Overview

Home to the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, The Hague is the perfect backdrop to explore conceptions of justice in our global society. Justice issues related to human rights, peace, security and the environment present legal and policy challenges for governmental and non-governmental actors, international institutions, and civil society that extend beyond national borders and single disciplines. The International Justice major at Leiden University College is built around three key themes of law enforcement, human security and organisation and integration.

Conceptions of justice in our global society

Through an interdisciplinary frame, the major International Justice provides you the opportunity to explore complex issues from multiple perspectives. You will be equipped to critically investigate diverse questions related to:

- Statehood: is Kosovo a sovereign state?
- Climate change: what is the role of both the international community and international law in developing an effective response to climate change?
- International law: are there certain circumstances when targeted killings by drones are deemed justifiable?

The Hague, the perfect location for the International Justice major. Currently, The Hague houses no less than 131 international institutes and agencies, which employ a workforce of 14,000 people, all committed to working towards a safe and just world. Decisions made in The Hague affect the entire world and all of humanity.

Career in International Justice

Graduates from the major International Justice may wish to pursue a career in international institutions, government, non-governmental organizations, or within an academic setting. You might want to develop a creative approach to the challenge of International Justice, stepping beyond the confines of more conventional programmes in international law or international relations. Students can also proceed to Master programmes in diverse themes related to justice such as:

- International law
- Human rights
- Humanitarian law
- Maritime governance
- Environmental policymaking
- Climate change and energy law

Alumni have continued onto programmes both in The Netherlands, such as International Law at Leiden University and as well abroad. Examples include an LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change at Edinburgh University, and job opportunities at organisations such as the UN in Geneva.

For more information about the programme structure, take a look at the e-prospectus.

Peace and Justice Serious Gaming Simulation

International Press Women’s Day Demonstrations. Photo taken by an International Justice major doing an internship at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ representative office in Ramallah