Media Technology (MSc)

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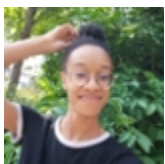

Discover the world at Leiden University

Are you eager to bring your own questions and curiosity into scientific research? Do the creation of media and use of technology drive your research interests? Could you be a researcher who challenges scientific practice and pushes its boundaries?

Imani Dap

Student

> Media Technology has allowed me to explore my own personal scientific interests within computer science while simultaneously pushing me out of my comfort zone by presenting interesting ideas from other academic fields. The courses often challenge you to use creative thinking, technology or a combination of both to gather and present scientific insights in

unconventional ways. During the programme you acquire a deeper understanding of the scientific method and the general culture within different academic fields. Not so you can follow the rules, but break them properly instead.

Arianna Freni

Student (2nd year)

This master is very open to any field of previous Bachelor education. I already had a MSc's in Animal Behaviour, but was really interested in merging this field with technology.
Media Technology allows you to combine technology with any field and to extend your knowledge. I am really interested in learning new things, for example about Artificial Intelligence and other upcoming technologies. After my graduation, I hope to contribute to the dissemination of science, ideally by making animal documentaries.

Romy Koch

Student (2nd year)

Media Technology is a great mix of art and technology. My BSc was in a very specific field, mostly focusing on web design. But this multidisciplinary programme allows me to explore a broad range of topics, like interaction design, robotics and physical computing, which are all very interesting to me.

What does this master's programme entail?

The Media Technology master's programme offers an interdisciplinary and international environment for students to produce scientific work informed by a creative and critical mindset. We welcome applicants from diverse educational backgrounds with a shared fascination for research and technology. Besides engaging in our core courses, students draw from the knowledge throughout Leiden University and other institutes. After graduation alumni pursue a career as life-long researchers within science, (creative) industries, or education.

The programme's four pillars

The compulsory courses are structured around four pillars:

1. Academic skills & being a scientist
2. Conceptual skills & media
3. Technical skills & computing
4. The human context of technology

Read more about our [Media Technology master's programme](#).

Discover why our students choose the Media Technology master's programme

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Why study Media Technology at Leiden University?

- The programme's view on science and research is unique in The Netherlands, and perhaps worldwide.
- The programme's culture is interdisciplinary, international, and participatory. Collaboration between staff and students is close. Students act as principal investigators of their research.
- Leiden University is an internationally leading university in fundamental research, with a strong history and tradition in scientific research. Its broad range of disciplines offers fertile ground for the programme's interdisciplinary approach to science.

Find more reasons to choose [Media Technology at Leiden University](#).

Media Technology: the right master's programme for you?

Are you looking for an MSc programme where creativity, technology and scientific research are key concepts? Our master's programme Media Technology is the right choice.

- The programme enables students with different backgrounds to bring their own questions and curiosity into scientific research, driven by the creation of media and use of technology.
- Individual and interdisciplinary group projects – using the principle of *science by doing* – are important in the programme. These result in scientific papers, experiential and interactive installations, designs, computer programmes, presentations, etc.
- The programme stimulates creativity in scientific research, challenging scientific practice and pushing its boundaries.
- You will be prepared for any future career involving creative and critical thinking. Thereby, the programme is an excellent preparation for a future in scientific research.

Read more about the [entry requirements for Media Technology](#).

Why Leiden University?

Our programmes are known for our scientifically based education and for our open atmosphere.

Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science and the Academy for Creative and Performing Arts

The Media Technology MSc programme of Leiden University is organised by the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science (LIACS) and the Academy for Creative and Performing Arts (ACPA). LIACS focusses on research and education in computer science at Leiden University, with a strong focus on artificial intelligence. ACPA, on the other hand, is a unique research institute within the Faculty of Humanities at Leiden University. It offers composers, performing artists, visual artists and (graphic) designers the opportunity to perform research in and through artistic practice. The combination of these two institutes makes the Media Technology programme unique.

Collaborations

LIACS works closely together with universities worldwide, companies, governments, and NGOs. Within Leiden University it collaborates closely with other faculties and institutes. An example is the interdisciplinary programme on Society, Artificial Intelligence and Life Sciences (SAILS).

