

Exchange Infosheet - Faculty of Science

Flyer 2017-2018



Why study abroad at Leiden University?

- Study at the oldest, most reputable university in the Netherlands, that scores highly in international rankings
- Benefit from Leiden's top-level quality teaching and research, and enjoy personal attention from your lecturers
- Live in our small and beautiful city, from which you can easily explore other cities in the Netherlands and Europe

Programmes

The Faculty of Science is a first-class research faculty with an excellent position in the basic disciplines of science. Programmes are available in: *Astronomy, Biology, Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, ICT in Business, Industrial Ecology, Life Science & Technology, Mathematics, Media Technology, Physics and Statistical Sciences.*

Most 3rd, last-year BSc courses and all MSc courses will be fully taught in English. For an overview of courses and course descriptions, students can check our online E-Prospectus: <https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/en/>. Students can also apply for a (summer) research project at one of our research institutes, see: <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/science/research>.

Application & academic calendar

All non-degree students need to apply via our online system. For information about application, the application procedure and requirements, please visit: <http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/application-admission/>.

Application deadlines	Fall + Full Year	1 April (in case visa and/or housing are required)
	Spring	15 October (in case visa and/or housing are required)
		As courses or research groups can be full and housing will be offered on a first-come first-served basis, we advise students to apply as soon as possible.
Admission requirements		A GPA of 3.2 out of 4.0 and at least 2 years of prior academic study. Unless otherwise agreed in bilateral agreements.
Language requirements		A level of English similar to that reflected by a score of min. 6.5 on the Academic IELTS. All Chinese nationals need an IELTS or ibTOEFL certificate in order to get a Nuffic certificate. Any agreement- specific requirements above this take priority. More info on our application website.
Course registration		Course approval occurs at the time of admission to the exchange program. Prior to the start of the semester, admitted students will receive further instructions how to finalize their enrollment for courses and exams.
Semester dates		1st semester: 04/09/2017 - 02/02/2018 (exams: late Dec & Jan)
		2nd semester: 05/02/2018 – 08/07/2018 (exams: May & June)
Orientation (participation obligatory) http://orientationweek.org/		1st semester: 27 -31 August17, fee €80
		2nd semester: 30 January – 01 February 2018, fee €45

Student life

Leiden and The Hague are typical student cities with a rich student life. Besides different student and study associations, the **International Student Network (ISN)** organizes many cultural and social events throughout the year: <http://www.isnleiden.com/>. For sports activities, the **University Sports Centre (USC)** has something to offer for everyone! From fitness and dance to several team and defence sports: <http://www.uscleiden.com/>.

Language courses are not available as regular exchange programme courses. The University's **Academic Language Center** offers Dutch as well as other language courses for a student fee. To learn some basics of Dutch, international students can also download the free app **Hoi Holland**. This serious game is the first step towards mastering the Dutch language.

Practical matters

For more detailed information, please visit: <http://www.students.leiden.edu/pre-departure/to-do-exchange.html>.

Course load, credits and grading

Leiden University uses the ECTS credit transfer system. The standard course load for exchange students is 20-30 ECTS per semester. 1 ECTS credit equals 28 hrs of study, including contact hours and self-study. For a full-time research project, students receive 6 ECTS per month. As is common in the Netherlands, the top grades of 9 and 10 are rarely given.

Housing

Student housing in Leiden is limited, especially in Fall when there is more demand. Students may therefore also be offered housing in the city The Hague (\pm 15 minutes by train). For the best chance of securing housing through the university, students should ensure they pay their (non-refundable) housing fee of €350 **as early as possible after application** and before the housing application deadline of 1 June for the Fall semester and 15 Nov for the Spring semester. Other costs, such as the refundable €500 housing deposit, are due before arrival. More info: <http://www.studenthousing.leiden.edu/>.

Visa

Non-EU/EEA students must get a Dutch residence permit and in many cases an entry visa to the Netherlands as well. Keep in mind that this also applies to Erasmus+ students with a non-EU/EEA nationality. Once a student has been admitted, our Admissions Office will work with the student to apply for these documents on their behalf. Students should note that there is a fee of €311 for visas/permits (this fee is subject to change) and need to proof that they have sufficient funds to cover their stay. More info: <http://www.students.leiden.edu/application-admission/visa-residence-permit>.

Insurance

It is mandatory by Dutch law to have adequate health insurance. We strongly recommend students to ensure they have medical insurance before their arrival. We also highly recommend to take out liability insurance to cover any accidental damage caused to other persons or property during their stay. More info: <http://prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/after-admission/insurances/insurances.html>.

Estimated living expenses

€860 - €1400 p.m. for rent, living costs, transport, insurance, books and social activities (excl. tuition fees and visa costs).

Student support services

Leiden University provides a wide range of support services, including student counselling, information services, career service and a Disability Center. Students can rely on personal attention and guidance in academic as well as personal life. Thereby, the International Student Advisor can help international students with all types of practical advice.

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