

Find the answers here to the most frequently asked questions about the Bachelor Security Studies' programme.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Are there also classes in Leiden? Or just The Hague?

We are part of Leiden University, but you will only have classes in The Hague.

How many hours are we expected to study by ourselves?

You can expect a full working week of 40 hours, of which you will spend an average of 12 hours in-class.



What does the coursework look like, aside from reading?

The coursework will be both theoretical (indeed, some reading), and practical. This means that you have to do presentations, do some research and also contribute to academic discussions.

What help is there for first-year students?

The programme has a team of study advisors you can always turn to in case of personal or study-related questions. They will make sure to see where you stand with your study progress and will keep an eye on your wellbeing.

Then we have tutors, the academic mentors of the program. They will teach you how to do research and they will also keep a close eye on you to see how you are doing.

Third, we have some enthusiastic and committed Student Mentors (current students of the programme) on stand-by to familiarise first-year students with university life, as well as studying and living in The Hague. They will act as a role model and a first point of contact.

How diverse is the student population?

Around 70% of our students is Dutch and 30% of the students are from abroad.

If we fail an exam, can we retake it?

You can retake a failed examination once in that academic year.

Can you give an example of the used literature for this programme?

- 'The politics of leadership' by Arjen Boin
- 'Essence of decision making' by Allison
- 'Destroying a Nation' by Nikolaos van Dam.

Most material will be recent academic articles.



What are Skills Labs?

In the first year you will have lectures, workgroups and separate Skills Labs. Skills labs are small groups of about 15 students, guided by a tutor. You will learn to analyse texts, construct arguments, reflect on your work, give and receive feedback and practice leadership and teamwork skills

What is the difference with the IRO programme?

The programme of International Relations and Organisations (IRO) is a research-focused programme, with a political focus. Security Studies is a specialisation within the field of internationalisation, with a focus on the practical aspects. There are more teachers with a connection to the field of Security, and you look at several case-studies during the programme.



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Does the university offer a Dutch language course?

You can find more information on this at the [Leiden Language Center](#). They offer discounts for students on their language courses.



Is it possible to study abroad?

Our faculty's International Office can help you choose a university to do your study abroad at. We have tons of universities all over the world that we work with, such as the National University of Singapore, the American University in Cairo and Uppsala University.



What can I do after completing this bachelor?

Graduates of this bachelor programme are eligible to various master programmes at Leiden University or elsewhere and often work in public and (semi-)private organisations. Careers include risk consultants, security policy makers or managers, trainees, research and financial compliance officers. .

Is it possible to do an internship?

You can do an internship in the Netherlands, or abroad. If you want to know more, please visit [this website](#).

Is The Hague a good city for students?

Yes, The Hague is a real student city! There are many bars and restaurants, and the beach is within cycling distance of the city centre. The many student and study associations contribute to a vibrant student life. Make sure to check out our very own [L.S.A Custodia](#).

Which extra challenges are there during my studies?

If you are ready to take on an extra challenge during your bachelor programme, there are several options. You can combine with courses in the fine arts at ACPA, or enroll in the bachelor honours classes. For more information, [visit this website](#).

I didn't find my answer, what do I do?

Do you have more questions about the bachelor programme Security Studies? Please send an e-mail to securitystudies.info@fgga.leidenuniv.nl. If your question is admissions-related, please contact the [Student Affairs Front Office](#).

Do you have more questions for our student ambassadors? You can send an e-mail to sambass@fgga.leidenuniv.nl.



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