

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

## Why this programme?

In the Crisis and Security Management MSc programme, you will study contemporary security challenges from both local and global points of view, gaining a deep understanding of the 'wicked problem' of security and crisis topics in a complex and globalising world.

## What is the difference between starting the programme in September or February?

There is no difference between both intake moments, except for the moment of starting. As our courses are only offered once a year, February students join students from the September intake in the very same courses. Due to the modular approach of the programme instead of linear, starting in February should not offer a different experience compared to starting in September.

## Does the programme offer to gain experience through an internship or to go abroad?

No. Officially, there is no room in the one-year CSM programme for internships or exchange. In the case of exchange, we do not offer an exchange programme within CSM; Regarding internships, doing one will not earn you any ECTS credits. However, there is always the possibility of doing an extracurricular internship. This might earn you valuable work experience and broaden your network, but may also come at the expense of considerable study delay as CSM courses are offered only once a year. Always consult a study advisor when considering an extracurricular internship.

## How much technical / IT knowledge do you need for the Cybersecurity Governance specialisation?

The focus of this specialisation is more on Governance than on the technical details of cyber security. Affinity with IT technology is certainly helpful, but is not an admission requirement.

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**Students are not requested to write a thesis. How does that make this Master suitable for students with academic ambitions in The Netherlands or abroad?**

For students who pursue an academic career, it is possible to write an extracurricular thesis (Academic Excellence programme). Prerequisites to this are a minimum GPA and solid thesis proposal.

**Is it possible to follow multiple specialisations, considering this is a full time master's programme?**

No, it is not possible to follow multiple specialisations, you can only choose one.

**Is the Master more research focused or more focused on bringing academic knowledge to practice?**

This programme caters for both approaches. Students who wish to pursue an academic career focusing on research, can do so by expressing relevant accents into their curriculum. However, it is also possible to focus on the bidirectional relation between armchair/text book science and the real world. In the end, it all depends on the accents put by the individual student.

**What are the Serious Games?**

Serious Games are simulation games, that will introduce you in several aspects regarding Crisis and Security Management. Important is not only the simulation itself, but also the reflection on performance by students afterwards.

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**My bachelor's degree was entirely in English, but the country is not on the list of exceptions. Do I still need to take the English test?**

Yes, the list of countries that do not require an English test is on the [website](#). For all other countries, an English test is mandatory.

**I know that my current degree does not make me eligible for admission. Can I be admitted after a pre-master?**

That is possible. We do not offer a pre-master's program ourselves, but you can choose one independently. Make sure that the pre-master's aligns with the requirements listed under '[elaboration](#)'.

**Is an average GPA required?**

Only if this is mentioned in the diploma requirements.

**Did you already apply for the programme and do you have a question about your application?**

For questions about application, please contact [admissionscsm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:admissionscsm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)

**Who can I ask questions about admission & application?**

You can address your questions about admission and application to [csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:csm@fgga.leidenuniv.nl). We can then answer your questions that remain after reading our website for prospective students.

Please note, it is not possible to pre-check your application for an indication of admissibility: this will burden our Admission Board with double work of assessing, first for an indication and then for the actual assessment. Again, the website for prospective students contains relevant information, especially the sections elaboration and guidelines give detailed information about the two pillars.



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## How do I know if the courses I've taken are related to governance, crisis, and security?

To determine if your courses are relevant, start by reviewing the course descriptions and objectives to see if they cover topics like governance structures, crisis management, security policies, or similar themes. You can also compare your courses with the curriculum of the program you're interested in, as this often provides a list of recommended knowledge areas.

## Which courses has each specialisation?

You can find the courses of each specialization in our online study guide, the [e-Prospectus](#). Please note next year courses may subject to change.

## Can I make an appointment to discuss my application?

No, that is not possible. Admission is based on the documents you submit, such as your diploma, transcript, and any required test scores. All information is available on our website. If you still have questions, you can send an email to [CSM@fgga.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:CSM@fgga.leidenuniv.nl)

## What are the application deadlines?

Please look at our [website for prospective students](#) for the most up-to-date information concerning application and admission.