Specializations

- 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 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:
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/gp-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 to meet interesting companies, 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 companies. 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 company 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.

Admission and application
Do you want to apply for the master’s programme Life Science & Technology 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.

- **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 enter the master’s programme in Life Science and Technology at Leiden University, applicants have to satisfy the following criteria.

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.
- To students with an outstanding track record and an outstanding research internship but with a prior education that differs from the bachelor LST programme by at most 30 ECTS, a premaster programme may be offered consisting of BSc courses (30 EC). If the candidate student successfully passes all required premaster courses the student will be admitted to the MSc programme.

### Language requirements

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

- IELTS: minimum 6.5
- TOEFL: internet based 90
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE), minimum grade C

Please note: This requirement does not apply if you have completed your education 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.

### Specialisations

The Education specialisation requires proof of proficiency in Dutch. Applicants must provide proof of proficiency in Dutch (Toelatingsexamen Universiteit Leiden – gevorderd, met spreekvaardigheid minimaal een 7.5).

### 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!

- If you need to apply for admission make sure you initiate your application in Studielink a week before the application deadline. After this first step you will be sent log-in details for our online application portal (uSis) where you can apply for admission. This can take a couple of days. So please take this into consideration when planning your application and don’t wait till the last minute.
- Make sure that you submit your complete application before the deadline. If your application is not complete before the deadline, it will not be processed.
- On top of that, you may have to take an additional entrance exam or submit additional documentation. If you apply at the last minute, you risk missing deadlines, such as those for housing or visa applications.
- Late applications will only be considered in exceptional cases, and at the discretion of the faculty Board of Admissions.
- Please read the explanation of the application procedure carefully.

Scholarships, grants and loans

Do you want to apply for a scholarship, grant or loan? Please note, these have different application deadline.

Read more

Required documents

Along with your application, you will need to submit a variety of 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.

Application procedure

The application procedure consists of three steps.

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.

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 (uSis)
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.

**Part 2. Online application at Leiden University**

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.

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.

- 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 two possible options:

1. **You are conditionally admitted; in other words you will be admitted, provided you meet certain conditions.**
   The condition(s) will be given in the decision letter. Important: the decision letter will always contain the condition, that, in case that more than 100 candidates are admitted, a qualitative selection procedure will decide on your placement in the master.

2. **You are not admitted, because you do not meet the programme’s entry requirements.**
   The reasons will be clearly stated in the decision letter.

The Admissions Office will ask you to inform them whether you will accept the offer of conditional admission. Please go to the online application portal (uSis) to accept the offer. You have the following choices:

1. Accept
2. Accept, but start later
3. Decline
Part 3. Student registration

You’ve been admitted? Congratulations! Follow the steps below to register as a student of Leiden University:

• Check in the online application portal (uSis) whether you need to submit any documents to meet your conditions of admission, if applicable. Instructions on how to do so will be provided in uSis.
• Arrange tuition fee payment before the official start date of your study programme. You will receive instructions and information on payment methods by email.
• International students should also go to our prepare your stay pages to find out about all the practical matter you should take care of before and upon arrival. For example arranging housing, applying for a visa/residence permit and taking out insurances.

Tuition fee

The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on a number of factors. Your nationality, study programme and previous Dutch higher education qualifications determine the amount of tuition fee you have to pay.

The tuition fees for the academic year 2018-2019 are:

• Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,060 per year
• Non-EU/EEA students €17,800 per year
• Second Dutch master’s programme: €16,000 per year

The tuition fees for the academic year 2019-2020 are:

• Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,078 per year
• Non-EU/EEA students €18,300 per year

More information about tuition fees

The tuition fee for this programme is €2,006.- for the academic year 2017-2018 and €2,060.- for the academic year 2018-2019 (statutory fee).
This tuition fee applies if this is not your second master’s programme and you are a national of the Netherlands, or one of the following countries:

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

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: €17.800,- (academic year 2017-2018 and 2018-2019)**

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: €16,000.- (academic year 2017-2018 and 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.

Scholarships, grants and loans
Leiden University offers a wide range of scholarships for students from specific regions of the world, or for specific programmes. If you have EU/EEA or Swiss nationality and are under 30, you may be eligible for a loan from the Dutch government to cover your tuition fees. Leiden University also offers the Leiden University Excellence Scholarship (LExS). This scholarship programme is designed for non-EU/EEA students enrolling in a master’s programme and for students of all nationalities enrolling in an Advanced LLM programme.

Find out more about scholarships, grants, loans and deadlines

**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.

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

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 mail 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.

Contact the programme

For more information and questions about the programme, admissions procedures, tuition fees and scholarships, please contact the programme coordinator: msc-coordinator@lic.leidenuniv.nl.