Life Science & Technology (MSc)

Specialisations

- Life Science and Education (MSc)
- Life Science and Science Communication and Society (MSc)
- Life Science Research and Development (MSc)
- Life Science and Business Studies (MSc)

The cell is the building block of life, the smallest unit with the molecular characteristics of living systems. Increased knowledge of the mechanisms of the biomolecular and biochemical processes in the cell can lead to better medicines, new methods for combating diseases.

What does this master’s programme entail?

The basis of the two-year master’s programme in Life Science and Technology is formed by research carried out in the life sciences and chemistry groups of the Leiden Institute of Chemistry (LIC). Researchers take a science-based approach in finding tailored solutions for
complex societal problems as encountered in personalized medicine, systems biology and sustainable use of biological sources. Starting from day one, and during the whole master programme you are a member of a research team in the LIC. Guided by a personal mentor, the student assembles a tailor-made educational programme for optimal training to become a life sciences professional.

Read more about our Life Science and Technology programme.

**Discover why our students choose the Life Science and Technology master's programme**

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**Why study Life Science and Technology at Leiden University?**

- You can design your own tailor-made programme adjusted to your own interests and ambitions related to Life Sciences, biomedicine and Chemical Biology.
- You have the possibility to be part of research training projects within the Faculty of Science, Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Erasmus Medical Center or abroad.
- You will receive personal guidance by a mentor of choice, who is a member of one of our international and young research groups.

Find more reasons to study Life Science and Technology at Leiden University.

**Life Science and Technology: the right master’s programme for you?**

If you are interested in Life Science and you are looking for a programme with ample of opportunities to assemble your own study path, our Life Science and Technology programme is the right choice. The programme addresses societal problems on a molecular and cellular level. You can also choose a specialisation where you combine one year of Life Science and Technology research with one year of training in business, communication or education.

Read more about the entry requirements for Life Science and Technology.
Why Leiden University?

The Leiden Institute of Chemistry offers a unique tailor-made programme in Life Science and Technology. You can adapt the programme to your own interests and ambitions with the help of your own personal mentor. Your study will focus on either a Biomedical and Molecular approach of Life Sciences.

A Molecular and Biomedical approach of Life Sciences

The Biomedical components comprise molecular and cellular research as well as chemical biology research. By doing this we are creating an unprecedented progress in the understanding of fundamental cellular processes and mechanisms underlying diseases. Knowledge about genomic organization, studies on protein-protein interactions, synthesis and application of molecular chemical structures and understanding of bio(medical) informatics are a core part of our modern understanding of health & disease. You will learn to understand the molecular and structural chemical and biological aspects of disease-related processes as well as be able to apply chemical tools in treating diseases.

Access to top research facilities

The Leiden Institute of Chemistry has access to a number of key facilities which enables our research groups and therefore students to carry out their innovative research. Leiden Chemists have access to e.g. a Cell Observatory, an NMR Facility, Cloning & Protein purification Facility, and peptide synthesizers. Read more about the facilities.

Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science is a first-class research faculty with an excellent position in the basic disciplines of science. The current research and education programmes span the entire spectrum of science ranging from Mathematics and Statistical Science, Computer Science and Data Science, Astrophysics, Physics, Chemistry and Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences to Biology and Environmental Sciences. Our science community is driven by their curiosity and desire to increase basic knowledge, for science and to contribute to the great societal challenges of today and tomorrow. Core values are scientific impact, technological innovation and relevance to society.

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

The two-year MSc programme Life Science and Technology offers one research specialisation and three other specialisations where you combine Life Science research with business studies, communication or education.

Programme overview

The MSc Life Science and Technology programme offers four specialisations:

- **Life Science Research and Development**: you follow a two-year programme focussed on a molecular and biomedical approach to Life Sciences to become an independent and creative scientist.
- **Life Science and Education (taught partly in Dutch)**: prepare yourself for a career in teaching chemistry and/or biology.
- **Life Science and Science Communication and Society**: combine training in Life Sciences with courses in different aspects of science communication, such as journalism.
- **Life Science and Business Studies**: combine training in Life Science and Technology with components in business and entrepreneurship.

