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Leiden University	Research design in Public Administration		
Course description	This course offers an introduction to the fundamentals of social science, with a particular focus on the field of public administration.		
Domain	Public Administration Science		
Keywords	Research methods	Social science	
Prerequisites	None		
Level	Bachelor		
Language	English		
Number of credits and workload	5 credits	16 hrs per week	140 hrs in total
Semester period and Start date course	Semester 2	TB A	
Application deadline	TBA		
Full course description	What makes research academic? What is the role of theory development in the social sciences? How does one translate abstract concepts into observable indicators? This course offers an introduction to the fundamentals of social science research, with a particular focus on the field of public administration. Using examples from research in public administration, we explore the differences and similarities between qualitative and quantitative approaches to the social sciences. We will discuss the role of theory, ideas about causality, and issues of measurement. We will also discuss a range selection of research techniques employed in the social sciences. Finally, we will consider the importance of research design, including the formulation of a strong research question, the development of a theoretical framework, and the selection of an appropriate methodology to carry out the project. This course will not only help students develop the skills to critically assess the methodological underpinnings of research presented in academic books and articles, but also introduces them to the methodological skills required for future research projects.		

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Platform and link to course description	NEO-LMS.	https://leidenonline.neolms.com/ visitor_catalog_class/show/834870	
Course description in study guide	https://studiegids.leidenuniv.nl/courses/show/69037/research-design-in-public-administration		
Lecturer(s)	Petra van den Bekerom		
Extra Course information	Details for submitting papers (deadlines) are posted on the online platform.		
Final examination date and time /period	TBA		
Examination registration deadline or drop-out deadline	Examination registration before - Not applicable Drop- out deadline - Not applicable		
Type of examination	Two assignments (30% and 70% of the final grade respectively)		
Midterm examination?	☐ yes ☒ no		
Previous exam papers available	☐ yes ☒ no		
Specific rules for examinations	Two assignments, both of which require a 5.5/10 or higher to pass.		
Resit? and date	☐ yes ☒ no		
Grade release and transcript release	To be announced		