modules only, on paper or on computer: 6.5 overall, with at least 6.0 for each separate component score.
  - We do **not** accept [IELTS Academic online](#).
  - We do **not** accept IELTS General Training, IELTS Indicator, or IELTS One Skill Retake
- [TOEFL](#) internet based: 90 overall, with at least 20 for each separate component.
  - We are **not** able to accept The TOEFL IBT Home Edition™, except in the following situation only:  
You are unable to take an in-person test on location because test centres are inaccessible or closed due to unsafe conditions in a country.
  - We do **not** accept the following types of test: TOEFL My Best™ scores (multiple test scores combined), TOEFL Essentials™ or institutional tests such as ITP.
- [Cambridge English Exam](#) C2 Proficiency, or C1 Advanced (180), with a minimum score of 169 for each separate component.

Note that English test results may **not** be more than two years old and must be obtained in one single test.

\*You do not have to submit an English proficiency test if you have completed your education in the USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada) Singapore, South-Africa or Malta; or if you have obtained an English-taught International Baccalaureate™; or if you have completed a Dutch VWO diploma or an English-taught bachelor at a Dutch research university or (for September intake) a diploma of an English-taught higher professional education (hbo) programme completed at a Dutch university of applied sciences.

For detailed information, including exemption criteria and methods of submission, refer to [English language proficiency](#).

Holders of a bachelor's degree from a research university with a maximum of 5 ECTS of deficiencies, can eliminate their deficiencies in the curriculum by showing relevant knowledge with their extracurricular courses as shown on the below table:

<b>Pillar 1: Governance, crisis and security related knowledge</b>	At least 30 ECTS obtained at a recognized research university in courses in the field of governance, crisis or security knowledge.	If you do not meet the requirements specified in the cell to the left, and your deficiency is a maximum of 5 ECTS, this can be bridged by doing 3 MOOCS on governance, crisis and/or security by a recognized research university. Official certificates must be obtained for these courses. Examples are: MOOCS related terrorism studies, crisis governance, cybersecurity governance, and risk in a modern society, etc
<b>Pillar 2: Empirical research skills in social sciences</b>	At least 20 ECTS of the course curriculum at a recognized research university is related to empirical research skills in social sciences.  Please note that ECTS obtained for a thesis are only considered when it concerns an empirical research project in the social sciences.	If you do not meet the requirements specified in the cell to the left, and your deficiency is a maximum of 5 ECTS, this can be bridged by doing 3 MOOCS on empirical research skills in social science by a recognised research university. Official certificates must be obtained for these courses. Examples are: MOOCS related to quantitative research methods, qualitative research methods, research design, social science methods, etc.

The above elaboration on the requirements give an indication whether you will be admitted or not. At the same time, there are no assurances given. The first step by the Board of Admission is to examine the degree obtained. If this degree significantly differs in content from the master programme (e.g.: a degree in biology, physics, mathematics, industrial engineering, language studies), it will not be possible to bridge these deficiencies by online courses.

- Bachelor degree in international studies:  
watch out for deficiencies in research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow electives that are methodological in nature, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Bachelor degree in criminology:  
students generally meet entry criteria across the two main pillars, except when the degree is closely aligned with a law degree, in which case they should watch out for deficiencies in the empirical research skills in social sciences pillar.
- Bachelor degree in history:  
watch out for deficiencies in the governance aspect, and brush up on research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.

- Bachelor degree in law:  
watch out for deficiencies in crisis and security related topics (a course on criminal law is as such not sufficient), and especially research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Bachelor degree in psychology:  
watch out for deficiencies in the governance aspect. Follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Master degrees in the above fields:  
a Master degree should strengthen your knowledge on at least empirical research. Make sure to submit writing samples.
- Bachelor or Master degree from a University of Applied Sciences (HBO):  
though these programmes might touch upon one or even both pillars in the curriculum, they do so from a perspective of applied sciences. Hence applicants lack theoretical background needed to start the Master's programme. It will almost be impossible to adhere to the requirements.