The research specialisation comprises research training projects to a total of at least 60 EC, including a presentation for the group and a written report (the master thesis). The major
A research project is carried out in the LIC, LUMC, Erasmus MC, NKI or elsewhere. The mentor guides you in your research project(s) and will advise you which courses best fit with the research topic and study planning.

Find out more about the Research specialisation:

- Life Science Research and Development

If you choose the education, science communication or science based business specialisation, you need to follow specific modules (30-60 EC) and therefore have a reduced research programme which consists of compulsory Life Science components (60 EC) and electives (max 30 EC). The compulsory components comprise a research training project (30 EC), four core courses to be selected from the core Life Sciences MSc courses (24 EC) and a course related to academic training.

Find out more about the programme outline of the specialisations:

- Life Science and Business Studies
- Life Science and Science Communication and Society
- Life Science and Education

**Educational methods**

- Thesis Talks
- Colloquium
- Literature study
- Lab work
- Writing of essays
- Presentations
- Lectures
- Project groups
- Working groups

**Study guidance**
At the start of the programme you will choose a personal mentor. The mentor will be your personal coach during the complete master's programme. You will also use a digital Master planner to schedule your studies. The schedule will be monitored by your mentor and the study coordinator. During your master programme you will become a member of one of the research groups and receive the necessary guidance.

**Extra-curricular**

Are you interested in taking up an extra challenge during your master’s programme? Have you thought about developing your personal leadership style?

**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
Study abroad

Within the tailor-made construction of the programme students get the opportunity to study abroad. You will have the option to follow elective courses abroad or conduct your research project in an industrial research laboratory or at a university abroad.

National Graduate Schools

The Leiden Institute of Chemistry Participates in three National Graduate Schools with other universities. The Graduate Schools are designed for talented students who focus on a future PhD track. Talented students can apply for admission to one of these Graduate Schools:

- Sustainability: the Molecular approach (universities of Leiden, Amsterdam and the Free university of Amsterdam). hrsmc.nl/hrsmc.nl
- Netherlands Research School of Chemical Biology (universities of Leiden, Groningen, Nijmegen & Eindhoven). nrscb.nl
- Netherlands Magnetic Resonance Research School (universities of Leiden, Nijmegen, Utrecht, Eindhoven & Wageningen). nmr-nl.org

Read more about the National Graduate School

Career prospects

After graduation you have a broad array of career prospects: Life Science research and business is one of the fastest growing economic activities worldwide.

Acquired skills and competence

This programme equips you with knowledge and expertise on molecular and biomedical science at a fundamental level, preparing you for a career in both industrial and academic environments. After completing your MSc programme you will have expertise in fundamental Life Sciences and have highly developed research skills.

Career
The master’s degree Life Science and Technology is a stepping-stone for those graduates with the aspiration to pursue a PhD degree. Students with a desire to apply their life sciences and technology knowledge outside the university have good job possibilities in R&D departments in industry, business, public utility companies, teaching, consultancy and government bodies. Biotechnological-, food- and biopharmaceutical industries as well as healthcare and fundamental research institutions could be suitable employers. Many students eventually attain higher management positions.

## Career preparation

Leiden University offers you several services related to career orientation and job application skills.

At the start of the programme (September and February) you will be introduced to one of the officers of the Career Service. They will tell you about the possibilities to get help with your CV and finding a suitable job after graduation. The study association of Life Science & Technology, Life regularly organizes presentations by alumni of our MSc programme to help you get a clear picture of the job opportunities.

### Science Career Service

Are you looking for career advice? Get in touch with our science career advisor. The Science Career Service supports students of the Science Faculty in their career orientation and making effective career decisions during their study. We offer services such as consultation hours, individual appointments with the career counselor and advice on your CV or motivation letter.

### Science Career Event

Whether you are actively looking forward to meet interesting employers, or even if you have no idea what you career will look like yet, the Science Career Event gives you a chance to speak with a large number of employers. Every year the Science Career Event is organized by students of the Faculty of Science. During this event you can get your resume checked, participate in a workshop or speed date with a potential employer to discuss possibilities in the near future. The Science Career Event is the ideal day to orient yourself on career possibilities.
The Mentor Network

If you have questions about the job market, you can get in touch with Leiden alumni who are happy to offer their advice. On the Mentor Network platform you can view the profiles of around 650 alumni. Once you have found someone you would like to contact for advice, you can send him or her a request for assistance.

