

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

At the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, anthropologists, experts on education and child studies, political scientists, psychologists and experts in scientific research studies are increasing our understanding of current developments in society. With modern research methods, these disciplines are developing fast, and interdisciplinary research is helping to provide answers to societal issues.

The faculty offers six master's programmes in behaviour and society, two of which are research master's. These selective two-year programmes are more demanding than the one-year programmes and have a stronger focus on research.

The faculty supports you to ensure that you successfully complete your studies. You can, for example, make use of the Master Thesis Lab, with walk in sessions on statistics and academic writing.

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1 and 2	year master's programmes
1,843	master's students
19%	international master's students
50	nationalities
€2,209	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€19,300	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee

* This tuition fee is per year and only applies if this is your first master's programme in The Netherlands

** English language proficiency requirements are subject to change. Please check our website for the updated English language proficiency requirements. You can find the exact language requirements and more detailed language requirements per programme under each programme description. Also check our website for detailed information on the types of English tests accepted and the equivalent scores for IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge English tests.

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Master's programmes

Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme foregrounds ethnography as a method, to create insights into everyday cultural practices relevant to global processes of change. You can either propose your own individual research project (Global Ethnography), conduct more applied research with an organisation or interest group (Sociology of Policy in Practice), or engage in a research project which foregrounds audiovisual methods (Visual Ethnography). Research projects can be conducted worldwide, both in face-to-face settings, as well as using online and digital tools.

Specialisations

- Global Ethnography
- Sociology of Policy in Practice
- Visual Ethnography (starts only in September)

Career

Our graduates typically embark on careers in media (press, online), non-governmental organisations, local, provincial and national administration, teaching, the creative and digital field, as well as in academia.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A Bachelor in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology or a bachelors degree with a major in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, or equivalent from an internationally-recognised university.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/anthropology

Developmental Psychopathology in Education and Child Studies (Research)

ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme aims to teach students how they can independently derive a research question in the field of Education and Child Studies. Students learn how they can contribute to the development of new fundamental theoretical insights or well-grounded practical theories by conducting scientific research. The research master's programme trains students to become scientist-practitioners who can bridge the gap between research and practice.



Career

Graduates are prepared for functions in the public or private sector in which advanced research skills and substantial practical research experience are among the qualifications required (research agencies or research departments in businesses or governmental organisations). At the same time the master's programme trains students for functions or educational courses in which scientific research is performed for an academic dissertation and doctoral degree in the sciences.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in one of the behavioural sciences or a degree in an equivalent programme. Specialisation-specific knowledge and training in research methods and methods and statistics (minimum of 20 EC) are required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.5 / TOEFL internet-based: 113

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Education and Child Studies

 DUTCH ENGLISH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme focuses on the link between theory, research and practice. Students are taught to seek evidence-based solutions to problems occurring in child-rearing and education.

Specialisations

Five of the nine specialisations are taught in English.

- Applied Neuroscience in Human Development
- Parenting and Child Development
- Digital Media in Human Development
- Educational Science
- Forensische Gezinspedagogiek (in Dutch)
- Kinderen met Leer- en Gedragsproblemen in het Onderwijs (in Dutch)
- Leerproblemen (in Dutch)
- Learning Problems and Impairments: international track
- Orthopedagogiek (in Dutch)

Career

Graduates can apply for a variety of jobs in the field of prevention and intervention in child-rearing and education, both in clinical and non-clinical contexts.

Best preparatory bachelor's

Prospective students need to possess the skills, understanding and knowledge that are required for earning a Bachelor's in Education and Child Studies at Leiden University.

English proficiency**

(Only for the English taught specialisations)

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Political Science

 ENGLISH DUTCH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN THE HAGUE

Study power and politics as they impact everyday lives in a top-ranked, selective programme. By doing an MSc in Political Science in Leiden or The Hague, you will benefit from an advanced grounding in the fundamentals of political analysis and advanced training in essential academic skills and research methods. There are six specialisations and two cities you can choose from:

Leiden

- Dutch Politics (partly in Dutch)
- International Politics
- Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development
- Parties, Parliaments and Democracy
- Political Legitimacy and Justice

The Hague

- International Organisation

Career

Graduates have gone on to positions such as a policy maker in Dutch and foreign government institutions; political reporter for various media, personal assistant or policy adviser at the European Parliament and national parliaments, lobbyist for interest groups; researcher at think tanks and universities, business consultant and risk analyst.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in political science or a related discipline. Specific knowledge related to this field is also required.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Psychology

 ENGLISH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme focuses on psychological processes and the consequent effects on behaviour. The master's programme has ten specialisations you can choose from:

Specialisations

- Applied Cognitive Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology (a maximum capacity and selection procedure apply)
- Economic and Consumer Psychology
- Health and Medical Psychology
- Methodology and Statistics in Psychology
- Occupational Health Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social and Organisational Psychology



Career

Job opportunities include being a psychologist in a medical centre, nursing home, psychiatric hospital or forensic clinic, school counsellor, lecturer/ researcher at a university, medical centre or research institute, human resources expert, marketing adviser, policy maker or adviser for government and municipal services.

Best preparatory bachelor's

BA or BSc in Psychology with advanced courses (at least 30 EC) at a third-year bachelor's level on topics pertaining to the preferred master's specialisation within the MSc in Psychology. A level of knowledge of statistics equivalent to the courses within the BSc in Psychology at Leiden University (at least 20 EC in statistics courses).

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 and band scores of at least 6.5
TOEFL internet-based: 100 with the following minimum band scores: 22 (reading), 22 (listening), 22 (speaking) and 25 (writing)

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English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.5 and band scores of at least 7.0
TOEFL internet-based: 113 with the following minimum band scores: 25 (reading), 25 (listening), 23 (speaking) and 27 (writing)

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Psychology (Research)

ENGLISH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  2 YEARS  LEIDEN

This programme offers thorough training in the methodological and practical skills required to carry out scientific research on human behaviour, with a focus on practical experience. There is the possibility of following courses on Brain and Cognition offered by other Leiden University programmes. You can choose from four specialisations:

Specialisations

- Clinical and Health Psychology (research)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (research)
- Developmental Psychology (research)
- Social and Economic Psychology (research)

Career

The programme prepares students to continue with an academic career and obtain a PhD in Psychology. Alumni also obtain positions where basic or applied psychological research is used to support the development of corporate or public policy. These include research agencies, as well as private firms, municipal, and governmental institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A BA or BSc in Psychology with a third-year (400-level) course on the topic chosen, high average grade for coursework (>7.5), superior grade for the bachelor's thesis (7.5 or above).

