

Go abroad with ISEP

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Discover the world at Leiden University

What is ISEP?

- ISEP is a network of more than 350 colleges and universities in 52 countries.
- non-profit organization
- 2 possibilities
 - **ISEP-DIRECT** = fee-paying
 - **ISEP-Exchange** = You basically switch places with another ISEP student: each pays fees for tuition, housing and meals to home university. Your host institution then covers these costs for you during your stay abroad.

What are the possibilities?

- ISEP has member universities across the world
- Just over half are in the US = popular destination for Leiden students
- Also e.g. Europe, Asia and – if you're proficient in Spanish or Portuguese – South America



Application procedure

Step 1: internal selection (Deadline 1 December, 23:59 hrs!!!)

- ISEP is a part of university-wide program. First you apply to Leiden University International Relations office for internal selection via Study-Abroad Application System
- Choose “University-wide agreements” → United States (because you apply via the ISEP head office). **Note that you can't choose specific ISEP universities just yet! But you can mention them in your motivation letter!**
- Upload a certified transcript with your GPA on it
- Upload a motivation letter in which you motivate your top 3 ISEP member universities
- International Relations office places and nominates you to ISEP.

Application procedure

Step 2: Application directly to ISEP

(deadlines: Feb 15 and Sep 1)

- Then you will apply directly to ISEP via [ISEP online application](#)
- Select up to 10 Universities (programs/sites). Find out which programs are open for Leiden University [here](#).
 - Select 10 courses.
 - Motivate each choice of university.
- The head office decides which member university you may attend.
- You will always be placed somewhere.
- You pay the fixed costs in advance.
- You may need to do an English language test (TOEFL or IELTS) – scores vary per member institution.
- Initial language assessment may be needed (LPR)

Payments & legal requirements

- Registration fee to ISEP: US \$ 100 non-refundable fee (during online application)
- Placement fee to ISEP: US \$ 325
 - You need a credit card or you can pay by wire transfer.
- Housing and meals to LU: €3500 per semester (in June)
- Compulsory ISEP Student Health Insurance: US \$ 77 per month (subject to change)
- Additional travel insurance
- Visa/Residence permit



In short: timeline

1 December 2017	Application deadline internal selection Leiden
Mid-January	ISEP info session for selected students
15 February 2018	Application deadline ISEP (for Fall 2018)
1 September 2018	Deadline Spring 2019
April 2018	Pre-departure meeting for all students
May-July 2018	Results from ISEP
Mid-April 2018	Attend pre-departure orientation
May-August 2018	Preparing your stay: insurance, visa, housing, scholarships, etc.
September 2018/January 2019	Start your exchange!

Questions & More information

- Go to the walk-in hours of the International Relations Office staff:
 - Mondays 9:30-12:00 Turfmarkt 99, The Hague
 - Mondays 13:00-16:00 at Plexus, PITSstop
- [Blackboard](#) → [Study Abroad: Outside of Europe](#)
- studyabroad@sea.leidenuniv.nl
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