Master's application and admission

Find out how to apply for Life Science & Technology at Leiden University by following our step-by-step guide.

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

Admission requirements

To be eligible for Life Science and Technology at Leiden University, you must meet the following admission requirements.
The Board of Admissions will judge the qualifications of the applicants on the basis of their previous training. The admission process may include an interview with the Board of Admissions. Students can start their programme in September or February (international students are strongly advised to start in September).

**Diploma requirements**

Students with a BSc degree Life Science and Technology (LST) from Leiden/Delft will be admitted to the MSc LST programme. For students with a Dutch bachelor degree in a related field the Board of Admissions will evaluate whether the content of their bachelor programme is equivalent to the programme of the BSc Life Science and Technology (LST).

Students with a bachelor degree in Life Sciences, or in a field related to Life Sciences, at an international University are also eligible for admission. The Board of Admissions will evaluate whether their degree may be considered equivalent to a BSc in Life Science and Technology, and whether their academic background and obtained grades provide sufficient confidence that the candidate will be able to complete the Master’s programme in two years. Applicants need to provide the Board of Admissions with a letter of motivation.

*hbo students* can also apply for admission; they should have obtained their BAS degree within four years with an average final grade of at least 7.5 and a research internship grade of at least 8.0. Additionally, a letter of motivation by the student and a letter of recommendation of the ‘studieloopbaanbegeleider’ of the BAS programme is required.

**Language requirements**

Proof of sufficient proficiency in English, evidenced by appropriate language test:

- IELTS: minimum 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 for each of the components Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking
- TOEFL: internet based 90
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE), minimum grade C

For detailed information about which English qualifications are accepted, as well as the relevant exemption criteria, refer to [English language proficiency](#).
Please note: You do not have to submit proof of proficiency if you have completed your education in Canada (except French-taught programmes in Canada), USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia, 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.

The education component of this master's programme is taught in Dutch. All applicants that have not achieved a Secondary Education qualification in the Netherlands, have to demonstrate their Dutch communication skills. The level of Dutch is assessed through an advanced Dutch language exam. For more information about the exam: Admission Exam TUL Advanced. For the speaking (fluency) part of the exam, at least a 7.5 must be achieved.

Mind: after completion of the Education specialisation you obtain a qualifications to be a teacher in the Netherlands.

>> Go to the next step: Check the application deadlines

Application deadlines

Application deadlines

- If you need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before 1 April.
- If you do not need a visa or residence permit, you must apply for admission before 15 June.

- 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 1 December.

Apply early!
If you don’t have a Dutch diploma that grants direct admission, 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**

If you want to request accommodation via Leiden university Housing Office, apply early! Accommodation is allocated on a first-come first-served basis and there is limited availability, which means the Housing Office cannot guarantee accommodation. Submit both your application for admission and your housing request well before the deadlines. You don’t have to wait for a decision on your application before submitting your housing request. Read more about when to arrange 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.

**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. Please provide the average mark (Grade Point Average) in your bachelor, calculated until March 15, 2018 (for start in September) or September 15, 2018 (for start in February 2019).

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 or Dutch. 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 student 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.

>> Go to the next step: Step 4: 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.
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)
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.

**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).
- You are an Indonesian student applying for an MSc programme and have been given a “review letter” by the Leiden Science Indonesia Office (LESIO).

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.

   The Admissions Office will ask you if you want to accept the offer of (conditional) admission. Please respond via the online application portal (uSis), by going to ‘Application study programme(s)’ then accessing the ‘Confirm’ screen, where you will have three options:

   1. Accept
   2. Accept, but defer to a later start date
   3. Decline

**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.
Tuition fee

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 2019-2020 are:

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,083 per year
- Non-EU/EEA students €18,300 per year
- Second Dutch master’s programme: €16,500 per year

More information about tuition fees

The tuition fee for this programme is €2,083 for the academic year 2019-2020 (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:

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

The tuition fee for this programme is €18,300 for the academic year 2019-2020 (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 in the DUO nationality chart.

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 €16,500 for the academic year 2019-2020 (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. Some exceptions apply.

Consult the tuition fee flowchart for second master’s programmes to find out how much tuition fee you will have to pay.

