

- Level 100**
 Introductory course, builds upon the level of the final pre-university education examination.
Characteristics: teaching based on material in textbook or syllabus, pedagogically structured, with practice material and mock examinations; supervised workgroups; emphasis on study material and examples in lectures.
- Level 200**
 Course of an introductory nature, no specific prior knowledge but experience of independent study expected.
Characteristics: textbooks or other study material of a more or less introductory nature; lectures, e.g. in the form of capita selecta; independent study of the material is expected.
- Level 300**
 Advanced course (entry requirement level 100 or 200).
Characteristics: textbooks that have not necessarily been written for educational purposes; independent study of the examination material; in examinations independent application of the study material to new problems.
- Level 400**
 Specialised course (entry requirement level 200 or 300).
Characteristics: alongside a textbook, use of specialist literature (scientific articles); assessment in the form of limited research, a lecture or a written paper. Courses at this level can, to a certain extent, also be on the master's curriculum.
- Level 500** Course with an academic focus (entry requirement: the student has been admitted to a master's programme; preparatory course at level 300 or 400 has been followed).
Characteristics: study of advanced specialised scientific literature intended for researchers; focus of the examination is solving a problem in a lecture and/or paper or own research, following independent critical assessment of the material.
- Level 600**
 Very specialised course (entry requirement level 400 or 500)
Characteristics: current scientific articles; latest scientific developments; independent contribution (dissertation research) dealing with an as yet unsolved problem, with verbal presentation.

The classification is based on the [Framework Document Leiden Register of Study Programmes](#).