

Humanities Master's Buddy Programme

Faculty of Humanities



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Moving to a different city or country as a student can be a very exciting, but also a daunting prospect. Each year, many new master's students come to Leiden University's Faculty of Humanities, and many find a home away from home thanks to the Humanities Master's Buddy Programme.

About the Buddy Programme

The Faculty of Humanities created the Buddy Programme for Master's students to help international students feel welcome at Leiden University, and kickstart their student life at Leiden or the Hague.

Each semester, international students and Dutch students from outside Leiden are paired up with a Dutch or experienced international student, who becomes their go-to person for questions about daily student life in Leiden or The Hague.

"I find the Humanities Master's Buddy Programme an extraordinary opportunity to meet international students and to discover more about the Dutch culture and traditions. Therefore, I highly suggest signing up for it at the beginning of each semester."

~ Diletta Haberl, Italy/Germany (Student)



“The Buddy Programme gave me the opportunity to meet great people, explore the city of Leiden and learn more about Dutch culture and society.”

~ Elsayed Elsis, Egypt (Student)



Growing your network

Besides providing you with a peer-to-peer support system, the programme also allows you to explore your study location and grow your network. Your Buddy Group will help kickstart your budding social circle, and you are sure to find a wealth of new friends. Moreover, social and cultural events are organised twice a month for all Buddy Programme participants.



Events

Here are some examples of previous Buddy Programme events:

Boat trip through Leiden canals

Keukenhof bicycle tour

Dutch language workshop

Visit to the Leiden Observatory

Yoga class at Noordwijk beach

Visit to Leiden student associations

“Participating as a Buddy in the Buddy Programme has been a great experience. I got to help out students finding their way around the university and the city of Leiden. Next to that I got to enjoy the activities organised by the Buddy Programme and was able to meet a lot of new people!”

*~ Maud Alberts,
the Netherlands (Buddy)*

Humanities in Leiden

The [Faculty of Humanities](#) in Leiden is unique in its breadth of languages, cultures, arts and societies of the world, in their historic context, from prehistory to the present. We offer a challenging and international study environment in which research and education are closely intertwined. The master's programmes we offer are often small-scale and students can tailor their curriculum to their personal and professional interests.

Leiden has all the facilities of a large city, but its historic core is relatively small, and it is dominated by a thriving culture of learning and student life, which makes it a great place to study. The Hague, which is Leiden University's second location, is the Netherlands' fastest-growing student city and it boasts international allure. And like Leiden, The Hague is also centrally located among the Netherlands' main cities.

More information

Please visit our university [webpage](#).

Contact

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"Being a part of the Buddy Programme has been an enriching and fulfilling experience. It provided me with an incredible opportunity to interact with people from different regions, get insights into each others' cultures and develop new friendships. Since joining the programme, I have gained new knowledge, perspectives, and a broader understanding of the world. Being a buddy has helped me make connections while having fun and developing my inter-personal communication skills. It has been a rewarding experience for me."

~ Hirranya Pant, India (Buddy)



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