

MSc Political Science

The Politics of Artificial Intelligence

AI and machine learning foundations

Explore the foundations of machine learning and AI through hands-on activities (and develop) skills to use, interpret, and critically assess AI tools, while gaining insight into AI's impact on politics and governance.

Research and governance skills

Learn to research with and about AI using methods like text analysis, ethnographies, and governance studies. Gain practical skills in risk assessment, audit design, and transparency, alongside ethics and politics. The programme ends with a thesis showcasing your ability to evaluate and help shape contribute to shaping AI governance in practice.

Why Leiden University?

- Leiden's Institute of Political Science is one of the largest, oldest and most famous. You will be taught by excellent instructors actively researching the working and consequences of AI.
- This specialisation is located in The Hague, the focus of policymaking in the Netherlands and a hub for many international organisations.

Facts and figures

Language	English
Location	The Hague
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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Foundations of AI for real-world impact



'Learn the foundations of machine learning and AI through hands-on activities, building skills to use, interpret, and critically assess AI tools, and gain the knowledge to engage with AI's impact on politics and governance.'

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Course overview

Semester I		Semester II	
Applied AI for Political Scientists	10 EC	Political Economy of AI	10 EC
Great Debates in Political Science	5 EC	Master's thesis	20 EC
Methods in Political Science	5 EC		
Ethics and Politics of AI	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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