

Appendix 1a

The instructional components of the 5 specialisations of the Master's in Political Science offered in Leiden leading to the degree of Master of Science in Political Science at Leiden University in 2025-2026 are:

September start Leiden

Specialisations:

International Politics
Political Theory: Legitimacy and Justice
Democracy and Representation (until September 2023: Parties, Parliaments, and Democracy)
Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development
Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek

Components	EC		Level
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Specialisation Core Course	10	practical	500
2 elective seminars of 10 EC	20	practical	500
1 Specialisation Thesis Seminar * including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

Components	EC		Level
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Specialisation Core Seminar	10	practical	500
1 elective seminar of 10 EC	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report *** (note: internship takes place from January till March)+	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC) ***	15	practical	600

+ Students who have found an internship placement must submit their internship for approval to ensure it respects academic standards and accommodates the possibility to conduct research. Limited capacity to facilitate and supervise internships and the Internship Project Seminar implies that a maximum of 15 students can follow this option.

If a component includes a practical or discussion group, the course instructor can establish a required attendance rule.

In Leiden, students take one out of the five specialisations that are offered. The student takes the Core Course and the Thesis Seminar within his/her specialisation. The minimum number of participants in a seminar/course is 6. If fewer participants enroll, the (thesis) seminar/course may be cancelled by the

Director of Studies. Also, in case of a small number of participants a thesis seminar may be offered combined for more than one specialisation.

For the respective specialisations, the student takes the following Core Course and Thesis Seminar:

Specialisation International Politics:

Core Course: Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialisation Political Theory: Legitimacy and Justice:

Core Course: Legitimacy and Political Obligation

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialisation Democracy and Representation

Core Course: Democracy, Political Parties, and the Challenges of Representation

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialisation Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development:

Core Course: Governance, Diversity and Development

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialisation Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek:

Core Course: Nederlandse Politieke Instituties

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Students choose two elective seminars from the offered seminars in the academic year 2025-2026. The list is subject to change per academic year (please see the latest information in the prospectus).

*Students from the September intake complete their thesis seminar in the Spring semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take the thesis seminar only once per academic year.

**Students from the September intake complete the compulsory courses Great Debates and Methods in Political Science in the Fall semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take Great Debates and Methods in Political Science only once per academic year.

*** The Internship Project Seminar Practical Report and the Internship Project Seminar: Thesis, are complementary to one another. Combined, the two components form the Internship Seminar which totals 30 EC. The ECs will only be awarded when both components are passed successfully by the student.

Appendix 1b

The instructional components of the specialisation International Organisation of the Master's in Political Science offered in The Hague, leading to the degree of Master of Science in Political Science at Leiden University in 2025-2026, are:

September start The Hague

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
The Politics of Policy-Making: National and International Challenges ***	10	practical	500
Policy Evaluation in National and International Contexts ****	20	practical	500
1 Specialisation Thesis Seminar* including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
The Politics of Policy-Making: National and International Challenges ***	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report ***** (note: internship takes place from January till March)+	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC) *****	15	practical	600

+ Students who have found an internship placement must submit their internship for approval to ensure it respects academic standards and accommodates the possibility to conduct research. Limited capacity to facilitate and supervise internships and the Internship Project Seminar implies that a maximum of 15 students can follow this option.

If a component includes a practical or discussion group, the course instructor can establish a required attendance rule.

In The Hague, students can follow the specialisation International Organisation. The student takes the Core Course and the Thesis Seminar within his/her specialisation. The minimum number of participants in a seminar/course is 6. If fewer participants enroll, the (thesis) seminar/course may be

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cancelled by the Director of Studies. In case of small numbers of participants, a thesis seminar may be offered combined for more than one specialisation.

Within the specialisation International Organisation, students take the following Core Seminar and Thesis Seminar:

Core Seminar: Dynamics of International Organisation

Thesis Seminar: subjective to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

* Students from the September intake complete their thesis seminar in the Spring semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take the thesis seminar only once per academic year.

