



Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges

The interdisciplinary Liberal Arts & Sciences programme at Leiden University College The Hague is centered around Global Challenges, which are major issues facing humanity across the globe:

- **Peace & Justice:** politics, international law, conflict studies, diplomacy, right to health
- **Diversity:** gender, language, race, social constructs, respect, ethnic health inequality
- **Sustainability:** earth, responsibility, environment, toxicology, climate change
- **Prosperity:** poverty, wealth, economics, good governance, development, healthcare

This thematic approach to Liberal Arts and Sciences is unique to LUC. The programme provides students with broad knowledge of the wider world as well as in-depth study in a specific area of interest. The four themes enable you to understand and engage with interdisciplinary thinking. Stemming from these four themes, there are 6 different majors you can choose from as from your second year.

Excellent personal and academic support, dynamic teaching methods and an intensive pace of study are all elements of the LUC experience. After all, it is the honours college of the university! Additionally, you will live and learn on-campus with the other first and second-year students, in a community focused on making an impact on society. In year three you will live off-campus in the city of The Hague and crown your LUC career with your capstone project, a final piece of independent research incorporating the knowledge and skills you have acquired during your studies.

Why study at LUC The Hague?

- An international environment with 50 different nationalities all living together in a residential setting in The Hague.
- Intensive and small-scale education using dynamic teaching methods and offering close interaction between students and professors.
- A flexible programme that allows you to think critically, and connect different issues through interdisciplinary thinking and developing Global Citizenship skills.



There are six majors to choose from at LUC:



Location: The Hague 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2010 English-taught programme established

50 nationalities

200 largest lecture size

20 maximum tutorial size

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Residential Concept

All first- and second-year students live in LUC's building, which is located in the heart of The Hague. Each student will receive a self-contained studio apartment with all the necessities. The residential concept allows students to experience different learning opportunities outside the classroom, by living alongside each other in an international and diverse environment. Through the residential life programme, each residential floor has a student residence assistant who supervises those living in a residence hall or housing facility. They are the first point of call for any emergency, but also facilitate a community feeling within the floor, and foster a network of peers.

Study abroad

Leiden University enjoys partnerships with over 600 universities abroad and LUC has many programme-specific partnerships in addition. LUC partnerships include the National University of Singapore, Freie Universität Berlin, Universidad Diego Portales in Chile, Rikkyo University in Japan and Macalester College in Minnesota and the entire University of California system.

Your future career

Our 1000+ alumni have spread their wings to pursue prestigious master's degrees, PhD programmes or start their professional careers across the globe.

The flexible curriculum provides LUC graduates with a solid set of skills that can be applied to real-life situations. This makes our alumni attractive to diverse organisations due to their breadth of knowledge and expertise.

Examples of the private sector and multinationals include a Senior Consultant at

PricewaterhouseCoopers or a Responsible Investment Associate at AEGON. Others find opportunities at the non-profit or NGO sector with examples such as work at government agencies, research institutes and think tanks, such as lawyer at the Commission of Law at the European Union, researcher at the World Resources Institute or United Nations Development Programme intern.

Admissions

LUC has a selective and holistic admissions process, and admits only 200 students each year. We want to make sure we are the right fit for a student, and that a student is the right fit for our programme.

Required Documents:

- Academic secondary school transcript of the last two years
 - IB: Minimum 35 points including bonus
 - A-levels: Minimum 3 A-levels with A-B grades in academic subjects
 - International Diploma/US: minimum 3.5/4.0 GPA and 4 AP's with a 4 or higher.
 - For other diplomas check the website
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Motivation according to guidelines
- Letter of Recommendation
- LUC Proficiency Form for Math and English
- Other documents may be required. Check the website for an accurate overview.

Financial Support

LUC provides limited financial for students who have demonstrated need. Financial support is offered in forms of waivers, either for the institutional fee or the cost of accommodation. You may only apply once you have received an offer from LUC.



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‘The Global Challenges courses provide students with a conceptual vocabulary for understanding wide-ranging processes. For example, in the Diversity Global Challenge, we focus on the social, political, and moral aspects of human difference. We use the concepts and methods of anthropology, history, sociology, journalism and literature to analyse, compare and interpret the range of possible social organisation and expression. We put small-scale communities as well as centralised nations and hierarchical empires within the same frame, analysing how European, African, Asian and American societies produce variation. Our students learn a historically anchored, culturally perceptive, and politically attuned way to understand our entangled and evolving world.’