ACPA works in close cooperation with the Royal Academy of Art and the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague. Between them, they organize the ArtScience BA and MA programmes. The Media Technology MSc programme collaborates closely with the ArtScience interfaculty.

Besides the many collaborations and exchange possibilities for all students at Leiden University, the Media Technology MSc programme has specific collaborations and exchange programmes with amongst others Furtwangen University in Germany, and KTH in Stockholm. More information about studying abroad is available via the programme coordinator.

Over the years, the Media Technology MSc programme partnered on many public presentations and exhibitions with the V2_ Lab for the Unstable Media, an interdisciplinary and inspiring center for art and technology in Rotterdam.

Leonardo Affiliate Programme

The Media Technology MSc programme is a member of the Leonardo Affiliate Programme. Leonardo is the International Society for the Arts, Sciences and Technology (ISAST). Leonardo/ISAST serves the international arts community by promoting and documenting work at the intersection of the arts, sciences, and technology, and by encouraging and stimulating collaboration between artists, scientists, and technologists. For more information, also about other affiliates, see the Leonardo website.

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 Media Technology MSc programme (120 EC) includes mandatory core courses, accent courses, electives, a field trip, a public exhibition, as well as a personal Graduation Research Project.

The Media Technology MSc programme is an intense two-year journey. The curriculum consists of:

- Compulsory courses (50 EC)
- Accent and elective courses (28 EC)
- Public exhibition project (12 EC)
- Graduation Research Project (30 EC)

The courses in more detail

The compulsory courses are structured around four pillars:

1. *Academic skills & being a scientist*
• Research Fundamentals
• Playful & Creative Science
• Science & Humanities
• Portfolio

2. *Conceptual skills & media*
• Field Trip, e.g. to the Ars Electronica Festival
• Strategies for Creative & Performing Arts
• Meta Media
• Artificial Creatures

3. *Technical skills & computing*
• Creative Programming
• Hardware & Physical Computing

4. *The human context of technology*
• Human-Computer Interaction & Information Visualisation
• Sound, Space & Interaction
• Non-Human Cognition

See the [full course list in the university's e-Prospectus](#).

Methods of education

Students in the programme will be involved in:

- excursions
- lectures and work groups
- individual and group assignments
- individual and group projects
- individual and group presentations
- research proposals and projects
- exhibition

Read more about the programme's educational vision.

Further information, projects, activities, and events

Do you want to learn more about the programme's activities, projects and events? Have a look at the Media Technology MSc programme's course website.

Educational vision

Our education specializes in creative exploration and a broad understanding of scientific research and technology. It prepares students for a career involving creative and critical thinking, and in particular for a future in scientific research.

Research oriented
Fundamental, knowledge-generating research is at the core of our programme, also in our teaching. We are a *research-methodological* programme, not about a particular research topic.

Creating as a method
In our programme we encourage students to not only research by studying but also by creating. Creating can apply to making physical things, as well as stories, films, software, performances, visualizations, etc. The knowledge obtained while creating is as important as the artefact itself.

Personal exploration
Students are encouraged to draw knowledge available throughout Leiden University and other institutes. Both "accent courses" and "elective courses" leave room for individual shaping of personal interest.

Students as researchers
Our staff and students together form a research community, in which ideas are openly shared and discussed. Students are encouraged to publish their work at relevant conferences, journals, festivals and other contexts. See for example what our students published in our publication list.

An international and diverse community
The programme is taught in the English language, enabling participation of students and lecturers from diverse nationalities and backgrounds. We are open to students from different topical backgrounds, including humanities, sciences, (creative) arts, engineering and social sciences.

Extra-curricular

Are you interested in taking up an extra challenge during your master's programme? Are you interested in developing your personal leadership style?

Master Honours Education

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

Leiden Leadership Programme

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

Master Honours Classes & Challenges

Would you like to further develop your academic skills and societal awareness? Join one of our [Master Honours Classes & Challenges](#). In a small-scale, interdisciplinary course, you will tackle a complex issue for society or for a specific partner organisation. You will learn about the latest scientific insights concerning the topic and cooperate in a practical setting, together with students from many different backgrounds. There are Master Honours Classes on offer for 5 or 10 EC.