## Minor

Finally, a minor programme can be a great way to increase knowledge on the two pillars. Currently, the Institute of Security and Global Affairs offers five minor programmes, but other minor programmes may also prove valuable:

- [Security, Safety and Justice](#): the different courses touch upon each of the two pillars.
- [Intelligence Studies](#): the different courses touch upon each of the two pillars.
- [Global Affairs](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.
- [Violence Studies](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.
- [Cybersecurity and Cybercrime](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.

It is **not mandatory**, but to aid in your assessment, we highly recommend to include a placement letter in English, in which you explain how you meet the admission requirements. This serves to help the Board of Admissions gain further insight in your experiences (work and/or education) that might contribute to establish admissibility to the programme. Make sure to use [this template](#).

You can download the template, fill it in, and add it to your application. List relevant academic courses or other relevant academic experiences (such as internships, summer courses, thesis or extra-curricular research), including if applicable the amount of ECTS or credits assigned to them.

For everything you list, it is recommended you hand in supporting documents, such as course descriptions, syllabi or writing samples. You can upload supporting documents via the application portal in uSis (ideally, integrate the supporting documents into one pdf).

## 2024 - 2025

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2. Eligible for direct admission:  
When you have a bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science or International Relations from a recognised research university other than Leiden University you are eligible for direct admission. Register through Studielink and complete your application in Leiden University's application system (uSis).
3. A bachelor's degree from an accredited research university provided the student meets requirements across two pillars. First, at least 30 ECTS obtained from courses in the fields of governance, crisis or security related knowledge. Second, at least 20 ECTS related to empirical research skills in social sciences or similar empirical research skills. Register through Studielink and complete your application in Leiden University's application system (uSis).
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\*You do not have to submit an English proficiency test if you have completed your education in the USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada) Singapore, South-Africa or Malta; or if you have obtained an English-taught International Baccalaureate™; or if you have completed a Dutch VWO diploma or an English-taught bachelor at a Dutch research university or (for September intake) a diploma of an English-taught higher professional education (hbo) programme completed at a Dutch university of applied sciences.

For detailed information, including exemption criteria and methods of submission, refer to [English language proficiency](#).

Holders of a bachelor's degree from a research university with a maximum of 5 ECTS of deficiencies, can eliminate their deficiencies in the curriculum by showing relevant knowledge with their extracurricular courses as shown on the below table:

<b>Pillar 1: Governance, crisis and security related knowledge</b>	At least 30 ECTS obtained at a recognized research university in courses in the field of governance, crisis or security knowledge.	If you do not meet the requirements specified in the cell to the left, and your deficiency is a maximum of 5 ECTS, this can be bridged by doing 3 MOOCS on governance, crisis and/or security by a recognized research university. Official certificates must be obtained for these courses. Examples are: MOOCS related terrorism studies, crisis governance, cybersecurity governance, and risk in a modern society, etc
<b>Pillar 2: Empirical research skills in social sciences</b>	At least 20 ECTS of the course curriculum at a recognized research university is related to empirical research skills in social sciences.  Please note that ECTS obtained for a thesis are only considered when it concerns an empirical research project in the social sciences.	If you do not meet the requirements specified in the cell to the left, and your deficiency is a maximum of 5 ECTS, this can be bridged by doing 3 MOOCS on empirical research skills in social science by a recognised research university. Official certificates must be obtained for these courses. Examples are: MOOCS related to quantitative research methods, qualitative research methods, research design, social science methods, etc.

The above elaboration on the requirements give an indication whether you will be admitted or not. At the same time, there are no assurances given. The first step by the Board of Admission is to examine the degree obtained. If this degree significantly differs in content from the master programme (e.g.: a degree in biology, physics, mathematics, industrial engineering, language studies), it will not be possible to bridge these deficiencies by online courses.

