

Internship FAQ

If I complete the course, yet I can't find an internship. What happens then?

The course and its credits will be included in your transcript. Additionally, you will have gained valuable skills and knowledge for your future job search and employment. That said, if you are open and flexible about the kind of internship you might do, and are prepared to work hard to find one, you should be able to find an internship within the 6 months remaining to do so.

When I apply for an internship do I already need to have a research question?

No, you can apply for an internship without having a clearly defined research question ahead of time. You may, however, want to look at your internship tasks, the organization and its area of work to evaluate for yourself if you can come up with a relevant research question or topic.

Extra course how many hours per week and when?

The course is a regular 5 credit course, 2 hours per week for 12 weeks.

Can the internship be volunteer work?

Yes, in many instances this could be a very interesting option for International Studies students, as long as the volunteer work meets the internship requirements.

How many assignments will I get during the internship period?

You will get two assignments during your internship that accelerate your organization socialization process.

If I complete the requirements for my internship early in the semester, do I need to come back to campus for the rest of the semester? Am I free if I realized my internship during the summer?

Yes, once the requirements for your internship semester are complete, you are free until the next semester.

Is it possible to fill the time with 4 working days and 1 day a week for self-study?

The actual schedule for the internship is between the intern and the employer, as long as you meet the requirements for the internship over the course of the semester.

Can I combine study abroad and an internship in the BAIS programme?

The only way to receive credit for an internship semester in the BAIS programme is to complete all 30 EC – it is not possible to combine this with studies.

However, you can:

- Do an internship if it is an official part of the curriculum at the partner university and you will receive university credit for the internship; this will appear as course credit on your Leiden transcript
- Do an extra-curriculair internship. For more information, please visit the internship information on the Humanities tab.

Should my internship be a full-time position?

No, your internship does not need to be full-time. The only requirement with regard to time is that the internship has a duration of at least 450 hours.

I will be away for 6 months doing my internship. Should I terminate my registration at Leiden University?

No, do not terminate your registration. You remain a Leiden University student while doing your internship. If you cancel your registration, you are not entitled to receive any guidance from the university. Nor will the credits of the internship count towards your degree.