

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FOR 3RD YEAR BACHELOR STUDENTS
FROM ALL DEGREE PROGRAMMES
FIRST SEMESTER, 30 ECTS

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Dear student,

Great that you are interested in the Minor Sustainable Development! With this newsletter we would like to inform you about the registered participants, the introduction week, important dates, and a reminder for the motivation letter.

Enrollment

With more than 70 registrations we are happy to say we are near capacity at the moment! External applicants (students from universities other than Leiden, Delft and Rotterdam University) will have to wait until 1 August to know whether any places are available for them.

Registered participants May - June

We have an interdisciplinary group with students registered from 17 different disciplines: International Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Biology, Biopharmaceutical science, Political Science, Public Administration, Molecular Science & Technology, China Studies, Physics, Criminology, Life Science and Technology, Psychology, History, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Latin America Studies, Archeology and Philosophy. Also, some students from other universities in the Netherlands expressed their interest, as well as three international students; from Austria, Britain and Australia.



Introduction Week: Save the date!

The minor will start on **Monday 5 September at 09.00 in the Van Steenis Building** with a week of introduction activities and the start of the first Module.

Stayokay Trip

During the first week, besides lectures and assignments, we'll have time to get to know each other. We think the best way to do this is to have a fun teambuilding activity. So... please save the date:

From Tuesday 6 September to Wednesday 7 September we will stay in the [Stayokay](#) hostel in Noordwijk!



The programme is still a surprise. In addition to some sustainable development related topics, we'll make sure there is enough time for socializing, fun games and what more.



We subsidise almost 60% of the stay, we ask you for a small contribution of **€ 20,-** to make all of this possible. You can bring the € 20,- cash with you on Tuesday.

NB: We assume you'll all join the lodging at Stayokay Noordwijk. If not, please let Marloes know as soon as possible (before 1 August), because of the reservations we have to make.

Important dates

The table below shows an overview of the various courses of the minor. There are three courses: Big Issues New Answers (BINA); Designing Sustainability Solutions; and the Area Study Sustainability Netherlands. Instead of participate in the Area Study Sustainability Netherlands there is the course Area Study Sustainability Philippines. This course has a limited number of places; more information will follow.

The course Big Issues New Answers consists of four modules. Each module has one internal assessment in a format most suitable to the module (e.g. a report, presentation, debate, ...), and there is one final exam of the whole BINA course.

NB: The detailed schedule and the recommended literature of Big Issues New Answers will follow in August.

| Course / Module | Time schedule | Examination date |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Introduction & start BINA: Module Sustainability & Governance | 5 September – 20 September | 20 September uploading opinion paper |
| BINA: Module Biodiversity | 21 September – 5 October | |
| BINA: Module System Earth and Climate Change | 7 - 21 October | |
| BINA: Module Economy & Technology | 24 October – 4 November | |
| Preparation week BINA final exam | 7 – 14 November | 14 November final exam BINA |
| Designing Sustainability Solutions | 16 November – 23 December | 23 December |
| Area Study Sustainability Netherlands / Area Study Sustainability Philippines | 2 – 27 January | 27 January |

Intensity of the programme: full-time



The minor is a full-time programme lasting five months. You must be aware that it is an intensive programme with lectures, tutorial group sessions etc. on at least three days a week. These scheduled classes are mostly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but may be assigned to other days. Days without lectures are reserved for self-study and working on assignments: so these days you don't have off!

In view of the intensity of the program we recommend not doing any other coursework during the minor. You should be aware that the minor will keep you busy for five days a week.

You will be expected to participate actively, assisting your fellow students with the knowledge you can contribute from your own discipline. It is this exchange of knowledge that makes this minor interactive and yields the maximum result, as well as being great fun! You will be collaborating closely with fellow students, and attendance will be compulsory.

Reminder: Writing a motivation letter

As a preparation for the minor in September we ask you to submit the following small assignment **before 1 August**. Write a short motivation letter (about 500 words) in which you discuss the following questions:



1. Why do you want to follow this minor?
2. What is your study background, and how does this minor fit in (or not)?
3. What would you like to learn? (Do you have a specific interest for a topic (climate change, resource scarcity, etc.) or skills (writing papers, presentation, debate, etc.) that you would like to improve?)
4. How did you find out about this minor (CML website, E-prospectus, Facebook, word-of-mouth, etc.)

Please send your motivation letter to Marloes van Kuppevelt: minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl. We will try as much as possible to incorporate your input into our programme and class discussions.

Admission and registration procedure

You can register for the minor Sustainable Development via uSis from 1 May until 1 August 2016. Detailed instructions can be found at the [E-prospectus](#) or on the website of the Institute for Environmental Sciences at [admission & registration](#).



Important note for students who come from other universities or HBO: in order to complete your admission, you need to send a proof of paid tuition (*bewijs betaald collegegeld*) for the **year 2016-2017** (not from last year!!) together with your request form to the CML address! For more information please look at the instructions for [other students](#).

More information

More information about the minor Sustainable Development can be found in the following links:

- [Minors page at the CML website](#)
- [Form to register your interest in the minor](#)
- [Movie former minor students about the programme](#)
- [Facebook page](#)
- [Animation movie about the minor](#)
- [Website for the CML Master Industrial Ecology](#)

You can contact Marloes directly by email: minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl, or by phone: 071 527 1477. She will be on holidays from 6 – 26 July. For urgent matters in this period you can mail to obur@cml.leidenuniv.nl.

Have a great summer!

Best Wishes,

The Minor team



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