Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences (MSc)

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Maarten Kampert
MSc Student

“I have always been interested in a wide range of subjects, so I found even the broadest programmes too limited. Once I heard about this master’s specialisation, the decision was easy. This is the only department in the Netherlands that offers a complete programme including statistical research methods for almost every subject. I am not restricted to only the methods and techniques used in psychological research.”

“Using statistics you learn to handle data from all these different disciplines. You do a lot of research in this programme. What I like most is discovering how far your expectations agree with the results you obtain from the data you have amassed. And that’s relevant in every field.

It’s also good that you visit companies and research institutes as part of the programme. What’s more, they often come here and join in our lectures! I get to attend conferences and symposia on a regular basis, too. The advantage of all these contacts is that you get a good idea of what you might want to do after your master’s.

I don’t have any worries about my future: statisticians are scarce, and wherever data are collected, an applied statistician is more than welcome.”

What does this master’s programme entail?
The two-year master’s programme in Statistical Science provides you with a thorough introduction to the general philosophy and methodology of statistical modelling and data analysis. The programme consists of a core programme shared by all students, and specialisation specific courses, electives, an internship or research project and master’s thesis. You can specialise in either life and behavioural sciences, where the emphasis is on the application in multidisciplinary environments, or in data sciences where you focus more on data mining, pattern recognition and deep learning.

Read more about the Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences programme.

**Why study Statistical Sciences for the Life and Behavioural Sciences at Leiden University?**

- Each specialisation offers you a unique combination of knowledge and expertise. These allow for a thorough preparation for a career as a data scientist, researcher or statistician anywhere.
- Job perspectives after graduation are great: statisticians and data scientists are highly sought after in various industries such as academia, marketing, banking, government, official statistics, healthcare, bioinformatics and more.
- The Statistical Science programme is a collaborative effort. Four Leiden University Institutes closely collaborate with top research institutes such as Wageningen UR and VUMC, which means that your education is provided by experts in their respective fields.

Find more reasons to choose Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences at Leiden University.

**Statistical Sciences for the Life and Behavioural Sciences: the right master’s programme for you?**

The field of statistics, like other areas of applied mathematics, often attracts students who are interested in the analysis of patterns in data: developing, understanding, abstracting, and packaging analytical methods for general use in other subject areas. Statistics is also, by definition, an information science. Imaginative use of both computing power and new computing environments drives much current research - so an interest in computation and/or computer science can also be a start for a statistician. With the growing importance of data within our society, you’ll be highly in demand with a degree in Statistical Sciences.

Read more about the entry requirements for the Statistical Science programme.
Why Leiden University?

Statistical science is highly multidisciplinary. Within the programme we offer you a unique combination of knowledge and expertise through close collaboration.

Close collaboration with top institutes and universities

The master’s programme Statistical Science for the Life Sciences and Behavioural Sciences is organised jointly by groups at different institutes and universities:

- Mathematical Institute, Leiden University
- Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Leiden University
- Department of Medical Statistics and Bioinformatics, Leiden University Medical Center
- Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, VU Medical Center
- Biometris – Applied Statistics, Wageningen University and Research centre

Together these institutes have expertise in a wide area of statistical science and its applications, both practical and theoretical. Many of the scientific staff members are involved in other educational tasks, or are specialised in research and statistical consultation. All lectures and meetings take place in Leiden, but you may visit the other research institutes for extended periods of time for research projects.

The master’s specialisation in Statistical Science: Data Science is organized in collaboration with the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science (LIACS).

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 programme in statistical science offers two specialisations. You can choose between Data Science for Statistical Science or Statistical Science in the Life and Behavioural Sciences specialisation.

Overview of the Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences programme

- Data Science for Statistical Science: This specialisation equips students with a broad basis in statistics combined with state-of-the-art knowledge in Data Science through collaboration between the Mathematical Institute and the Leiden Institute of Advanced Computer Science.
- Statistical Science: This specialisation equips students with a broad basis in statistics, discussing state-of-the-art statistical techniques and their application in fields such as bioinformatics, psychometrics, epidemiology and genetics.

Overview curriculum

The master’s specialisations consist of courses, specialisation courses, electives, internship or research project and a master’s thesis. Depending on your specialisation, the programme consists of:

- Core programme (50 EC)
- Specialisation courses (12 or 24 EC)
• Electives (24 or 12 EC)
• Research Project and Thesis (34 EC)

You are requested to select your specialisation before commencing, as the specialisation courses are woven into the schedule already in the first semester. The duration of the programme is two years; three semesters of courses followed by an internship or research project and master’s thesis project in the fourth semester.

