

Bestuurlijke reactie Bachelor en Master Political Science

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The Bachelor (Politologie) and Master (Political Science) programmes went through a visitation process in Spring 2023, which focused on the programmes as they existed in 2017-2022. The programmes were assessed on four standards: 1) intended learning outcomes, 2) teaching-learning environment, 3) student assessment, and 4) achieved learning outcomes. For both programmes all standards were judged to be met by the visitation panel. The general assessments of the programmes were positive. Particularly strong components of the programmes are the close connection of teaching with research, guaranteed small-scale education even with large student numbers, and dedicated academic skills learning lines. For the following years, the visitation panel recommended continued attention for coordination, quality control, and workload pressures as well as further integration of transferable skills and labour market preparation (e.g., by strengthening the internship component of the programmes and closer involvement of alumni). The panel supports the programme management plans to develop a single BSc track based in Leiden offering students a broad basis in the political science discipline with attention to all major sub-disciplines, with inclusion of professional learning lines. The panel also encourages the addition of advanced research-oriented learning lines in the MSc programme.