Career prospects

With an MSc degree in Media Technology you will be prepared for a career involving creative and critical thinking. Our alumni have a broad choice of career prospects: they hold positions ranging from academic researcher to creative entrepreneur.

Acquired skills and competence

You understand not only the fundamental principles and organisation of academia, but also the importance of creativity and playfulness in research. You have knowledge and skills in computer programming, other specialist areas (e.g. artificial intelligence, creative and performative arts, philosophy, cognitive science, linguistics), and in the use of various media and technologies within virtual and physical environments. You are able to communicate with colleagues/peers in science as well as with a wider public, and have the ability to act as independent researcher and thinker with a critical attitude.

Career

After completing the Media Technology MSc you will have a broad array of career prospects: our alumni hold positions ranging from PhD researcher to creative entrepreneur. Students with a Media Technology MSc degree are admissible to a PhD programme, and if you have the desire to apply your knowledge of Media Technology outside the university, there are good job possibilities in the creative industry. Graduates also choose artistic professions or a career in teaching in higher professional education (HBO). In fact, any job that combines creative and scientific thinking is suitable. Media Technology students find a job within 6 months after graduation, with more than 60% within one month (December 2019).

Media Technology alumni are invited to stay connected with staff and current students through a LinkedIn group, additional social media and regular events. Statistics of our LinkedIn group show that our alumni, students and staff work mostly in the following industries and functions (July 2014):

Industries

- 17 % Information Technology and Services
- 15 % Research
- 14 % Design
- 10 % Internet
- 8 % Computer Software
- 8 % Online Media
- 28 % Other

Functions

- 25 % Arts and Design
- 11 % Entrepreneurship
- 8 % Education
- 7 % Research
- 6 % Engineering
- 6 % Information Technology
- 37 % Other

Career preparation

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

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 Media 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 Media Technology at Leiden University, you must meet the following admission requirements.

Diploma requirements

If you have a relevant bachelor's degree (such as, but not limited to, computer science, artificial intelligence, communication and/or information science, cognitive science, biology, design, mechanical engineering, or creative/performing arts) from any research university in the Netherlands, you are eligible to apply.

The Board of Admissions will assess whether your degree and background are sufficient for admission, and whether you meet the additional requirements.

For more information, please contact the Media Technology study advisor.

If you have a relevant bachelor's degree (such as, but not limited to, computer science, artificial intelligence, communication and/or information science, cognitive science, biology, design, mechanical engineering, or creative/performing arts) in Dutch higher vocational education (HBO), you are eligible to apply.

The Board of Admissions will assess whether your degree and background are sufficiently related to the level and content of the requirements set out for students with a Dutch research university bachelor's degree, and whether you meet the additional requirements.

For more information, please contact the Media Technology study advisor.

If you have a relevant bachelor's degree (such as, but not limited to, computer science, artificial intelligence, communication and/or information science, cognitive science, biology, linguistics, mechanical engineering, philosophy, or creative/performing arts) from a foreign research university with a level similar to Dutch universities, you are eligible to apply.

The Board of Admissions will assess whether your degree and background are sufficiently related to the level and content of the requirements set out for students with a Dutch research university bachelor's degree, and whether you meet the additional requirements.

For more information, please contact the Media Technology study advisor.

Language requirements

In order to successfully participate in this programme, you must be proficient in English. The following requirements apply*:

- IELTS: minimum 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 for each of the components Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking
- TOEFL: internet based 90, with a minimum of 20 for each of the components Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking

The test result may not be older than two years at the time of enrolment for the programme. Please read the following [document](#) carefully for detailed information about which English qualifications are accepted, as well as the relevant exemption criteria.

*Please note: You do **not** have to submit proof of proficiency if you have

- An International Baccalaureate diploma from a programme taught in English (or an IB diploma with "English A");
- A diploma of secondary or higher education completed in Australia, Canada (with the exception of French-language programmes in Canada), Ireland, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States or South Africa;
- A diploma of an English-taught university degree programme completed at a Dutch research university;
- A Dutch pre-university education (vwo) diploma.

The following requirements apply:

- [IELTS](#) Academic modules only, on paper or on computer: 6.5 overall, with at least 6.0 for each separate component score.
  - We do **not** accept [IELTS Academic online](#).
  - We do **not** accept IELTS General Training or IELTS Indicator.