Find out more about the specialisations:

• Data Science for Statistical Science
• Statistical Science

**Educational methods**

• Lectures
• Literature study
• Individual papers
• Lab meetings
• Presentations
• Research
• Projects
• Work group
• Working with real clients

**Study guidance**

Leiden University offers, if necessary, accompaniment and consultancy on both substantive areas and personal development. The study advisor or study coordinator of your programme is an expert in the field of your study and will be able to help you with problems such as study delay, planning, and exam arrangements.

**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

It is possible to carry out part of the MSc programme at a University abroad. The study plan is always tailor-made and designed according to your needs and interests.

Internships

Because of the many collaborators, and many staff members, the programme has a lot of connections and finding an internship is quite easy. Of course you are free to look for an internship position yourself.

Career prospects
With a Master of Science in Statistical Sciences you have good job perspectives: statisticians are highly sought after in various industries such as marketing, banking, government, sports retail and healthcare.

**Acquired skills and competence**

After graduation you have obtained a thorough knowledge of statistical methods and research designs as used in a broad range of empirical research. You have also developed practical skills such as statistical programming, statistical consultation, and written and oral communication of research results. You will be able to carry out research in the field of quantitative methods for the life sciences and the behavioural sciences. The Data Science specialisation adds skills more focused on computer science. After graduation you will be able to advise substantive researchers on methodological and statistical issues, and many of them will be expected to continue in a PhD programme.

**Statistical Science alumni: Floor van Oudenhoven**

**Statistical Science alumni: Sjoerd Huisman**

**Career**

There is a large demand for applied statisticians at both the master’s and PhD level. Our alumni find jobs in a wide range of areas, such as academic medical hospitals, many types of industry (pharmaceutical, agricultural, food, life science in general, oil, etc.), research institutes, financial institutions, government statistics bureaus, educational services (CITO), marketing bureaus. In view of the emphasis on statistics as a science, rather than as merely a collection of techniques, many graduates will qualify for a PhD programme as well.

**Career preparation**

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

**Career orientation during the programme**
During the programme you will visit a variety of research institutes which will give the student an insight into the role of statistics in the broad research themes: medical research, genetics and genomics, and (neuro)psychological research.

**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 your 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 Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences 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 Statistical Science for the Life and Behavioural Sciences at Leiden University, applicants have to satisfy the following criteria.

Diploma requirements

Students holding a BSc degree in Mathematics or a BSc major in Mathematics, obtained at a Dutch university will directly be admitted to the programme.

For all other candidates, an Admission Committee will judge the equivalence of their previous training to this Bachelor of Science degree. The choice in optional courses in the Master of Science programme may be limited by the need to adapt the programme to the actual knowledge of the candidate.

Students with a wide range of bachelor degrees may apply for admission, but the bachelor’s degree must include at least one introductory course and a more advanced course in statistics or probability. Students should feel at ease with and be attracted to quantitative and mathematical techniques and concepts.

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.

Application deadlines

Starting in February

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

Starting in September

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

Apply early!

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

Scholarships, grants and loans

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

Read more

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

**Required application documents**

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

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

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

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

- Digital copies are required initially. Once you have been admitted, we will tell you how to submit certified copies to the Admissions Office.
- Documents must be in the original language and accompanied by official translations if they are not in English, Dutch, German or French. If you have not yet completed your study programme, state your expected graduation date and submit copies of all transcripts obtained to date.
- If you are applying for an LLM Advanced Studies programme: all documents must be available in English (or translated into English).

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

Always check first if your programme requires you to send in letters of recommendation. If you need to submit more than one letter, at least one letter must be from an academic staff member.
• The letter must be printed on letterhead paper, signed and bearing the full contact details of the referee (for verification purposes).
• Your referee should describe your skills, qualities and competencies.

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

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

• Digitally via our contact form

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

**Questions?**

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

**Application procedure**

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. Studielink will be open for applications from 1 October.
Please follow the instructions given in Studielink. After taking the first step, you will receive an email with the following information (but bear in mind that it can take a few days):

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

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

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

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

If you cannot be admitted automatically, you will have to apply.

In our online application portal you can finalise your application by uploading the necessary documents and answering a few questions. The portal provides an overview of what you need to do to complete your application at Leiden University. Please follow the instructions carefully. We strongly recommend that you complete your application as early as possible, because the sooner you apply, the sooner you’ll receive a decision.

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

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

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

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

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

Exemptions cannot be granted on any other grounds.

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

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

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

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

There are three possible options:

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

If you are told that your application has been successful, congratulations! A number of additional steps now need to be taken.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remember to submit all the necessary documents.

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

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

**Tuition fees**

The amount of tuition fee you have to pay depends on a number of factors. 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 2017-2018 are:

- Dutch, EU/EEA, Swiss and Surinamese students: €2,006 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 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

**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.

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 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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**Contact the programme**

For more information and questions about the programme, please contact the study advisor:
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