- Bachelor degree in international studies:  
watch out for deficiencies in research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow electives that are methodological in nature, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Bachelor degree in criminology:  
students generally meet entry criteria across the two main pillars, except when the degree is closely aligned with a law degree, in which case they should watch out for deficiencies in the empirical research skills in social sciences pillar.
- Bachelor degree in history:  
watch out for deficiencies in the governance aspect, and brush up on research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Bachelor degree in law:  
watch out for deficiencies in crisis and security related topics (a course on criminal law is as such not sufficient), and especially research skills. Make sure to submit writing samples, follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Bachelor degree in psychology:  
watch out for deficiencies in the governance aspect. Follow relevant electives, and complete the online courses if there is still a maximum 5ECTS deficiency.
- Master degrees in the above fields:  
a Master degree should strengthen your knowledge on at least empirical research. Make sure to submit writing samples.
- Bachelor or Master degree from a University of Applied Sciences (HBO):  
though these programmes might touch upon one or even both pillars in the curriculum, they do so from a perspective of applied sciences. Hence applicants lack theoretical background needed to start the Master's programme. It will almost be impossible to adhere to the requirements.

## Minor

Finally, a minor programme can be a great way to increase knowledge on the two pillars. Currently, the Institute of Security and Global Affairs offers five minor programmes, but other minor programmes may also prove valuable:

- [Security, Safety and Justice](#): the different courses touch upon each of the two pillars.
- [Intelligence Studies](#): the different courses touch upon each of the two pillars.
- [Global Affairs](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.
- [Violence Studies](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.
- [Cybersecurity and Cybercrime](#): the different courses concentrate on crisis, security and governance topics.

It is **not mandatory**, but to aid in your assessment, we highly recommend to include a placement letter in English, in which you explain how you meet the admission requirements. This serves to help the Board of Admissions gain further insight in your experiences (work and/or education) that might contribute to establish admissibility to the programme. Make sure to use [this template](#).

You can download the template, fill it in, and add it to your application. List relevant academic courses or other relevant academic experiences (such as internships, summer courses, thesis or extra-curricular research), including if applicable the amount of ECTS or credits assigned to them.

For everything you list, it is recommended you hand in supporting documents, such as course descriptions, syllabi or writing samples. You can upload supporting documents via the application portal in uSis (ideally, integrate the supporting documents into one pdf).

>> [Go to the next step: Check the application deadlines](#)

## 2023 - 2024

Admission requirements for students who will start in September 2023 and in February 2024.

Holders of one of the following degrees may be admitted to the programme:

1. Direct admission:

When you have a bachelor's degree in Security Studies, Public Administration or Political Science from Leiden University, you can be directly admitted. You can register through Studielink without needing to complete an application in Leiden University's application system (Usis).

2. Eligible for direct admission:

When you have a bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science or International Relations from a recognised research university **other** than Leiden University you are eligible for direct admission. Register through Studielink and complete your application in Leiden University's application system (uSis).

3. A bachelor's degree from an accredited research university provided the student meets requirements across two pillars. First, at least 30 ECTS obtained from courses in the fields of governance, crisis or security related knowledge. Second, at least 20 ECTS related to empirical research skills in social sciences or similar empirical research skills. Register through Studielink and complete your application in Leiden University's application system (uSis).

4. When you have a bachelor's degree in Safety and Security Management Studies (SSMS) at The Hague University of Applied Sciences and have fulfilled the [following academic criteria](#).

*Please note: you will have to apply through Studielink and the subsequent uSis application portal.*

*Further, you still must meet the English language proficiency requirement mentioned in the paragraph 'Language Requirements' below.*

If you meet the conditions under 1, you only need to apply through Studielink. If you do not meet the conditions under 1, you will need to apply through Studielink and through the online application system (uSis). You will be assessed on an individual base on [proficiency in the English language](#) and the requirements mentioned in 'Elaboration'.

# Language requirements

IELTS/TOEFL/Cambridge:

- IELTS 6.5
- TOEFL (internet-based) 90
- CPE or CAE 180

The test result may not be older than two years at the time of enrolment for the programme.