- [TOEFL](#) internet based: 90 overall, with at least 20 for each separate component.
  - We are **not** able to accept The TOEFL IBT Home Edition™, except in the following situations only:

You took the test before 1 Sept 2022 (and it is not more than 2 years old), or you are unable to take an in-person test on location because test centres are inaccessible or closed due to unsafe conditions in a country.

- We do **not** accept the following types of test: TOEFL My Best™ scores (multiple test scores combined), TOEFL Essentials™ or institutional tests such as ITP.

- [Cambridge English Exam](#) C2 Proficiency, or C1 Advanced (180), with a minimum score of 169 for each separate component.

Note that English test results may **not** be more than two years old.

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

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

Additional requirements

The Media Technology MSc programme requires that you meet the following specific qualitative admission requirements

- you have affinity and/or experience with fundamental and/or knowledge-driven research that aims at contributing new insights to academic discourses and goes beyond solving (engineering, societal, commercial etc.) problems. And,
- you have affinity and/or experience with technology and its embedding in the human context. And,
- you have a creative attitude towards science and research in the sense of the programme, i.e. not necessarily demonstrated by artistic creativity, but by the abilities to think and reason beyond disciplinary borders and/or be open to unconventional ways of producing and disseminating academic knowledge. And,
- you have a demonstrable (basic) mastering of, imperative programming. Examples of imperative programming languages are Processing, C, C++, Java, Javascript, Python and assembly languages. Therefore, we expect candidates without a computer science background to follow the online [Introduction to Computer Programming](#) course and successfully complete it prior to participating in the programme. More information can be found [here](#).

We expect students to bring a regular laptop running Windows (or running Linux for certain study programmes – check your course information). MacOS may in most cases also suffice (with Parallels for Windows installed), but not all specialized applications may be supported, and less support may be available.
- Windows 11 compatible – 64-bits (or Linux for some study programmes)
- Processor/CPU – modern, medium range
- Memory/RAM – 8 GB, if possible 16 GB
- Storage – 512 GB, if possible 1 TB

Application deadlines

Application deadlines

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

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

Apply early!

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

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

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

Other deadlines

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

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

Required documents

When you apply for admission, you'll be asked to submit several documents.

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

Required application documents

You'll need to submit the following documents:

Please upload a copy of the page(s) in your passport containing your personal details and photograph. If you are from the EU/EEA, you can submit a copy of your identity card instead. Please upload copies of both sides.

If you are a non-EU/EEA national already living in the Netherlands, upload copies of both sides of your Dutch residence permit.

Your CV (curriculum vitae) must be written in English and should contain your basic personal data, as well as a clear overview of your educational and professional history to date.

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

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

Media Technology requires two letters of recommendation written by academics who have been engaged in the candidate's education.

In this letter we want to learn how your interests, experience and affinities connect to the qualitative admission requirements (see the Admission Requirements).

- Letters of recommendation must be written on letterhead paper, signed and (for verification purposes) they must bear the full contact details of the applicable referee.

- Your referee should describe your skills, qualities and competencies.

Option 1. Uploading the letter yourself
You can upload the letter(s) of recommendation in the online application portal (uSis).

Option 2. Sent by your referee
Your referee can send the letter directly to the university, as follows:

1. Your referee must clearly state your name and student number in the letter.
2. He or she should send the letter to us, either:

- digitally, by uploading the letter in our contact form
- by posting it to:

Leiden University Admissions Office
"Gravensteen" Pieterskerkhof 6
2311 SR Leiden, the Netherlands

3. Complete this form and upload it in the online application system (uSis), instead of your letter of recommendation.

*Please note that if you would like to apply for a **scholarship** with this programme, you may need to upload additional documents with your application. Please inform yourself here.*

>> 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. For this step you will need:

- a copy of your valid passport or European ID card, or
- if you are a Dutch resident, your DigiD

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

2. Within two days you will receive:

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

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

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

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

Part 2. Admission to Leiden University

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

In our online application portal (uSis) you can finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. This portal provides an overview of what you need to do to complete your admission application. Please follow the instructions carefully and make sure to include all the items that are asked for. We strongly recommend that you complete your application well in advance of the application deadline.

