

Faculty of Humanities Study Abroad Information Session 2026

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Introducing the Humanities International Office

Team of incoming and outgoing coordinators

The Hague (SBS) and Leiden (Lipsius)

What we do:

- Advise you during orientation and application
- Nominate you to the partner university
- Guide you as you prepare for exchange
- Assist during your exchange
- Process your transcript and report after exchange





Find out what
studying abroad
can mean for you!

Why Study Abroad?

- Academic Reasons
 - Take courses not offered at Leiden University
 - Specialise in a specific field / region
 - Experience a different academic system
 - Build your academic network
- Personal Reasons
 - Experience a different culture / language. Expand your worldview
 - Gain various 21st century skills
 - Increase chances of getting a job / internship
 - Make international friends
 - Fun!

Basics of an exchange

- Around 70 partner universities – agreements with Leiden University/Humanities
- Pay tuition fee only to Leiden University
- Results are recognised and part of your exam programme
- Internal selection by Leiden University – specific number of exchange spots
- After selection: application to Partner University
- In countries where the travel advice issued by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs is code 'GREEN' or 'YELLOW'



Faculty of Humanities Exchange programme

- Partner universities Europe, Türkiye & UK
- GPA: 7.0 or higher (6.5 minimum for some universities)
- All 1st year courses passed
- Deadline **1 February 2027**. Still time to work on your GPA and 1st year courses
- Selection based on motivation and GPA
- Check with your study advisor regarding the timing of the exchange and the possible delay in your studies in case you miss a subject you need to take at Leiden!

Finding your destination

- ✓ Check [World Map](#) (Faculty of Humanities)
 - ✓ Choose Faculty exchange programme
 - ✓ Choose BA or MA
- ✓ Check the language requirement. You can do a self-test to check your level [here](#)
- ✓ Check the exact possibilities:
 - ✓ Intended for students from: they get priority on the exchange spots
 - ✓ Fields of study: this is what you can study at the specific university
- ✓ Read [Student Report Database](#) for inspiration



How can you apply?

- ☐ Prepare the following documents:
 - ✓ [Motivation letter](#) – for the internal selection (*academic motivation* for the top 3 of your preferred destinations) use the format on the website.
 - ✓ For destinations to non-English speaking countries: confirm you have the required language proficiency.
 - ✓ Transcript of records (grant permission to view your grades in uSis)
- ☐ Upload documents through our online application platform (uSis- studyabroad)
- ☐ Choose up to 5 destinations in order of preference. Include as many possible destinations for the internal selection to increase chances.



The application deadline is **1 February 2027, 23:59**

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- [Edinburgh College of Arts \(Schedule A\)](#)
- [School of Divinity \(Schedule B\)](#)
- [Moray House School of Education and Sport \(Schedule C\)](#)
- [School of Health in Social Science \(Schedule D\)](#)
- [School of History, Classics and Archaeology \(Schedule E\)](#)
- [School of Law \(Schedule F\)](#)
- [School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures \(Schedule G\)](#)
- [Business School \(Schedule H\)](#)
- [School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences \(Schedule I\)](#)
- [School of Social and Political Science \(Schedule J\)](#)
- [School of Economics \(Schedule W\)](#)
- [Centre for Open Learning \(Schedule X\)](#)

How to look for suitable courses?

- ✓ Check “Open for the following programmes” and “fields of study”
- ✓ Follow the link to the catalogue or prospectus. You can only see courses (“modules”) of the current academic year
- ✓ Visit the school or department on the internet
- ✓ Discuss your plan with your study advisor (not required for BA History, BA International Studies and BA German Language & Culture)

Finances

- Make a budget (plan) for your stay abroad
- For visa applications for some countries you'll need to have sufficient money for the entire study abroad period
- Scholarships do not fully cover the cost for a Study Abroad

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Finance

Scholarships

Inside Europe and Türkiye: [Erasmus+](#) (330-390 euro per month)

Switzerland offers [Swiss-European Mobility Programme](#) (SEMP) scholarship

Outside Europe and UK: [Lustr+](#) (450 euro) and [NL Scholarship](#) (2500 euro; lottery)

Check options from [Leids University Fund](#)

Personal Considerations

- Personal circumstances (finances, health, family, personal identity, etc.)
- Language of instruction at Host University
- Safety situation in the country (even when code green or yellow), also for personal situation
- Specific support offered at the Host University



General Timeline

1 February

- Application deadline

Mid
February

- Selection results

March -
June

- Apply for admission at the host university
- Apply for the scholarship

Plan B



Think of a back-up plan in case you do not get your preferred spot:

Other possibilities are:

- ✓ [Minor at LU or another Dutch university](#)
- ✓ Courses at [NVIC \(Egypt\)](#)
- ✓ [Minor NIMAR \(Morocco\)](#)
- ✓ [Minor Jakarta](#)
- ✓ [Summer school](#)
- ✓ Free Mover option