Exemption:

You are eligible for exemption from submitting results of an English proficiency test, if you meet one of the following requirements:

- An International Baccalaureate diploma from a programme taught in English (or an IB diploma with English A);
- A diploma of secondary or higher education completed in Australia, Canada (with the exception of the French-language programmes in Canada), Ireland, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States or South Africa;
- A diploma of an English-taught university degree programme completed at a Dutch research university;
- A pre-university education (VWO) diploma;
- A bachelors' or masters' diploma from a Dutch university of applied sciences of an English taught programme if all instruction and examinations were held in English.

For detailed information, including exemption criteria and methods of submission, refer to [English language proficiency](#).

## English tests accepted

Results may not be more than two years old!

- IELTS: academic modules only
- TOEFL: internet based
  - We do not accept TOEFL My Best™ scores (multiple test scores combined). The sufficient score must be obtained in one individual test. Also not accepted are institutional tests such as ITP.
  - We are able to accept the TOEFL Special Home Edition™ for admission to the academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.
- Cambridge English Exam C2 Proficiency or C1 Advanced, depending on admission criteria

Please note: You do not have to submit proof of proficiency if you have completed your education in Australia, Canada (with the exception of the French-language programmes in Canada), Ireland, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States or South Africa; or when you hold an International Baccalaureate, or for Dutch students, if you have completed VWO level English or an English-taught bachelor at a Dutch Research University.

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## Application deadlines

### Application deadlines

- If you need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before **1 April**. The same deadline applies to students who already have a Dutch residence permit for study purposes and need to extend it.
- If you do not need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before **15 May**.



- If you need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before **15 October**.
- If you do not need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before **15 November**.

*Please note: As of 2025 we will only offer a limited February intake: only the specialisation Governance of Violence will be open for registration in February 2025. If you would like to follow one of the other specialisations please consider applying for the September 2024 or the September 2025 intake.*

## Apply early!

If you do not have a Dutch diploma that grants direct admission or you need to meet additional admission criteria, you'll have to complete a two-part application procedure:

- First register your application(s) in the national system Studielink.
- A day later you will receive log-in details for Leiden University's application system (uSis), where you can complete your application.

You must submit your application via Leiden University's application system (uSis), before the deadlines mentioned above. So don't delay; if you haven't registered in Studielink and activated your uSis account in time to apply by the deadline, you'll miss out!

## Other deadlines

Leiden University reserves a limited number of rooms each year for international students. However, as the number of housing requests always greatly exceeds the number of rooms available, we strongly recommend that you also look into other housing options at the same time. [Read more about how and when to arrange housing](#). If you want to request accommodation via Leiden University, submit both your application for admission and your housing request well before the deadlines! Accommodation is offered on a first-come first-served basis and is not guaranteed. You don't have to await admission before requesting housing.

If you want to apply for a scholarship, grant or loan, please bear in mind that different deadlines apply, and these deadlines can often be earlier. Deadlines vary per scholarship. Visit the [scholarship website](#) for more details.

>> [Go to the next step: Collect the required documents](#)

## Required documents

When you apply for admission, you'll be asked to submit several documents. The documents that are required depend on your educational background and chosen study programme. For details of the documents required by each study programme, refer also to the programme-specific information.

Note: If you have a Dutch diploma that grants direct admission, you will generally *not* be asked to submit additional documents.

# Required application documents

You'll need to submit the following documents:

You can apply for admission before receiving the results of your English language test. However, a sufficient result will then be a condition of your eventual admission. Of course, if you already have your English language test results, you can upload them directly.

- Digital copies of diplomas and transcripts are initially required. Once you have been admitted, we will inform you how to submit certified copies.
- The documents must be in the original language. If they are not in English, Dutch, German or French, they must be accompanied by official translations into one of these languages.
- If you have not yet completed your current programme, state your expected graduation date and submit copies of all transcripts obtained to date plus a list of subjects still to be completed.

