

MSc Political Science

Political Theory: Legitimacy and Justice



Foundations of political philosophy

Legitimacy and justice are core themes of political philosophy. This programme explores fundamental political questions such as citizenship and political obligation. Why should people obey the law? Why does the state have authority over its citizens? What are the political implications of migration and secession? What is justice, and how far does it extend globally?

From opinion to analysis

Immersing yourself in theories, methodology and complex cases, you will make the leap from opinion to analysis. Challenge yourself and confront today's pressing political issues with insight and impact!

Why Leiden University?

- Leiden's Institute of Political Science is one of the largest and highly ranked political science departments in Europe, accommodating a wide range of subdisciplines and research interests.
- 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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Bridging theory and policy



'This Master specialisation is the ideal continuation of my academic training journey, combining Political Science and philosophy while linking contemporary political issues with strong theoretical debates and practical policy analysis, strengthening my ability to critically assess real-world challenges.'

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Course overview

Semester I		Semester II	
Legitimacy and Political Obligation	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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