As crises arising from terrorism, civil war, and natural disasters dominate world news it is no surprise that security and crisis management - including the perception of risk - is at the top of the global societal and governance agenda.

**Adrian Zacharias from Germany**
MSc student Crisis and Security Management

"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."

**Larissa Verkaik**
Student ambassador

"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".

### What does this master's programme entail?

During this multidisciplinary career-relevant master’s programme you become familiar with the political and social dimensions of the governance of (in)security and crisis. You study contemporary security challenges from both local and global points of view and gain deep understanding of the ‘wicked problem’ of security and crisis topics in a complex and globalising world. The combination of theory, practical insights and analytical skills prepares you for work in public or private organisations.

### Reasons to choose CSM at Leiden University

This MSc offers you unique multidisciplinary perspectives on the governance of security and crisis.

- You learn from members of the Institute of Public Administration and Institute of Security & Global Affairs plus guest lecturers from many fields and organisations;
- Your study is informed by the latest international, interdisciplinary research in security studies;
- You study in The Hague, international city of peace and justice, home to many governmental/ NGO’s concerned with security issues.

**Why Leiden University**
Is CSM the right programme for you?

- Are you driven to read the news each morning, fascinated by current events and their follow-on developments?
- Can you think critically about complex societal issues?
- Are you interested in combining a variety of academic perspectives and applying them to real-life issues?
- Do you want to contribute to the discussion and practices around crisis and security management?
- Are you able to form an informed opinion and communicate it clearly to a variety of audiences?

Then this is the programme for you!

Admission and application

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.

5 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 Leiden’s ISGA;
- 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 your MSc thesis;
- You study in the light-filled new Wijnhaven Building just minutes from The Hague Central.

Study at the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

The Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA) is Leiden University’s newest faculty, launched in response to increasingly urgent socio-cultural issues. The FGGA is an internationally acclaimed academic knowledge hub that studies world-wide issues from the
perspectives of governance, politics, law, sociology and economics. FGGA is active in its quest for multidisciplinary academic networks; through its academic institutes and knowledge centres, FGGA contributes to far-reaching socio-cultural debates.

**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**

In CSM you focus on management/governance of such highly complex security challenges as privacy, terrorism, or cyber-attacks: their social and political impacts, the diminishing role of national authorities, and new developments such as social media.

**Programme overview**

The 1-year MSc CSM programme includes mandatory courses as well as a broad variety of electives that enable you to tailor the programme to your career or (future) research interests. The elective courses are taught in small groups so you get an optimal learning experience. Your programme culminates with writing a master thesis.

For more information on the courses, please visit the e-Prospectus.

**Nicolas Castellon**

Cyber Security Professional

“The Master has opened many doors for me academically and professionally. I selected this master’s program as it offered a governance perspective into
crisis and security issues that other traditional degrees did not offer."

**Educational methods**

In the CSM you will enjoy a combination of classic and innovative teaching methods:

- Most courses consist of lectures but offer a degree of interaction and room for discussions that are facilitated by real-time voting systems;
- You participate in ‘serious gaming’ about crisis management to gain insight into the high pressure strategic crisis managers deal with.

This is a full-time programme; you can expect to spend about 3 days per week on campus, depending upon how the courses are scheduled.

**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.

Here is an overview of university study and student support.

**Programme structure**

The CSM programme teaches a multidisciplinary perspective on the governance of security. The central question is: who provides security and how is that done? The electives offered in this programme provide insight on specific security topics.

**Programme outline**

In this MSc you gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become a professional researcher in a security or crisis related field; a civil servant at a security, defense, or foreign or internal affairs institution; or to be a private sector professional advising other institutions on these issues. Regardless of your focus this degree provides you with the practical and theoretical tools to tackle emerging security/crisis issues through a governance perspective.
**Some of the courses**

This course gives an outline of the phenomenon of terrorism and radicalisation. This is followed by an in-depth analysis of a specific issue: European citizens and residents fighting in the civil war in Syria. The course investigates this specific phenomenon from various theoretical perspectives.

According to public perception cyber space has become an ‘ungoverned space’, out of reach for governments and businesses. Cyber-crime and -terrorism have proliferated as a result. This cyber-governance module will look at where responsibility for cyber security in the public-private-individual triangle is placed.