## Additional requirements specific to Crisis and Security Management

While it's not mandatory, we kindly encourage you to include a placement letter in English, in which you explain how you meet the admission requirements. This serves to help the Board of Admissions gain further insight in your experiences (work and/or education) that might contribute to establish admissibility to the programme. Make sure to use [this template](#).

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>> [Go to the next step: Start your application](#)

## Application procedure

The application procedure is broken down into three parts.

### Part 1. Application in Studielink

All students applying for a degree programme at Leiden University must start the application process in Studielink, the national online registration system for students wishing to follow a degree programme at a Dutch university. Studielink is open for applications from 1 October in the year preceding the academic year in which you wish to start.

1. Go to [Studielink](#) and enter your details according to the instructions provided. For this step you will need:

- a copy of your valid passport or European ID card, or
- if you are a Dutch resident, your [DigiD](#)

*Be aware! If you wish to apply for a specialisation of a master's programme: first select the master's programme in Studielink, then select the specialisation for which you wish to apply in Step 4 (Institutional Questions) in Studielink.*

2. Within two days you will receive:

- an email with information on the next steps you'll need to take;
- your university ULCN student account details (unless, of course, you already have a ULCN account)
- the link to Leiden University's online application portal (uSis)

After receiving your ULCN student account details, log into Leiden University's online application portal (uSis), using the link provided. Here you can view the status of your application, which will be one of two possibilities.

### **1. You can be directly admitted**

If your (Dutch) diploma grants you direct admission, Leiden University's online application portal (uSis) will let you know. The portal provides an overview of what you have to do to complete your application, for example arranging housing, scholarships, applying for a visa/residence permit and insurances. Please follow the instructions carefully and proceed to step 3 Student registration.

### **2. You cannot be directly admitted: additional action is required**

If you do not have a (Dutch) diploma that grants you direct admission, we will require additional documents to allow us to decide about your application. The online application portal (uSis) will tell you this and explain how to do so. See also Part 2: Admission to Leiden University.

## **MSc. Crisis and Security Management: How to apply via Studielink?**

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## **Part 2. Admission to Leiden University**

If you cannot be directly admitted, you must apply for admission via Leiden University's online application portal (uSis). Please follow all steps below.

In our online application portal (uSis) you can finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. This portal provides an overview of what you need to do to

complete your admission application. Please follow the instructions carefully and make sure to include all the items that are asked for. We strongly recommend that you complete your application well in advance of the application deadline.

All applicants with an international degree must pay a **non-refundable** €100 application fee, which entitles you to apply for up to three programmes/specialisations in the same academic year. We cannot start processing your application until we receive this application fee, so please pay it as soon as possible. The online application system explains how you can pay it.

### **Can I be exempted from paying the application fee?**

You do *not* have to pay the application fee if:

- You are following, or have completed, a bachelor's degree at a Dutch university (of applied sciences).
- You have previously registered as an exchange, bachelor's, master's or pre-master's student at Leiden University.
- You have previously been admitted to **the same** degree programme at Leiden University, but you decided to postpone your studies. This does *not* apply if you are applying for a different study programme or specialisation.
- You have refugee status in the Netherlands (with a residence permit for asylum).

Exemptions cannot be granted for any other reasons.

After you have submitted your application, the online application portal (uSis) will, if applicable, ask you if you want to apply for student housing, a visa/residence permit or a scholarship. Be sure to make a careful note of the relevant deadlines for these options.

After receiving your application fee payment (if applicable), the Admissions Office will check whether all the necessary documents have been uploaded and they will inform you by email whether any further items are required. The Board of Admissions of the faculty will then:

- decide whether you meet the admission requirements for the programme;
- strive to issue a decision on your completed application within four to six weeks of the University receiving it.

Once a decision has been reached you will be informed by email. You can view your admission status in the online application portal (uSis).