Ajay Gandhi
Assistant Professor

Security Studies

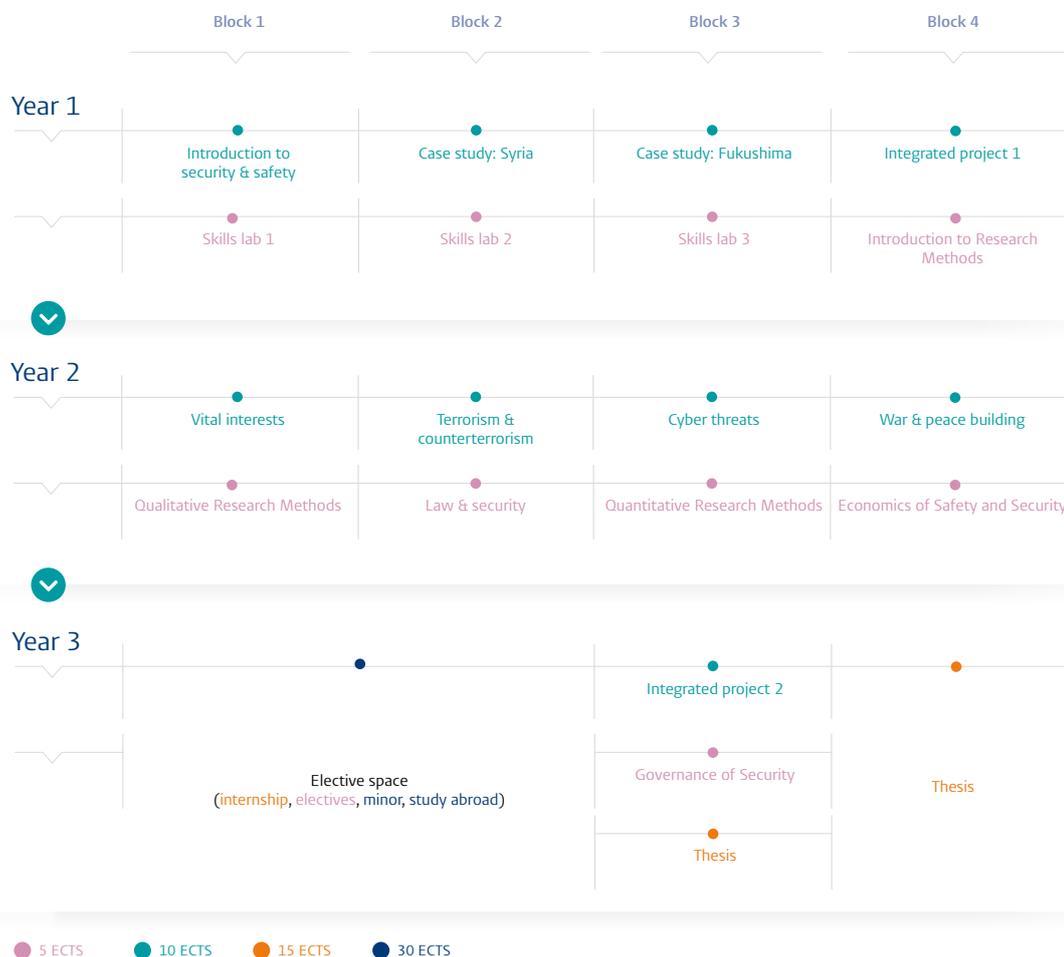
Security and safety challenges rank among the most pressing contemporary issues for individuals, organisations, businesses, and nation states. They must deal with both real and perceived threats at local, regional and international levels. These threats include international terrorism, organised crime, cyber incidents, civil unrest, riots and natural, health or industrial crises. Both technological and social developments have led to a rise in the number of complex security and safety challenges that may affect people across the globe. Addressing these challenges requires an academic approach, a critical attitude and knowledge of all relevant factors related to specific security and safety challenges.

At every stage, you will learn by 'Exploring, Understanding, and Doing' security. That means that throughout the programme, you will aim to:

- Explore by identifying crucial events, stakeholders and the cultural and historical context of real-life security and safety case studies.
- Increase your understanding by identifying relevant academic perspectives and applying them to these challenging case studies.
- Use your knowledge to assess and design strategies and solutions to security and safety challenges.



The structure of the bachelor's programme



Please note: the programme is still subject to change. The final curriculum can be found at bachelors.universiteitleidennl/securitystudies

Location: The Hague 

3 year programme, 180 ECTS

2017 English-taught programme established

40 nationalities

300 largest lecture size

30 maximum tutorial size

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Why study Security Studies in The Hague?

- It is a unique academic programme with an interdisciplinary approach to security and safety challenges.
- This academic programme offers a combination of lectures and rooted in practice and case studies.
- Located in City of Peace, Justice and Security.

Case studies

During the course, you will study two real-life cases. You will learn how to understand and explain these cases from different perspectives. You will analyse cases such as the Syrian conflict and the Fukushima nuclear disaster and you will acquire knowledge and understanding of several basic security and safety concepts. By applying interdisciplinary thinking, you will learn how to understand and explain causes and factors driving and sustaining conflict and disaster, as well as the effects and implications for government and citizens. You will learn to review an event, or set of events, through the lenses of various academic disciplines and gain the ability to apply this skill to other cases.

Design your own future

In the first semester of their third year, students can choose either to study abroad, follow electives, study a minor or complete an internship. Leiden University enjoys partnerships with over 600 universities abroad where students can choose their study abroad experience. Possible internships are to be found in ministries, embassies, local governments, 'think tanks', private security companies, the police, and

other organisations in the security domain such as Europol, the Ministry of Justice and Security, research institutes, and consultancy organisations.

Your future career

Graduates are encouraged to continue their academic career by progressing to a master's programme, after which they can find employment in both the public and private sector in various roles.

Graduates may take up positions such as:

- Security Policy Officer at a government organisation
- Consultant, advising public and private organisations on security
- Risk Manager at a public or private organisation
- Researcher in the security domain
- Strategic Adviser on security strategies at a public or private organisation

Compulsory matching

It is important to us that you are sure Security Studies is the right programme for you. To this end, you will follow an online matching procedure that compares your expectations and skills with the content of the programme. The compulsory matching takes about 8 hours to complete and it involves watching videos and completing assignments. It results in a non-binding advice as to whether the programme is a good fit for you. We encourage you to apply early and participate so you can begin making concrete plans for your future.



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‘By combining research and real-life safety and security challenges, the programme is academic while at the same time being rooted in practice. An extra plus point is that the programme is international. International cases, such as the war in Syria and the nuclear disaster in Japan, are addressed.’

Daan Weggemans, MSc
Programme director and lecturer