This course focuses on the historical trajectory of internal/external European security policies, EU institutions, practices and the tension between the national and European level when it comes to dealing with cross-border security issues – particularly threats at the nexus of internal and external security.

For more information on courses, please visit the e-Prospectus.

**Electives**

During your last two blocks of the CSM programme, you can choose two electives from a relatively broad offering. Each elective focuses on specific security challenges – for example cyber-security, the privatisation of CSM, or local security networks. You may choose your electives in order to broaden your perspective or conversely, to specialise in a topic. Often students choose their electives in relation to their thesis topic.

For more information, please visit the e-Prospectus.

**Extra-curricular**

You can get even more from your education by participating in a number of extracurricular activities.
Leiden Leadership Programme

Do you like a personal challenge in leadership? Then join the Leiden Leadership Programme. In this one-year programme, you work on developing your personal leadership skills through an assessment, training, seminars and a practice assignment in an organisation. You discover and develop your qualities in the context of an organisation. The goal is to learn how to work intensively with other professionals and learn how to use their qualities. With the Leiden Leadership Programme, a Dutch-based honours programme, you will be able to follow 20 EC next to your Leiden, The Hague or Delft master's programme. Read more about Leiden Leadership Programme

International Leiden Leadership Programme

Curious about your personal leadership style? The International Leiden Leadership Programme is a 5 EC honours programme for master’s students looking to understand leadership, train and develop their leadership skills and acquire an insight into their personal strengths and weaknesses. Thanks to its small-scale approach and supportive tutor-mentor system, you’ll be working on your development on a very personal level. During this interdisciplinary programme you will attend seminars and skills-training sessions, which will give you more insight into the effect that your behaviour has on others. The programme involves the creation of a Personal Leadership Roadmap, a five-year plan for reaching and developing your own leadership style.
For more information: International Leiden Leadership Programme

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.

Skills after graduation

Graduates of CSM will be active on strategic positions in the security domain or a crisis-related field. They will analyse and discuss security challenges and write policies or reports
on a variety of security topics. In the private sector, graduates of CSM may consult or advise others on a range of security challenges and how to address them. Graduates may also continue as an academic or researcher in the security domain or their topic of interest.

**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%.

- 52.53 Sector of first job of our alumni Business (e.g. consulting, financial, legal)
- 12.12 Sector of first job of our alumni Research & Education
- 9.09 Sector of first job of our alumni Other (e.g. non-profit, political party, media)
- 26.26 Sector of first job of our alumni Government

*Source: Database Alumni Public Administration*

**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.
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

Do you want to apply for this master’s programme at Leiden University? Find out how to apply for your programme by following the step-by-step guide in the application and admission section.

The guide will give you the necessary help and guidance in submitting your application.

- Stap 1: Check the admission requirements
- Stap 2: Check the application deadlines
- Stap 3: Collect the required documents
- Stap 4: Start your application
- Stap 5: Pay your tuition fees
- Stap 6: You are a student at Leiden University

Admission requirements

Do you know which master's programme you want to follow at Leiden University? First, check the admission requirements.

1. Academic requirements
Students who have a Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from Leiden University are always eligible for direct admission. They can register through Studielink. All others need to apply through Studielink and through the online application system. For more information on how to apply and the deadline for application, please find the information under how to apply.

- Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from a Dutch university, or
- Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration obtained from an EAPAA-accredited university

2. Language requirements

You must be proficient in English if you want to be admitted to most master’s programmes. You can find the exact language requirements per programme under each programme description.

Exams accepted

- IELTS: academic modules only
- TOEFL
- Cambridge English Exam

IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE); a minimum score of IELTS 7.0 or TOEFL 25 is required for each of the four components.

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Other exam criteria

- Exam results may not be more than two years old.
- Institutional exams, such as ITP-TOEFL, cannot be accepted.
- Chinese students who need a Nuffic certificate should take either an IELTS or a TOEFL IBT exam.
Exemptions
You can be exempted from submitting one of the above-mentioned English exam results if:

- Obtained a diploma from a Dutch university
- You have an (English-taught) International Baccalaureate.
- You completed your secondary or higher education in the USA, the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia or Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada).
- For certain master’s programmes, you have an English-taught, university-level degree from a Dutch research university. Refer to the relevant programme description.
- At the discretion of the Board of Admissions, if you are a Dutch student with pre-university education (VWO) level English.