There are three possible outcomes:

#### **1. You are admitted**

You have met all conditions for admission.

#### **2. You are conditionally admitted**

You will be admitted, provided that you meet certain conditions. These conditions will be specified in the online application portal (uSis).

### 3. You are not admitted

The reason(s) for non-admission will be clearly stated in the online application portal (uSis). If you are informed that you have been (conditionally) admitted, you will have to take a number of additional steps.

If you are (conditionally) admitted, the Admissions Office will ask you to confirm whether you will join the study programme. You can do so in the online application portal (uSis).

1. Go to '[Application study programme](#)' in the online application portal (uSis).
2. Open the 'Confirm' screen. Here you will see three options:
  - Yes, I want to study at Leiden University.
  - No, I no longer wish to study at Leiden University and hereby withdraw my application.
  - Maybe later; I do not wish to start this semester/academic year. I would like to receive further instructions by email.

#### **The sooner the better**

Confirm attendance as soon as possible, to avoid missing other important deadlines and information about your study programme.

#### **Changing your mind**

You can still change your mind if necessary, either in uSis or by contacting the Admissions Office [master team](#).

#### **Deadline final decision**

Do you need a student visa or residence permit? You can only request one after confirming attendance. So make sure to confirm attendance before the [visa/residence permit deadline](#).

If you don't need a visa or residence permit, the latest deadline for confirming attendance is before the start date of your study programme.

## **Part 3. Student registration**

If you've been (conditionally) admitted, follow these steps to register as a student at Leiden University:

Check in the online application portal (uSis) whether you need to submit any documents to meet the conditions of your admission. Instructions on how to do so will be provided in uSis.

Arrange the payment of your [tuition fee](#) before the official start date of your programme. You will receive instructions and information on the available payment methods by email.

If you are an international student, go to the [Prepare your stay](#) page of our website for information about the practical matters you should take care of before and upon arrival. These include, for example, arranging housing, scholarships, applying for a visa/residence permit and insurances.

[>> Go to the next step: Pay your tuition fees](#)

# Tuition Fees

Your tuition fee depends on a number of factors, such as your nationality and your previous Dutch higher-education qualifications.

The tuition fees for the academic year **2024-2025** are:

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,530 per year
- Non-EU/EEA students €20,900 per year
- Second Dutch master’s programme: €16,300 per year

The tuition fees for the academic year **2025-2026** are:

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,601 per year
- Non-EU/EEA students €21,600 per year
- Second Dutch master’s programme: €16,600 per year

Are you unsure which tuition fee applies to you? Consult our [Tuition Fee Calculator](#).

## More information about tuition fees

**The tuition fee for this programme is €2,530 for the academic year 2024-2025 (statutory fee) and €2,601 for the academic year 2025-2026 (statutory fee).**

This tuition fee applies if this is your first master’s programme and you are a national of one of the following countries:

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Liechtenstein
Bulgaria	Lithuania
Croatia	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta

Czech Republic	Norway
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Suriname
Iceland	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Italy	

The fee applies for both full-time and part-time study.

**The tuition fee for this programme is €20,900 for the academic year 2024-2025 (institutional tuition fee) and €21,600 for the academic year 2025-2026 (institutional tuition fee).**

If you are not a national of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland, generally speaking you will have to pay an institutional tuition fee. This fee applies for both full-time and part-time study.

However, if, on the basis of your Dutch residence permit, you are eligible for student finance from the Dutch education agency (DUO) you are entitled to pay the statutory tuition fee. Information on qualifying residence permits can be found at the [DUO website](#).



*Please note! If you will be studying at Leiden University via a cooperation agreement, the fees quoted in the agreement will apply.*

Only applicable to EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese nationals.

**The tuition fee for this programme is €16,300 for the academic year 2024-2025 (institutional tuition fee) and €16,600 for the academic year 2025-2026 (institutional tuition fee).**

If you are following a second Dutch master's programme you will generally have to pay an institutional tuition fee that is higher than the statutory tuition fee.

