

MSc Political Science

Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Development

Identity, power and politics

Ethnic, racial, religious and cultural differences are on the agenda worldwide. Diversity sparks heated debate, and while there is no shortage of opinions, the story behind the headlines and political slogans is usually far more complex. Why and how do people mobilise around group identities? What are the political and economic consequences of social and economic diversity? How do societies deal with issues of conflict and development?

Diversity and society

In this specialisation you will analyse the political institutional arrangements developed to address diversity and inequality, such as consociationalism, multiculturalism, federalism, and preferential treatment.

Why Leiden University?

- Leiden's Institute of Political Science has an outstanding reputation for its teaching and research. You will become part of an international classroom and engage in small-scale, in-depth discussions.
- You will study key themes and master current Social and Political Science research and methods.

Facts and figures

Language	English
Location	Leiden
Duration	1 year
Admission start September	1 April non-EU 15 May EU
Admission start February	15 October non-EU 15 November EU



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Critical thinking for global challenge



'The specialisation encouraged critical thinking on pressing global issues through rigorous theory and real-world cases. The pleasant learning environment also equipped me with strong analytical skills and a deep understanding of conflict, identity, and development dynamics.'

Ana Williams · Student Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Development

Course overview

Semester I		Semester II	
Governance and Diversity in Developing Countries	10 EC	Elective seminar	10 EC
Great Debates in Political Science	5 EC	Master's thesis	20 EC
Methods in Political Science	5 EC		
Elective seminar	10 EC		

Career possibilities

- Politics and management: policy officer, policy adviser
- Consultancy: consultant, commercial adviser, project manager
- Research: analyst, researcher
- HRM: human resources officer, international markets coordinator
- Media and communication: public affairs assistant, communications assistant
- Finance: financial trainee, adviser

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