In exceptional cases, students who otherwise qualify for an exemption but whose application documents cast doubt on their English proficiency may be asked to sit an English exam.

Submitting your exam results
All English exam results must be uploaded to the online application system.

Your English exam results must be checked for authenticity by the Admissions Office before the deadline for applying for a visa/residence permit (if applicable), or before the start date of your programme. To make this possible, please do the following:

- TOEFL exam: tell ETS to send your original results report to Leiden University Admissions Office – institution code 0504.
- Cambridge certificate: send your ID number and your “secret number” (check the Candidate Results Online service) to Leiden University Admissions Office.
- IELTS: a scanned exam result is sufficient - no further steps will be required.

3. Programme-specific requirements
Candidates should include a statement of purpose (maximum of 2 A4 pages) in English, in which the candidate explains his/her motivation for applying to the programme.
The statement of purpose serves to help the Board of Admissions form an impression of the applicant and understand why he or she is interested in our Master’s programme. It should explain the reasons why the applicant would like to join the programme. This can be done by referring to one’s personal and professional background and interests, by explaining what aspects of the programme the applicant finds particularly interesting or how the programme might contribute to the achievement of the applicant’s personal goals.

Application deadlines

Now that you are aware of your master’s admission requirements, it's time to check the application deadlines.

Starting in February

- If you need a visa, residence permit or accommodation via Leiden University Housing Office, the deadline is 15 October.
- If you do not need a visa, residence permit or accommodation via Leiden University Housing Office, the deadline is 1 December.

Starting in September

- If you need a visa, residence permit or accommodation via Leiden University Housing Office, the deadline is 1 April.
- If you do not need a visa, residence permit or accommodation via Leiden University Housing Office, the deadline is 15 June.

Apply early!

Just in case you might have to take an additional entrance exam or submit additional documentation, you should always apply as early as possible. If you apply at the last minute, you risk missing deadlines, such as those for accommodation or visa applications. Late applications will only be considered in exceptional cases, and at the discretion of the faculty Board of Admissions.

Scholarships, grants and loans
Do you want to apply for a scholarship, grant or loan? Please note, these have different application deadlines.

Read more

Required documents

Along with your application, you will need to submit a variety of documents. This information only applies to students who need to submit an admission application. If you have a bachelor’s degree from Leiden University that grants you automatic admission to a master’s degree in the same field, you don’t need to submit additional documents. For details of which diplomas grant direct admission, refer to the individual programme descriptions.

Required application documents

Please upload a copy of the passport page(s) with your personal details and photograph. If you come from the EU/EER, you may also send a copy of your identity card.

If you are already staying in the Netherlands with a Dutch residence permit for study or for another purpose, please upload a copy of both sides of your Dutch residence permit.

Your CV must be written in English. Other than this, no standardised format or template is required. Your CV should clearly outline your educational and professional history up until the present date, as well as basic personal facts.

A personal statement must be submitted explaining why you want to follow the programme, why you have chosen to do so at Leiden University, and what makes you think you are a good candidate. The statement should be between 700 and 1,500 words.

• Digital copies are required initially. Once you have been admitted, we will tell you how to submit certified copies to the Admissions Office.
• Documents must be in the original language and accompanied by official translations if they are not in English, Dutch, German or French. If you have not yet completed
your study programme, state your expected graduation date and submit copies of all transcripts obtained to date.

- If you are applying for an LLM Advanced Studies programme: all documents must be available in English (or translated into English).

You can apply to a programme before you obtain the results of your language exam (if you already have your results you can upload them directly in our online portal). If you are admitted, it will be on the condition that these results will meet the required levels specified.

Always check first if your programme requires you to send in letters of recommendation. If you need to submit more than one letter, at least one letter must be from an academic staff member.

- The letter must be printed on letterhead paper, signed and bearing the full contact details of the referee (for verification purposes).
- Your referee should describe your skills, qualities and competencies.

**Recommendation letters - submission information**

Letters of recommendation can be scanned and uploaded as part of your online application. Alternatively, your referee can send them directly to us, making sure your name and application number are clearly indicated.

