



# STUDENT PROFILE SERIES

## WELCOME!

In this series, you'll get an up-close look at a US student members' journey to pursuing a college degree in Europe.

Beyond the States is the pre-eminent resource for parents (and students) who want to explore the opportunity for their daughter or son to attend university in Europe.

### WHAT MAKES THIS SUCH AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY?



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Let's dive in and meet a US student currently studying in Europe, a Beyond the States member, and learn more about their experience as an international student abroad.

# MEET MACKLIN



# MACKLIN'S DECISION

Macklin decided on the Political Science: International Relations and Organizations program at Leiden University in The Hague, Netherlands



Universiteit  
Leiden



Leiden university is a truly international university, uniting people and knowledge from all corners of the world since 1575, and is the oldest university in the Netherlands. Ideally located, there are campuses in Leiden and The Hague. Both cities offer a wealth of social, academic and housing options. Amsterdam is steps away, as is the rest of Europe.

**I chose college in Europe for the cultural experience and exposure, lower cost of tuition, and relevance to my area of study.**

Leiden provides an ideal setting to get the most out of your student life, while preparing you for an international career. Follow in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill, Rene Descartes, Albert Einstein, and John Adams. Engage with lecturers who are renowned for their ground-breaking research and worldwide networks. The International Relations and Organizations (IRO) program at Leiden is taught entirely in English and is 3 years in duration.



**MACKLIN SAYS “The location of The Hague provides plenty of opportunities, prestige and recognition of the quality of education, and a level of multiculturalism in the program and in the city”.**



## AFFORDABILITY FACTOR

Macklin chose only to apply to college in Europe, and of course decided to attend Leiden University in the Netherlands. But for the benefit of comparison to schools in the US, we chose to compare with a public university in his home state of Connecticut (University of Connecticut), which reflects his in-state tuition benefits, and with a local private university (Wesleyan University), which boasts a strong Political Science program, Macklin’s area of study.

School	Leiden University	U of Connecticut	Wesleyan University
Program Length (Yrs)	3	4	4
Tuition & Fees	\$12,628	\$19,434	\$66,392
Room & Board	\$10,800	\$13,622	\$18,180
Travel Home (3x's/year)	\$3000	\$-	\$-
Student Visa	\$181	\$-	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,827</b>	<b>\$132,224</b>	<b>\$338,288</b>

## MACKLIN'S MESSAGE:



Don't get too attached to one school, country, or area of study. Stay open to all possibilities, and consider your level of comfort with living abroad. If possible, travel to the schools you are considering.



## OUR THOUGHTS

Students have different reasons for ultimately attending their university of choice, and we realize tuition expense is only one component. But with parents underwriting their student's education, and often taking on debt to do so, they also need to prepare for the financial reality of paying for that education. Funding a college education is one of the largest financial investments any of us will make for our children, and for us, it's important to consider the return on our investment.

We're advocates for attending school in Europe, but we understand that this program isn't for every student. There are many non-financial benefits to attending university in Europe, and these benefits only strengthen the value of a European degree.

If you'd like to learn more about other accredited, English-taught university programs, head to [www.beyondthestates.com](http://www.beyondthestates.com) where we have a treasure trove of resources and support.

Or, if you'd like to become a member of our supportive family of parents and students, go to <https://beyondthestates.com/services-2/memberships/> for access to our proprietary database of nearly 3,500 Bachelor's or 6,500 Master's degree programs in 29 European countries, and a host of other invaluable information on this wonderful opportunity.



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