University-wide exchange and ISEP network

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Introduction: exchange programmes

Take courses at a partner university
• No additional tuition fees, only at Leiden
• Compatible universities
• Credit transfer
• Scholarships available
• Internal selection
Assistance from IR office

Tip!
Attend the session “Finances and Scholarships” on Wednesday 7 October at 14:00

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How do Exchange programmes work

• Faculty exchange
  - Managed by faculty’s international office
  - Open to students from faculty/study programme only
  - Usually for your specific field of study
  - Within Europe (Erasmus+)
  - Sometimes outside of Europe
  - Various application deadlines

Contact:
International coordinator of your own faculty or programme.

• University-wide exchange
  - Managed by central International Relations Office (IR) of Student and Educational Affairs (SEA)
  - Generally open to all students
  - Possible to study outside your field of study at different faculties
  - Only outside of Europe
  - ISEP programme
  - Application deadline is 1 December for Fall and Spring

Contact:
International Relations Office
Student and Educational Affairs
Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 7.0 (for ISEP 6.5)
- Minimum 60 ECTS
- Language requirements
  → Check faculty requirements!
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Studying abroad is a great way to broaden your horizons. It’s beneficial for both your academic and personal development. Not only will you gain new experiences, but you’ll also learn to get by in a different environment. A period of study abroad is an asset on your CV. With the increasing internationalisation of job markets, many employers regard international experience as a real advantage.

Approval and application

Additional requirements for Psychology students
In order to be selected for an exchange programme, a Psychology student must fulfil the following criteria before the internal application deadline:

- You are enrolled at Leiden University;
- You have passed all first-year courses (prepaedeuse);
- Your grade average is 7 or above.

These criteria apply both to Psychology students applying for a university-wide exchange and for students applying to a faculty exchange programme offered by the Institute of Psychology.

Faculty exchange through the Institute of Psychology
Deadline
For an exchange through an agreement of the Institute of Psychology, you can apply until 15 February 2021 to study abroad in the autumn of 2021 or spring of 2022.

Step-by-step plan

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Where can you find the exchange agreements

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Search through all Leiden University's exchange agreements.

Studying Abroad?

Search for your exchange programme:

- Faculty: Faculty of Humanities
- Continent: North America
- Country: United States (optional)
- Partner university: Please choose...
- Level: All

Search

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Disclaimer: It is uncertain if any of the programmes can take place due to the Corona pandemic. Always check for updates with your international exchange coordinator or on our website.

https://www.leidenuniv.nl/soz/buitenland/search-exchange-agreements.html
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ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)

- Non-profit network of colleges and universities
- Destinations Worldwide
- US = popular destination for Leiden students
- Also e.g. Europe, Asia and – if you’re proficient in Spanish or Portuguese – South America

- 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.
Application procedure

• part of the university-wide program
• internal selection → International Relations Office places and nominates you to ISEP.
• Placement by ISEP at one of your choices

Tip! Attend my “Tutorial with Q&A: Applying for Exchange” on Thursday 14:00

Deadline
1 December 23:59 hrs
ISEP Application procedure

• After placement by IR you will apply directly to ISEP via ISEP online application Sep 15 and Feb 15

• Select up to 10 Universities (programs/sites).

• 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.
Payments and legal structure

- Registration fee to ISEP: US $ 100 non-refundable fee (during online application)
- Placement fee to ISEP: US $375
  - You need a credit card or you can pay by wire transfer.
- Housing and meals to LU: €3900 per semester (in June)
- **Compulsory ISEP Student Health Insurance:** US $ 80 per month (subject to change)
- Additional travel insurance
- Visa/Residence permit
- [www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org)
Making choices: what to consider

- Do your research before you apply
- What are your needs?
- Adding more choices increases chances of placement
- Make sensible choices
- Start in time and meet our deadlines
- Incomplete applications are not considered

Check our [Health & Safety webpage](#)
## Exchange timeline university-wide

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<td>Check eligibility &amp; Orientation</td>
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<td>Selection &amp; placement offers</td>
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<td>Accept/decline your offer</td>
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<td>Take Language test (if required)</td>
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<td>Study abroad period</td>
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<td>Share experience</td>
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Questions about uni-wide exchange?
Ask your IR - coordinators
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