### Exceptions

In some cases, nationals of EEA countries, Suriname or Switzerland may be permitted to pay tuition fees set at the same amount as the statutory tuition fee for their second degree programme.

- Legal transitional arrangement for second bachelor's or master's degree: student pays the statutory tuition fee when:
  - Student has already obtained a bachelor's or master's degree but is starting a programme in the field of education or healthcare for the first time.
  - The student has already started a second bachelor's or master's programme before the first programme was completed and remains registered for it uninterrupted.
- Institutional transitional arrangement for a second bachelor's or master's degree: student pays the institutional tuition fee equal to the statutory rate) when:
  - Student has already obtained a bachelor's or master's degree, but is starting a teacher training programme.
  - After completing a bachelor's or master's degree at Leiden University, a student will subsequently start a second programme (in academic years).

Are you unsure which tuition fee applies to you? Consult our [Tuition Fee Calculator](#).

Tuition fee if the pre-master's or conversion programme has less than 60 study credits (EC)	2024-2025	2025-2026
	€42,17 per EC	€43,35 per EC

If the pre-master's or conversion programme has 60 study credits or more, you pay the statutory tuition fee of that college year.

# Scholarships, grants and loans

Leiden University offers a wide range of scholarships for students from specific regions of the world, or for specific programmes. Leiden University also offers the Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LExS), a programme specifically designed for non-EU/EEA students enrolling in a master's programme. [Find out more about scholarships, grants, loans and deadlines](#)

If you are an EU/EEA or Swiss national and under 30, you may be eligible for a [loan from the Dutch government](#) to cover your tuition fees.

[>> Go to the next step: Prepare for your studies at Leiden University](#)

## Prepare for your studies

You've been accepted! Leiden University looks forward to welcoming you as a new student. Your next step is to prepare for your studies. Below you can find some tips to help you get a head start as you embark on your studies at Leiden University.

### For international students

If you are an international student, a wealth of information can be found on the '[Prepare your stay](#)' page of our website. This includes information about visas, housing, financial matters, what to arrange upon arrival, and much more.

### For Dutch students

- The '[student website](#)' page on Leiden University's student website contains information about practical aspects, introduction weeks and student associations. It's also a handy source of study-related information and advice.
- For detailed information about courses, schedules and reading materials, check out the [Prospectus](#).

Sign up for the introduction week in [Leiden \(OWL\)](#) or [The Hague \(HOP\)](#)! It's the best way to get acquainted with student life and the student cities of Leiden and The Hague.

Your student card is your proof of registration as a student of Leiden University. You can find your digital student card in the Leiden University app three days after your student registration is finalised. Read more about your student card [here](#).

As soon as you receive notification that your student registration has been finalised you should apply for a Leiden University ID card, or LU-Card. It also serves as your library card, print & copy card and access pass. Read more about applying for an LU-card [here](#).

# Student life

The Hague is the international city of peace and justice, home to many international organisations, embassies and multinational corporations but also a fun student city filled with music, cafes, museums and the most popular beach in the Netherlands!

## The Hague student city

Studying on the CSM means you have full access to all the services and facilities Leiden University offers. Leiden and The Hague, two great student cities just 10 minutes away by train! Leiden offers you the university's libraries, student and cultural associations; while the Hague is lively, close to the Netherlands' most popular beaches, a thriving hub of expat culture and European politics and foreign affairs - with a great transportation system. [More information](#)

## Study Association Custodia

Study associations are very active and organise all sorts of great study-related activities, from debates and lectures to excursions and social drinks. What better way to get to know your fellow students? [L.S.A. Custodia](#) is the study association for the bachelor Security Studies and the master Crisis and Security Management. In the beginning of the academic year, Custodia will inform you about membership and activities.