- By post:
  
  *Leiden University Admissions Office*
  *“Gravensteen” Pieterskerkhof 6*
  *2311 SR Leiden*
  *The Netherlands*

- Digitally via our contact form

Additionally please complete the attached format and upload this in your application.

**Questions?**

If you have any further questions, you can look them up at the Student FAQ page.
Application procedure

Now you are aware of all admissions requirements and application deadlines it’s time to start your application procedure. Every student applying for a programme at Leiden University will need to start at Studielink, the national online registration system for students who want to follow a degree programme at a Dutch university. Afterwards, you can continue the online application process at Leiden University.

Part 1. Apply for a programme in Studielink

All students applying for a programme at Leiden University will need to start in Studielink. Apply in Studielink for the master’s programme of your choice. Studielink will be open for applications from 1 October.

Please follow the instructions given in Studielink. After taking the first step, you will receive an email with the following information (but bear in mind that it can take a few days):

- confirmation that you have started the application process in Studielink
- login details for Leiden University’s online application portal

In the online application portal, Leiden University will let you know whether you qualify for automatic admission and will guide you through all necessary steps to complete your registration, as well as informing you about what you have to do after applying.

*Important note: If you are applying for a programme that starts in the Academic year 2017-2018, you won’t receive login details from Studielink for the online application system. In this case, go the online application system of Leiden University and apply for admission.*

Part 2. Online application at Leiden University

If you cannot be admitted automatically, you will have to apply.
In our online application portal you can finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. The portal provides an overview of what you need to do to complete your application at Leiden University. Please follow the instructions carefully. We strongly recommend that you complete your application as early as possible, because the sooner you apply, the sooner you’ll receive a decision.

**Important note:** If you are applying for a programme that starts in February 2018, you won’t receive login details from Studielink for the online application system. In this case, go the online application system and apply for admission. In the online application you can finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. Please follow the instructions carefully. We strongly recommend that you complete your application as early as possible because the sooner you do so, the sooner you will receive a decision.

All students with an international degree have to pay a **non-refundable** €100 application fee. This fee cannot be refunded and entitles you to apply for up to three programmes /specialisations within the same academic year. After we have received your application fee, we will start processing your application. Please do not delay paying the fee as this will delay the application process. The online application system describes how you can pay the fee.

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

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

- You submit a copy of a bachelor’s degree or current bachelor’s transcript from a Dutch institute of higher education (hbo or wo).
- You were previously registered as a foreign exchange, bachelor’s, master’s or pre-master’s student at Leiden University.
- You have refugee status in the Netherlands (residence permit for asylum).
- You are an Indonesian student applying for an MSc programme and have been issued with a 'review letter' by the Leiden Science Indonesia Office.
- You have applied for a CEU Praesidium Libertatis scholarship (this only applies to students who have been nominated by the Central European University).
- You have previously been admitted to a degree programme at Leiden University, but you decided to postpone your studies. This does **not** apply if you wish to apply for a different study programme or specialisation.
Exemptions cannot be granted on any other grounds.

After submitting your application, the online portal will, if applicable, ask you if you want to apply for student housing, a visa or a scholarship. Make a careful note of the deadlines for applying for a scholarship, student visa/residence permit and student accommodation.

*Important note: If you are applying for a programme that starts in February 2018, and if applicable, the Admissions Office will send you an email with information about student housing, immigration, student registration and other formalities.*

- Upon receipt of your application fee (if applicable), the Admissions Office will check whether all the necessary documents have been uploaded and will inform you by email whether your application is complete or if there are any omissions.
- Your application will then be forwarded to the Board of Admissions at the faculty and they will decide whether you meet the entry requirements of the degree programme of your choice.
- The Board of Admissions will make a decision within four to six weeks after the University has received your application.

The Board of Admissions will send you its decision by email within four to six weeks after Leiden University has received your application.

There are three possible options:

1. **You are admitted**
   All conditions have been fulfilled.
2. **You are conditionally admitted; in other words you will be admitted, provided you meet certain conditions.**
   The conditions will be given in the decision letter.
3. **You are not admitted, because you do not meet the programme’s entry requirements.**
   The reasons will be clearly stated in the decision letter.