Free Mover option

1. University of your choice in safe country / area
2. Requirements – check with host university
3. You need approval of the Board of Examiners for your courses
4. Separate and independent application and selection procedure, no internal placement by the Leiden University, limited support from Humanities International Office
5. Deadline: check with the host university
6. Pay tuition to host university **and** Leiden University
7. Inform Humanities International Office by [email](#) if you will be choosing this option of exchange



Una Europa: 11 European universities



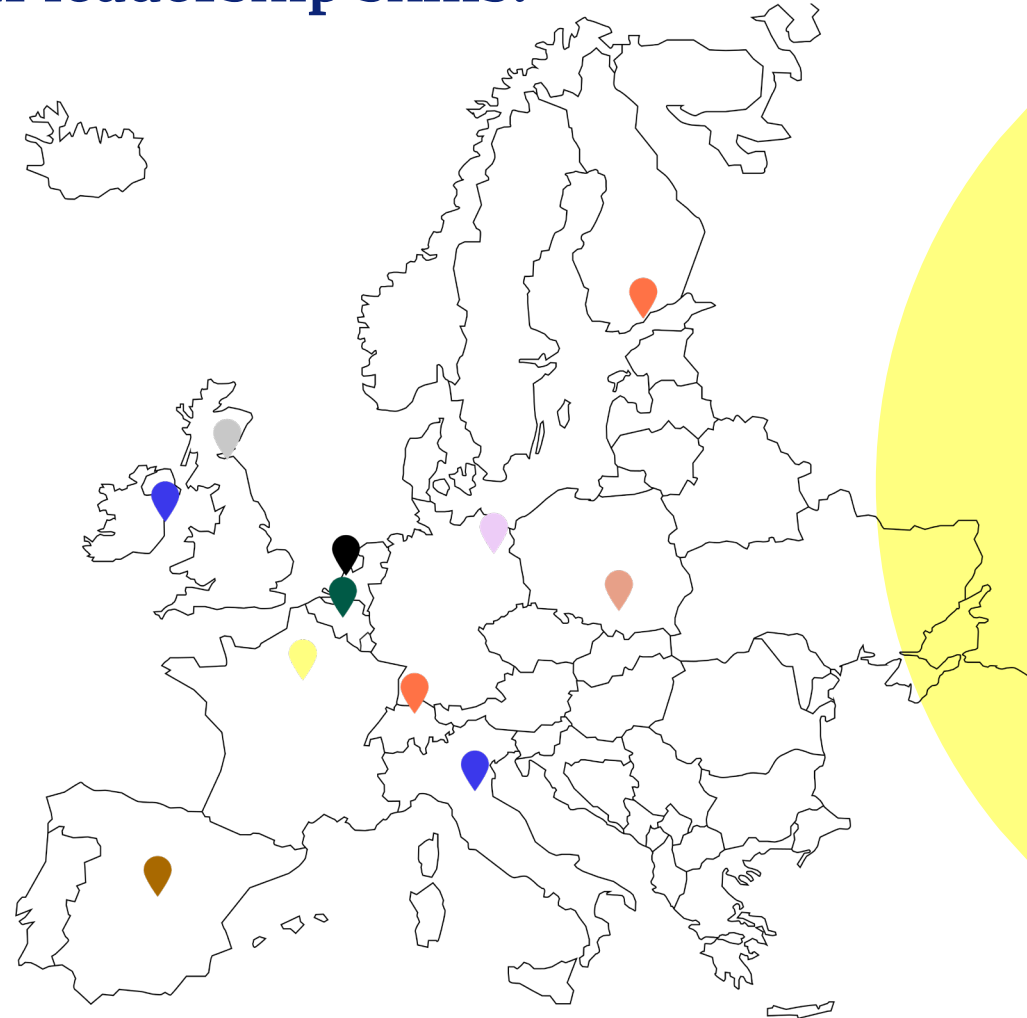
Study, gain professional experience, or develop your leadership skills!

Study opportunities

- Summer schools
- Online courses
- Virtual exchanges

Professional experience

- Join our Local Task Force
- Apply for internships
- Participate in programmes



Una Europa: current opportunities



Student Board Elections

Want to represent
Leiden University on
the European stage?
Interested in working
with students from
across Europe and
helping shape the
future of higher
education?
Stand for election!



Free Language Classes



Internship



The Career Service Humanities team helps students with internships.

- Information and international vacancies on the [website](#)
- Personal meetings
- Workshops
- CV and cover letter checks
- Internship plan support
- Erasmus+ Traineeship (510-540 euro) for European destinations

Sustainable Humanities Internship Fund (1000-1250 euro)

- [GoinGlobal](#) (via this link you can log in with ULCN account)



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If the information in this presentation and on the
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hesitate to e-mail Linda or arrange a meeting



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Thank you

Questions?



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