

Besluit

Besluit strekkende tot een positief oordeel van een aanvraag toets nieuwe opleiding van de wo-master Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration van de Universiteit Leiden

	Gegevens	
datum	Instelling	: Universiteit Leiden
28 februari 2018	Opleiding	: wo-master Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (postinitieel)
onderwerp	Graad	: Master of Laws
Besluit	Varianten	: deeltijd, voltijd
Toets nieuwe opleiding	Locatie	: Leiden
wo-ma Advanced Studies in	Studieomvang (EC)	: 60
International Dispute Settlement	Datum aanvraag	: 18 juli 2017
and Arbitration	Datum locatiebezoeken	: 23 en 14 november 2017
Universiteit Leiden	Datum adviesrapport	: 10 januari 2018
(005901)	Instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg	: ja, positief besluit van 2 juli 2013
uw kenmerk		
2017/25		
ons kenmerk		
NVAO/20180349/ND		
bijlage	Beoordelingskader(s)	
1	Beoordelingskader voor de beperkte toets nieuwe opleiding van de NVAO (Stcrt. 2014, nr 36791).	

Bevindingen

De NVAO stelt vast dat in het paneladvies deugdelijk en kenbaar is gemotiveerd op welke gronden het panel de kwaliteit van de opleiding positief heeft bevonden.

Advies panel

Samenvatting bevindingen en overwegingen van het panel.

Standard 1. Intended learning outcomes

The master's programme in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration will enable students to gain in-depth knowledge of the role and function of international dispute settlement in international law, including international commercial law. The programme distinguishes itself from similar national and international master's programmes by focusing on public international law and by also addressing less formal dispute settlement methods,

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Standard 2. Teaching-learning environment

The programme consists of three core courses and five supplementary courses. Students complete the programme by writing a thesis. The programme is skilfully designed to avoid overlaps in coverage of courses and provides a comprehensive coverage. The programme has both academic and professional perspectives and provides a solid background and level of practical skills that are useful. The panel has made a few suggestions on the sequence and titles of courses, expecting that this will strengthen the programme even more. The advanced and intensive nature of the programme makes it necessary to select highly qualified students for admission. The panel advises including the requirement that applicants must have completed a legal degree including a course on international law. The panel appreciates the possibilities offered to part-time students, in line with the needs of the professional field.

Characteristic of the advanced master's programme is its small-scale teaching with an intensive interaction between students and lecturers and the use of various and diverse teaching methods, including moot-courts. The student group is expected to consist of a maximum of forty students. The teaching staff is relatively small, but highly qualified and experienced. The core team will have access to other staff to implement the programme successfully, both academics and professionals from practice. The infrastructure, the facilities and support structure are extensive. The programme uses its alumni and guest lecturers from relevant organisations to help students build a useful network. The quality of the programme will be monitored by the Quality Assurance System Standing Committee and the Quality Assurance Manager for the Advanced Studies Programmes. Summing up, the panel concludes that the curriculum, staff and programme-specific services and facilities will provide a stimulating teaching-learning environment, enabling incoming students to achieve the intended learning outcomes. The teaching-learning environment meets the standard.

Standard 3. Assessment

The panel has found evidence of an accessible and transparent approach to assessment . The different methods of assessment conform to accepted national and international standards. The panel advises that using identical exam questions over the years be avoided. Students will be given a clear indication of the test at the beginning of a course and receive extensive feedback in exam review sessions after the exam. The panel advises to use the full marking scale when grading exams. The panel appreciates that grading is done anonymously as much as possible, and that for the thesis a system of double grading is in place. Guest supervisors from professional practice are always seconded by a fulltime member of staff.

The Examination Board monitors and guarantees the quality of assessment and is clearly up to its task.

Pagina 3 van 6 Because the Examination Board is organised jointly for all advanced master's programmes, it has built up considerable experience institutionally. The panel is assured that the quality assurance of the assessment system is well organised. The assessment system meets the standard.

Standard 4. Graduation guarantee and financial provisions

Leiden University guarantees that the financial resources available for the programme are sufficient in order for admitted students to complete the programme. It is anticipated that the programme will be able to attract sufficient numbers of quality students required for financial sustainability and market reputation. The panel agrees that the expected intake numbers seem realistic. The graduation guarantee and financial provisions meet the standard.

Given these considerations, the panel advises NVAO to take a positive decision regarding the quality of the proposed programme wo-master Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration at Leiden University.

Aanbevelingen

De NVAO onderschrijft de aanbevelingen van het panel.

Ingevolge het bepaalde in artikel 5a.10, derde lid, in verbinding met artikel 5a.11, achtste lid, van de WHW heeft de NVAO het college van bestuur van de Universiteit Leiden te Leiden in de gelegenheid gesteld zijn zienswijze op het voornemen tot besluit d.d. 15 januari 2018 naar voren te brengen. Bij e-mail van 24 januari 2018 heeft mr. A.G.K. Dibbet namens het college van bestuur ingestemd met het voornemen tot besluit.

De NVAO besluit de aanvraag toets nieuwe opleiding postinitiële wo-master Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (60 EC; varianten: deeltijd, voltijd; locatie: Leiden) van de Universiteit Leiden te Leiden als positief te beoordelen.

Graad: Master of Laws
Advies Croho-onderdeel: recht
Visitatiegroep: nader te bepalen¹

Van kracht tot en met 27 februari 2024

Den Haag, 28 februari 2018

De NVAO
Voor deze:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

R.P. Zevenbergen
(bestuurder)

Tegen dit besluit kan op grond van het bepaalde in de Algemene wet bestuursrecht door een belanghebbende bezwaar worden gemaakt bij de NVAO. De termijn voor het indienen van bezwaar bedraagt zes weken.

¹ De opleiding dient ten minste twee jaar voor de vervaldatum gebruik te maken van de zogenoemde aprilronde om zelf zorg te dragen voor een indeling in een visitatiegroep. Daarna neemt de NVAO het besluit over de indeling in een visitatiegroep.

Standaarden		Oordeel
1 Beoogde eindkwalificaties	De beoogde eindkwalificaties van de opleiding zijn wat betreft inhoud, niveau en oriëntatie geconcretiseerd en voldoen aan internationale eisen	Voldoet
2 Onderwijsleeromgeving	Het programma, het personeel en de opleidingsspecifieke voorzieningen maken het voor de instromende studenten mogelijk de beoogde eindkwalificaties te realiseren	Voldoet
3 Toetsing	De opleiding beschikt over een adequaat systeem van toetsing	Voldoet
4 Afstudeergarantie en financiële voorzieningen	De instelling geeft aan studenten de garantie dat het programma volledig kan worden doorlopen en stelt toereikende financiële voorzieningen beschikbaar	Voldoet
Algemene conclusie		Positief

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- Prof. Elaine Mak, Professor of Jurisprudence, School of Law, Utrecht University, Netherlands (*chair*);
- Prof. Loukas Mistelis, Clive M Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration, and Director, School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, UK;
- Prof. Attila Tanzi, Chair of International Law, School of Law, University of Bologna, Italy;
- Diana van Wanrooij, LL.B., master student, School of Law, Tilburg University, Netherlands (*student member*).

Het panel is bijgestaan door Michèle Wera MA, beleidsmedewerker NVAO en procescoördinator en dr. Marianne van der Weiden, secretaris (gecertificeerd).