If you are told that your application has been successful, congratulations! A number of additional steps now need to be taken.
The Admissions Office will ask you to inform them whether you will accept the offer of admission or conditional admission. Please go to the online application portal to accept the offer. You have the following choices:

1. Accept
2. Accept, but start later
3. Decline

**Part 3. Complete your registration in Studielink**

In addition to applying to Leiden University, you will also need to register in Studielink. We will send you a reminder to register in Studielink once you have been accepted onto a master’s programme at Leiden University. We strongly advise that you register in Studielink as soon as possible.

The deadlines for registering via Studielink are:

- 31 August, for programmes starting in September
- 31 January, for programmes starting in February

After 1 September you will not be able to register in Studielink or change your choice of master’s programme.

Remember to submit all the necessary documents.

Complete your registration for your master’s programme via Studielink. Enter your payment details in Studielink and submit all the **necessary documents** before the official start date of your programme. Failure to do so means you won’t be allowed to study. If you have any questions about Studielink, go to the ‘I have a question’ page.

Pay your tuition fee before the official start date of your programme. Failure to do so means you won’t be allowed to study.
Tuition Fees

The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on a number of factors. These are your nationality, your study programme and whether you have already obtained a Dutch higher education diploma.

There are four categories of tuition fee:

- The statutory tuition fee
- The institutional tuition fee for students who are not nationals of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland.
- The institutional tuition fee for a second Dutch degree programme
- Pre-master or conversion programmes

Statutory tuition fee

Statutory tuition fee applies if you will follow a government-subsidised study programme, which is not a second degree programme, and you are a national of: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland or the United Kingdom.

Statutory tuition fee applies whether you study full time or part time.

The statutory tuition fee is: €2.060,- (academic year 2018-2019)

Students who are not nationals of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland

If you are not a national of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland you must generally pay an institutional tuition fee. 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 statutory tuition fee. Information on qualifying residence permits can be found in the DUO nationality chart.

If you do not qualify for Dutch student finance and you are not a national of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland you can find the amount of tuition fee you are required
to pay for your study programme here below. These tariffs apply for both full and part-time study.

Please note! If you will study at Leiden University via a cooperation agreement the tariffs stated in the agreement apply.

**Tuition fee: €16.800,- (academic year 2018-2019)**

**Second Dutch master’s programme**

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

If you obtained a Dutch Bachelor’s, doctoraal, ingenieurs or HBO (Bachelor’s in professional education) diploma after 1991, and you are a national of an EEA country (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Suriname or Switzerland, the following institutional tuition fees apply.

**Institutional tuition fee: €15.100,- (academic year 2018-2019)**

Did you commence a Bachelor’s programme at Leiden University before 2010, and will you continue directly onto a second Master’s programme in the year you complete your Bachelor’s programme, or in the following year? If so you are entitled to pay statutory tuition fee in accordance with a transitional ruling (also see ‘Exceptions’).

Please note! Other tariffs apply for students who are not nationals of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland. Please refer to the information in the section ‘Students who are not nationals of an EEA country, Suriname or Switzerland’.

Are you unsure whether you have to pay statutory tuition fee or an institutional fee? Consult our tuition fee flowchart for second Master’s programmes.

**Exceptions**

In some cases nationals of EEA countries, Suriname or Switzerland may be permitted to pay tuition fees set at the same amount as statutory tuition fee for their second degree programme.
• If your second degree programme is in the field of healthcare or teacher training you are entitled to pay institutional tuition fees set at the same amount as statutory tuition fee.
• If you begin your second Bachelor’s or Master’s programme whilst you are still following your first Bachelor's or Master’s programme you may pay institutional tuition fees set at the same amount as statutory tuition fee for your second degree programme – on condition that you remain continuously registered as a student.
• If you begin a second Bachelor’s or Master's programme at Leiden University in the academic year directly following the year in which you obtained your first Bachelor’s or Master's degree at Leiden University you may pay institutional tuition fee set at the same amount as statutory tuition fee.

**Pre-master or conversion programmes**

**Less than 45 EC**
If you will follow a pre-master or conversion programme, after completing a Bachelor’s programme, you must pay €33,- per study credit (EC) if the programme is less than 45 ECs.

