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LEIDEN INFORMATION SHEET 2014-2015

INSTITUTION

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APPLICATION

Deadlines	Fall Semester + Full Year:	1 April (for students needing a visu and/or housing) 15 June (for students NOT needing a visa and or housing)
	Spring Semester:	15 October (for students needing a visu and/or housing) 1 December (for students NOT needing a visa and or housing)
Admission requirements	A GPA of 3.2 out of 4.0 and at least two years of prior academic study.	
Language requirements	IELTS : 6.5 TOEFL : 90 (internet-based test) or 575 (paper-based test) http://prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/application-admission/admission-requirements.html#2-english-language-requirements	
Online application and further information	In our online application students are prompted to download a nomination form for their home university co-ordinator to sign. Once an application is complete, if the student meets the admission criteria, course requests are forwarded for evaluation. A student must be admitted to several specific courses before an offer of admission can be extended. We recommend that students not book flights or make other travel plans before receiving their offer of admission. http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/application-admission/	



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PRACTICAL

Website for non-degree students	http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/programmes/study-abroad/
Accommodation	<p>Student housing in Leiden is limited, especially in Fall when there is most demand. For the best chance of securing housing through the university, students should ensure they pay their housing deposit prior to the housing deadline of June 1st for the Fall semester and November 15th for the Spring semester, even if they have not yet been admitted to the programme. In the unfortunate case students are not admitted, the deposit will be refunded.</p> <p>http://www.studenthousing.leiden.edu/ and PayLogic (for deposit payments).</p>
Visa and residence permits	<p>Citizens of the EU do not require a residence permit to study at Leiden University. Students with non-EU nationality must have a residence permit, and in many cases, an entry visa as well. Once a student has been admitted to an exchange period at Leiden University, the Admissions Office will work with the student to apply on their behalf. Students should note that there is a fee of €300 for visas/permits.</p> <p>http://www.students.leiden.edu/application-admission/visa-residence-permit/visa-residence-permit.html</p>
Insurance	<p>All students are obliged to have health insurance to cover any medical costs incurred during their stay. We strongly recommend that students ensure they have medical insurance before their arrival. We also highly recommend that all students take out liability insurance to cover any accidental damage caused to other persons or property during their stay.</p> <p>www.students.leiden.edu/application-admission/master/after-admission/insurances/</p>
Estimated living expenses	<p>On average, at least €800 – 1150 per month</p> <p>http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/money-matters/living-expenses.html</p>
Arrival	<p>There is a train that runs directly from Schiphol Airport to Leiden Central station (about 20 minutes travel time). On arrival in Leiden, students should report to the Visitor Centre directly across from Leiden Central Station.</p> <p>http://www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/practical-info/pre-departure/pre-departure.html</p>
International Student Network (ISN)	<p>Organizes cultural and social events to further academic, social and practical integration of international students in Leiden. To find out more about the International Student Network, go to http://www.facebook.com/StuderenInHetBuitenland#!/ISNLeiden, or to www.isnleiden.com.</p>
International Student Adviser	<p>Leiden University's International Student Adviser, Ms Jantien Delwel, can help students with all types of practical advice about their study and stay in Leiden. She will find answers for them or refer them to the right person.</p> <p>http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/guidance/practical-advice/practical-advice.html</p>
International Student Counsellor	<p>Our International Student Counsellor, Mrs. O'Connor, is a native English speaker. She offers various workshops as well as private counselling sessions.</p> <p>http://students.leiden.edu/your-study/guidance/coaching/counselling-international-students.html</p>



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International student support services	For information about other types of support services available to international students, please see http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/guidance/
Emergency number	From NL: 071 527 66 66 From abroad: +31 71 527 66 66

ACADEMIC

Academic calendar	http://www.students.leiden.edu/your-study/education/academic-calendar.html	
Recommended arrival dates	1st semester:	Mid August 2014
	2nd semester:	24 January 2014
Semester dates	1st semester, from / to:	1 September 2014 – 31 January 2015 (exams: late Dec & Jan)
	2nd semester, from / to:	2 February – 30 June 2014 (exams: May & June)
Orientation Week	1st semester:	25-30 August 2014 (five days). Fee €65. Participation obligatory.
Orientation Week	2nd semester 13/14:	28-30 January 2014 (three days). Fee €40 27-30 January 2015 (four days). Fee €40. Participation obligatory.
Courses available to non-degree students	Please see our E-prospectus www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/programmes/	
Languages of instruction	English and Dutch. See E-prospectus (link above) for information on course content and language.	
Credit system used	ECTS	
Standard course load	20-30 ECTS per semester for non-degree students. 30 ECTS is the standard full-time load for Dutch students. 1 ECTS equals 28 hrs of study, including contact hours and self study.	
Language courses	Language courses are not available as regular exchange program courses. Our Academic Language Centre offers language courses for a fee. http://hum.leiden.edu/languagecentre/	
Course registration	Course approval occurs at the time of admission to the exchange program. Finalizing registration in our online registration system occurs prior to the start of the semester. The process for confirming registration may differ per course; students will receive further instructions close to the start of the semester. Questions regarding course registration after arrival should be directed to the study advisor responsible for the course a student wishes to take. www.prospectivestudents.leiden.edu/study-abroad-exchange/after-admission/after-admission/academic-coordinators.html	
Examinations	Many exams for courses in English available to foreign exchange students are held so that students may return home by the end of December. There is, however, no guarantee that this will be possible.	



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Transcript issuance

For Fall students: mid-February to mid-March
For Spring and Full-Year students: mid-June to end of August
Please note that this is an indication only, unfortunately we are unable to give a guarantee with respect to transcript issuance dates.