## Other associations

As well as the various student associations, you can also find other associations and clubs in Leiden and The Hague for people with similar interests and backgrounds. [More information](#)

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## Housing

Student housing procedures and norms vary greatly from country to country. In the Netherlands, most universities do not have their own dormitories and students generally arrange their own accommodation. Find out how you can arrange your student housing. Make sure to start early! Affordable rooms are in short supply. [More information about housing](#).

## Studying with a disability

At Leiden University we make every effort to ensure that students with a functional disability or learning disorder can still follow the programme of their choice. [The Fenestra Disability Centre](#) is there to provide practical support and the relevant information.

## VR Tour The Hague

Curious to know how studying in The Hague looks like? Take our VR tour through The Hague!

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Leiden University- alumna Franciska will show you around our Campus in The Hague and visit the hotspots that make the city of The Hague an attractive place to study, work and live. If you don't have VR-glasses, just move your mouse around the screen and discover The Hague.

## Information activities

Get to know us through our online and in-person events for prospective students!

Are you thinking about joining this Master's programme, and want to determine if it will be the right fit for you? Below, you can browse the events that we have coming up, and sign up to experience Leiden University and the programme for yourself. Alternatively, take a look at the Master Talks videos to find out more about the programme or check out our virtual campus tours!

## Upcoming events

### Master's Open Days

During the Master's Open Days you'll have the opportunity to learn all about Leiden University's master's programmes. Attend presentations about your chosen programme(s) or practical matters such as admissions and housing. Get real insight into the content of your preferred master's, along with the career opportunities it will bring.

#### When are the next Open Days?

- [9 & 10 October 2025: Master's Online Open Days](#)
- [6 February 2026: Master's On Campus Open Day](#)

## Student for a Day

If you want to know whether your preferred master's is a good fit with your needs, try checking it out first-hand by actually spending a day at Leiden University.

## What is Student for a Day?

It's your opportunity to ask all you want to know about the programme from a current master's student, attend an online lecture and get first-hand experience of what it's like to specialise in the master's of your choice.

[Read more about a student for a day](#)

## Personal guided tours by a student ambassador

If you can't join one of the information activities, or you are visiting The Netherlands and you are interested in visiting the Campus and in more information about this programme? Please contact your student ambassador for a personal guided tour.

## Master Talks: Programme videos

On the [Master Talks: programme videos platform](#) you can find videos for each master's programme. This includes a video which gives a short introduction to the programme and the recording of the in-depth presentation during the Master's Online Open Days.

## Get to know the campus

Check out our virtual campus tours, filmed in 360 degrees – by dragging the video, you can look around at the surroundings yourself. Below is the video recorded at Campus The Hague - Wijnhaven, where most of your lectures will take place; you can also view other 360 campus tours of the various university faculties [here](#).

## 360 Campus tour - Wijnhaven

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[Watch the video on the original website or](#)

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## Chat with a student

Do you have a question about studying at Leiden University or student life in Leiden or in The Hague? Do you want more information about the Crisis and Security Management programme? Chat with a current student for answers to your questions!

# Contact

Still have questions about the Master's programme Crisis and Security Management? Please don't hesitate to contact us!

## Contact the programme

Each programme has academic advisors who will be the first point of contact before, during and after the programme. They can help you with all kinds of practical questions related to your programme and can refer you to other persons if necessary.

- Have you already applied for the CSM programme and do you have a question about your application? Please send an e-mail to [admissionscsm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:admissionscsm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)
- Do you have a general question about the programme or one of the information activities? Please send an e-mail to [csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl) or take a look at the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

*Do you have questions about studying at Leiden University?*

Do you want to know more about one or more programmes or about our information activities? The StudyLine is a source of information for students and is staffed by students. You can contact them by [mail](#) or by phone on +31 (0)71 527 11 11 on working days between 9.00 am and 17.00 pm.

*Do you have questions on your admission and application?*

For questions about your admission and application, you can contact the Student Information Centre. You can contact them by telephone on +31 (0)71 527 80 11 (daily between 11:00 am and 16:00 pm) or ask your question in the [online contact form](#).