**45 EC or more**
For programmes of more than 45 ECs you must pay statutory tuition fee. If the pre-master or conversion programme is more than 60 ECs – and therefore longer than one year - or if you will follow courses that are not part of your conversion programme, you must pay the institutional tuition fee for the programme in question (see second study programme). These fees apply to students of all nationalities.

**Pre-master's**

The Pre-master’s programme is a programme designed to help students achieve the requirements for admission in the Master’s programmes offered by the Institute of Security and Global Affairs and the institute of Public Administration. In 2018 a separate premaster for Crisis and Security management will be developed. Information will be made available in this webpage.

**Apply to master’s programme**
Please note that you cannot apply for the pre-master’s programme independently. Students need to apply for the master’s programme of their choice and might need to enrol in the Bachelor (pre-master), depending on the decision of the admissions board.

- The pre-master programme runs twice per year; in block 2 and block 4.
- The number of credits to obtain is 15.0 ECTS.
- You can only follow the pre-master programme once and you need to successfully pass the courses in one block.
- If you succeed you enter the MSc programme. If not, you cannot join the pre-master again.
- You cannot take pre-master courses during the master. Successfully finishing the pre-master is a condition for admission.

**Study load**

The pre-master is a full-time programme, consisting of 15.0 ECTS (two courses) for the duration of one block. Please be aware that students are expected to spend 40 hours per week on the pre-master’s programme (due to the number of ECTS), which makes the programme difficult to combine with other studies, (voluntary) work or an internship.

**Decision on admission**

After your official application, the Admission committee will decide whether you can be:

a) admitted directly  
b) not admitted  
c) admitted to the premaster

Only the Admissions committee can inform you (after your official application) about your possible admission; no such information is provided via email and the like.

**Admission to pre-master**

Admission to the pre-master is competitive. Students are admitted to the pre-master program on the basis of demonstrated academic capacity, English proficiency, and affinity to the subject of the master programme, as evidenced by professional experience, completed courses and specialisations, or other means.

**Scheduling**
The registration in Studielink needs to be finalized before or on August 31st or January 31st. Classes start in October and March. Once a student has successfully completed the pre-master, they will be admitted to the master’s programme.

Pre-Master’s course(s)?

More information on the courses of the pre-master’s programme can be found in the e-prospectus. For specific questions or extra information you can contact the study advisors.

About to graduate?

Interested in our MSc programme, but not graduated yet? You are welcome to apply before having actually graduated. When applying before graduation please mention your (expected) graduation date and submit all transcripts obtained to date. Please do bear in mind that if you are admitted, this will be a conditional admission until we have received your diploma and final transcripts.

- Check the application deadlines!
- You can only take premaster courses after you graduated.

You will not receive a bachelor diploma in Crisis and Security Management after successfully finishing the pre-master courses as this programme has only the intention to eliminate deficiencies.

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 here.

**Sonja Albrecht**
Student

"I love the mix of high rise and historic buildings in The Hague. There is a lot of greenery around the city and the beach is nearby, which is great."

The fact that I can study in the Peace Palace library and do research in places where history was made in international law is amazing. I cannot believe that I can do that on a daily basis. We are located closely to the political center, so we often see prime-minister Mark Rutte pass by on his bike on this way to work. Furthermore, you get a lot of opportunities to meet important people, because they visit The Hague. Recently some students got the chance to meet Ban Ki-moon, secretary-general of the United Nations.

**Study Association**

The study association B.I.L. (abbreviation for Bestuurskundige Interfacultaire vereniging Leiden) organises activities, like ‘speed dates’ with companies and organisations, several networking events and company visits during the year (e.g. International Criminal Court) and a regular schedule of alumni dinners. Participating in these activities can give you contacts and insights into your future possibilities as an alumnus or alumna.

**Information activities**

Want to know more about the MSc CSM and experience what it’s like to study in The Hague? There are a number of activities that can help you choose your study.

**Events**
Are you exploring your options for a master’s programme? You can learn a lot by coming to our Master’s Open Days. Attend presentations by the different programmes, visit the information fairs, and ask lecturers, students, alumni and study advisers all your questions. And you’ll get to know the best student cities right in the heart of Europe in the Netherlands. Read more about the Master's Open Days

**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.

Do you have a question about one of the information activities, please contact the student ambassador.

Or visit the Frequently Asked Questions page.

**Contact the university about general questions**

*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 about 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.