** Students from the September intake complete the compulsory courses Great Debates and Methods in Political Science in the Fall semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take Great Debates and Methods in Political Science only once per academic year.

*** Students from the September intake complete the course The Politics of Policy-Making in block II: November-December. Students can take the course The Politics of Policy-Making only once per academic year.

**** Students from the September intake complete the course Policy Evaluation in block III: February-March. Students can take the course Policy Evaluation only once per academic year.

***** The Internship Project Seminar Practical Report and the Internship Project Seminar: Thesis, are complementary to one another. Combined, the two components form the Internship Seminar which totals 30 ECs. The ECs will only be awarded when both components are passed successfully by the student.

Appendix 2a

February start Leiden

Students who start the Master's in Political Science (5 specializations offered in Leiden) in February 2026 take the compulsory courses Great Debates and Methods in Political Science and choose 2 elective seminars for 10 EC in the Spring semester (February-June). In the Fall semester (September-January) of academic year 2026-2027 they take the Specialization Core Course and the Specialization Thesis Seminar.

Specializations

International Politics

Political Theory: Legitimacy and Justice

Democracy and Representation (Before September 2023: Parties, Parliaments and Democracy)

Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development

Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Specialisation Core Course	10	practical	500
2 elective seminars of 10 EC	20	practical	500
1 Specialisation Thesis Seminar* including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Specialization Core Course	10	practical	500
1 elective seminar of 10 EC	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report*** (note: internship takes place from June till August)+	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC)***	15	practical	600

+ Students who have found an internship placement must submit their internship for approval to ensure it respects academic standards and accommodates the possibility to conduct research. Limited capacity to facilitate and supervise internships and the Internship Project Seminar implies that a maximum of 15 students can follow this option.

If a component includes a practical or discussion group, the course instructor can establish a required attendance rule.

Spring Semester (February-June) for Leiden February-intake 2026:

<i>Components:</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science**	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Two elective seminars of 10 EC	20	practical	500

Students choose two elective seminars from the offered seminars in the academic year 2024-2025. The list is subjective to change per academic year (please see the latest information in the Prospectus). The minimum number of participants in a seminar/course is 6. If fewer participants enroll, the seminar/course may be cancelled by the Director of Studies.

Fall Semester (September-January) for Leiden February-intake 2026:

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Specialization Core Course	10	practical	500
Specialization Thesis Seminar* including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Specialization Core Course	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report *** (note: internship takes place from June till August) +	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC)****	15	practical	600

In Leiden students take one out of five specializations that are offered. The student takes the Core Course and the Thesis Seminar within his/her specialization. The minimum number of participants in a seminar/course is 6. If fewer participants enroll, the (thesis) seminar/course may be cancelled by the Director of Studies. Also, in case of small numbers of participants a thesis seminar may be offered combined for more than one specialization.

For the respective specializations the student takes the following Core Course and Thesis Seminar (provisional):

Specialization International Politics:

Core Course: Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialization Political Legitimacy and Justice:

Core Course: Legitimacy and Political Obligation

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialization Parties, Parliaments and Democracy:

Core Course: Democracy, Political Parties, and the Challenges of Representation

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialization Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development:

Core Course: Governance, Diversity and Development

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

Specialisatie Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek:

Core Course: Nederlandse Politieke Instituties

Thesis Seminar: subject to change per academic year. Please see the latest information in the Prospectus.

* Students from the February intake complete their thesis seminar in the Fall semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take the thesis seminar only once per academic year.

** Students from the February intake complete the compulsory courses Great Debates and Methods in Political Science in the Spring semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take Great Debates and Methods in Political Science only once per academic year.

*** Students from the February intake who are considering doing the Internship Project Seminar are advised to contact their study advisor to discuss the consequences for their programme structure and study plan.

**** The Internship Project Seminar Practical Report and the Internship Project Seminar: Thesis, are complementary to one another. Combined, the two components form the Internship Project Seminar which totals 30 ECs. The ECs will only be awarded when both parts are passed successfully by the student.