Less than 45 EC

If you are going to follow a pre-master's or conversion programme after completing a bachelor’s programme, and if the programme is less than 45 ECs, you will have to pay €34 per study credit (EC).

45 EC or more

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

**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. Step 6: 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 an introduction programme! 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. It will be sent to you at your Dutch address as soon as you have registered as a student and paid your tuition fee. Alternatively, you can collect it from the Student Affairs Front Office. Read more about your student card here.

As soon as you start studying at Leiden University 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**

Your time at Leiden is about more than just studying. Some of your best experiences will stem from being a part of our lively and diverse student community, as well as from life in the beautiful city of Leiden.

**Life in Leiden**

Quaint, picturesque and the perfect size, Leiden is an idyllic place to spend your university days. You will soon become familiar with the dozens of cafes, shops and bars that line the leafy canals, as well as its year-round line-up of cultural events. For visits further afield, the major cities of The Hague and Amsterdam are a short train ride away, along with Schiphol Airport, which is just half an hour away by train.

Within the university’s student community, our study and student associations organise a huge variety of social, cultural, and study events to keep you busy all year round. You can also join the University Sports Centre, which offers scheduled group sports and fitness classes amongst other activities.

**Welcome and orientation programme**
In August and February each year, Leiden University hosts the English-language Orientation Week Leiden (OWL), which welcomes both international and Dutch students. The OWL is an excellent way to get to know Leiden University, the city and to meet other students.

New to the city and the university? Take part in the best introduction to the city, the university and your faculty: The OWL! Enjoy this week of fun, music, culture, sports, games and making new friends. It will be an unforgettable start of your studies!
Our Hortus botanicus is a place where science is conducted, but it is equally popular for studying or relaxing. Come visit it!
Leiden is a lively, compact and safe city which is appreciated by national and international students alike. Everything is in reach within a 15 minutes bicycle ride.
The city is located centrally between Netherland's biggest cities like Amsterdam, The Hague, Utrecht and Rotterdam, all easily reached by public transport.
Enjoy strolling through the narrow cobbled streets and become familiar with the dozens of cafes, shops and bars that line the leafy canals.

**LIFE**

All students of Life Science & Technology may become a member of the study association LIFE. As a member you can join various activities organized by LIFE such as: lunch lectures, excursions to companies, drinks, parties and study trips. LIFE also organizes a book sale and the sale of lab equipment, such as a lab coats. LIFE also safeguards the quality and the educational feasibility of Life Science & Technology and provides collections of old exams. Furthermore LIFE publishes guides with reviews of internships, minors and masters for her students.

**Leiden Institute of Chemistry events**

At the start of your programme you will be welcomed at an introduction day at the LIC comprising useful information about the programme, the university, library use and so on. This day is concluded with a get together BBQ for all MSc students and staff.

During the year the Leiden Institute of Chemistry will invite you for coffee and vlaai meetings, with fellow students and staff members. The joint Master committee of Chemisch
Dispuut Leiden and LIFE organises all kinds of activities throughout the year, including “bring-your-own-food” happenings where you can taste dishes from various cultures.

**Science Buddy Programme**

The Science master’s Buddy Programme has been set up by the Faculty of Science to help all international students who are new to the university to integrate quickly and easily into university life. Through the programme you will learn everything you need to know about the university, the student community, and the practical side of life in Leiden. Your buddy is your first connection in the Netherlands and he or she can help you to find your way around. A few weeks before the start of your studies, you will get an invitation for the programme. After signing up, you will be matched to a student preferably from your own study programme.

**Information activities**

Are you thinking about studying at Leiden University? Come and visit our Master’s Open Day.

**About our Master’s Open Day**

Are you exploring your options for a master’s programme? You can learn a lot by coming to our Master’s Open Days. This event is your opportunity to learn everything you need to know about our master’s programmes and how they can help you reach your goals. 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 city right in the heart of Europe in the Netherlands.

Read more about the Master's Open Days

**Impressions Master’s Open Day**

**Contact**
Do you have any questions about the Life Science and Technology master’s programme? Please contact us.

*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.

**Contact the programme**

For specific questions about the curriculum, please contact the study advisor. For other inquiries about the programme, contact the coordinator.

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