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

Can I be exempted from paying the application fee?
You do *not* have to pay the application fee if:

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

Exemptions cannot be granted for any other reasons.

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

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

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

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

There are three possible outcomes:

1. **You are admitted**
   You have met all conditions for admission.
2. **You are conditionally admitted**
   You will be admitted, provided that you meet certain conditions. These conditions will be specified in the online application portal (uSis).
3. **You are not admitted**

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

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

1. Go to 'Application study programme' in the online application portal (uSis).
2. Open the 'Confirm' screen. Here you will see three options:

- Yes, I want to study at Leiden University.
- No, I no longer wish to study at Leiden University and hereby withdraw my application.
- Maybe later; I do not wish to start this semester/academic year. I would like to receive further instructions by email.

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

Changing your mind
You can still change your mind if necessary, either in uSis or by contacting the Admissions Office master team.

Deadline final decision
Do you need a student visa or residence permit? You can only request one after confirming attendance. So make sure to confirm attendance before the visa/residence permit deadline.

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

Part 3. Student registration

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

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

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

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

>> Go to the next step. Step 5: Pay your tuition fees

Tuition fees

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

The tuition fees for the academic year 2023-2024 are:

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,314* per year
- Non-EU/EEA students €19,600per year
- Second Dutch master's programme: €15,400 per year

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

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,530 per year
- Non-EU/EEA students €21,200 per year
- Second Dutch master's programme: €16,300 per year

More information about tuition fees

The tuition fee for this programme is €2,314 for the academic year 2023-2024 (statutory fee).
The tuition fee for this programme is €2,530 for the academic year 2024-2025 (statutory fee).

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

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Liechtenstein
Bulgaria	Lithuania
Croatia	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Norway
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia

Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Suriname
Iceland	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Italy	

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

The tuition fee for this programme is €19,600 for the academic year 2023-2024 (institutional tuition fee).
The tuition fee for this programme is €21,200 for the academic year 2024-2025 (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 €15,400 for the academic year 2023-2024 (institutional tuition fee).
The tuition fee for this programme is €16,300 for the academic year 2024-2025 (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 60 ECs, you will have to pay €42 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.

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Prepare for your studies

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

For international students

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

For Dutch students

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

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

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

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

Student life

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!

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Our Hortus botanicus is a place where science is conducted, but it is equally popular for studying or relaxing. Come visit it!

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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.

De Leidsche Flesch

De Leidsche Flesch is the study association of the studies Computer Science, Physics, Astronomy and Mathematics. The main goals of the De Leidsche Flesch are to contribute to the interaction between its members and the scientific community and to contribute to the interaction between its members themselves. They organize a wide range of activities, like (lunch) lectures, excursions and study trips. They also try to acquaint you with job opportunities for after completing your study.

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 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

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

Student with laptop

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

Master Talks: Programme videos

On the Master Talks: programme videos platform you can find videos for each master's programme. This includes a video which gives a short introduction to the programme and after the Master's Online Open Days you will also be able to watch a recording of the programme presentation on the platform.

Upcoming events

Do you consider applying for the Media Technology MSc programme? This is your chance to attend a lecture and sample the atmosphere. Experience for yourself what a day in the life of our students looks like!

Thursday, 2 May 2024, 10:00 - 13:30, Leiden

Find more information and how to sign up **here**.

Master's Online Open Days Autumn 2024

The annual Master's Online Open Days in autumn are your opportunity to learn everything you need to know about our master's programmes and how they can help you reach your goals. Attend talkshows or student presentations, meet our lecturers, learn about the careers of our graduates and hear first-hand the experiences of students and graduates on life at Leiden University.

[Sign up for the next Master's Online Open Days here!](#)

Regular activities

Be a Student for a Day! Join courses, speak with current students and decide if the programme is the right fit for you. **[Sign up here](#)** and together, we will find a date that suits you!

Get to know the campus

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

360 Campus tour: the Science faculty

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Do you have any questions about the Media Technology master's programme? Please contact us!

Contact the programme

Contact the programme coordinator for more information about the Media Technology programme, entry requirements, admissions procedures, tuition fees and scholarships.

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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](#).