Appendix 2b

February start The Hague

Students who start the Master's in Political Science, specialisation International Organisation, offered in The Hague in February 2026 take the compulsory courses Great Debates in Political Science and Methods in Political Science, and they take the course The Politics of Policy-Making and the course Policy Evaluation in the Spring semester (February-June). In the Fall semester of academic year 2026-2027 they take the Specialisation Core Course and the Specialisation Thesis Seminar.

Specialisation International Organisation

<i>Components:</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
The Politics of Policy-Making: National and International Challenges ***	10	practical	500
Policy Evaluation in National and International Contexts ****	10	practical	500
Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
Specialisation Thesis Seminar* including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

<i>Components:</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science**	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
The Politics of Policy-Making: National and International Challenges***	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report***** (note: internship takes place from June till August)+	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC) *****	15	practical	600

+ Students who have found an internship placement must submit their internship for approval to ensure it respects academic standards and accommodates the possibility to conduct research. Limited capacity to facilitate and supervise internships and the Internship Project Seminar implies that a maximum of 15 students can follow this option.

If a component includes a practical or discussion group, the course instructor can establish a required attendance rule.

Spring Semester (February-June) for The Hague February-intake 2026:

<i>Components:</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Great Debates in Political Science**	5	practical	500
Methods in Political Science **	5	practical	500
The Politics of Policy-Making: National and International Challenges***	10	practical	500
Policy Evaluation in National and International Contexts****	10	practical	500

Fall Semester (September-January) for The Hague February-intake 2026:

<i>Components:</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Core Course: Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
Specialisation Thesis Seminar* including Master's Thesis Proposal and Master's Thesis	20	practical	600

OR

<i>Components</i>	<i>EC</i>		<i>Level</i>
Core Course: Dynamics of International Organisation	10	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar Practical Report ***** (note: internship takes place from June till August) +	15	practical	500
Internship Project Seminar: Thesis (total of 30 EC)*****	15	practical	600

In The Hague, students can follow the specialisation International Organisation. The student takes the Core Course and the Thesis Seminar within his/her specialisation. The minimum number of participants in a seminar is 6. In case of a small number of participants a thesis seminar may be offered combined for more than one specialisation.

The student takes the following Core Course and Thesis Seminar (provisional):

Core Course: Dynamics of International Organisation

Thesis Seminar International Organisation

* Students from the February intake complete their thesis seminar in the Fall semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take the thesis seminar only once per academic year.

** Students from the February intake complete the compulsory courses Great Debates and Methods in Political Science in the Spring semester of that academic year. Requests for an exception must be addressed to the Board of Examiners. Students can take Great Debates and Skills only once per academic year.

*** Students from the February intake complete the course The Politics of Policy-Making in block III of the Spring semester (February-March). Students can take the course The Politics of Policy-Making only once per academic year.

**** Students from the February intake complete the course Policy Evaluation in block IV of the Spring semester (April-May). Students can take the course Policy Evaluation only once per academic year.

***** Students from the February intake who are considering to do the Internship Project Seminar are advised to contact their study adviser to discuss the consequences for their programme structure and study plan.

***** The Internship Project Seminar Practical Report and the Internship Project Seminar: Thesis, are complementary to one another. Combined, the two components form the Internship seminar which total 30 ECs. The ECs will only be awarded when both parts are passed successfully by the student.

Appendix 3

Transition Regulations

- Master's specialisations in Political Science (Conflict and Cooperation) and in International Organisation (Leiden); transitional regulations: For more information and details on the transitional regulations, please consult the master OER of 2021-2022.
- As of September 2019, the specialisation in Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek is offered in Leiden. For students who have started this specialisation before September 2019 in The Hague, the transitional regulations for the mandatory courses The Politics of Policy Making and Policy Evaluation in National and International Contexts are:
 - The Politics of Policy Making (10 EC) is replaced by an elective seminar (10 EC) from the specialisation Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek as offered in Leiden;
 - Policy Evaluation in National and International Contexts (10 EC) is replaced by an elective seminar (10 EC) from the specialisation Dutch Politics/Nederlandse Politiek as offered in Leiden.