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Welcome

Dear student,

Great that you're interested in the minor Sustainable Development! With this newsletter we would like to inform you about the educational programme, a preparatory assignment and the registration process if you're enthusiastic but not yet enrolled.

Interdisciplinary minor

Sustainable Development is a concept that deals with big environmental and social problems in the world, which are often very complex. The minor Sustainable Development does not give you straight answers to these questions. However, it will offer you a way of thinking that is needed to develop innovative tools and practices to manage these challenges.

Being an interdisciplinary minor, it incorporates theories and tools from both the social and natural sciences and stimulates you to critically analyze these methodologies. Our students come from a broad range of disciplines. We encourage each of you to contribute to this minor with the knowledge you already gained from your own background and discuss new theories and views with your peers and teachers.

The minor will be taught mainly by teachers and PhD students from the *Institute of Environmental Sciences* (CML). In addition to the CML staff there are many guest speakers from the field who will contribute to this minor. Excursions are also part of the programme. The course uses various teaching methods, like debates and presentations, and combines academic and practical skills.



Why students choose the minor Sustainable Development

Educational Programme

The minor Sustainable Development is a full time programme lasting five months. It's an intensive programme with lectures and tutorial group sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with compulsory attendance. Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for independent studies.

In the minor three different courses are taught. The first course *Big Issues New Answers*, invites you to learn and to analyze your own views and role regarding sustainable development issues like climate change, loss of biodiversity,

resource scarcity, etc. You will be confronted with a wide range of scientific views, which you will be asked to analyze critically. In addition, you will develop practical skills such as debating, interdisciplinary collaboration and to formulate a position and present.

In the second course, *Designing Research for Sustainability Solutions*, you will learn about sustainability issues in urban settings, important tools, and how to set up research to better understand the potential solutions. You will have a chance to put your knowledge and experience to practice by creating a research proposal on a urban sustainability challenge. Communication skills, including English writing and pitching, are an important part of this course. At the end, you're well prepared to develop solutions to sustainability problems in the next course!



For the third course, you can choose for the *Area Study Sustainability Netherlands*, *Area Study Sustainability Indonesia* (maximum of around 12 minor students) or the *Area Study Sustainability Philippines* (maximum of around 10 minor students). There will be a selection procedure for the overseas Area Studies, and there is a substantial own contribution (including flights and course contribution). More information about the Area Studies will follow.

Check the [E-prospectus](#) for more information about the different courses. Detailed schedules will be posted there as soon as we have finalised the programme.

| Course / Module | Time schedule |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Big Issues New Answers (15 ECTS) | 4 September – 10 November 2017 |
| Designing Research for Sustainability Solutions (8 ECTS) | 13 November – 22 December 2017 |
| Area Study on Sustainability (7 or 10 ECTS) | 8 January 2018 – 2 February 2018 |

Admission & Registration procedure

Students Leiden University

If there are still spots available, you can register on the waiting list of the minor Sustainable Development via uSis from 1 May until 1 August 2017. Detailed instructions can be found in the [E-prospectus](#) or on the website of the [Institute of Environmental Sciences](#).

Please note: if you're already enrolled, but decide not to do the minor, please inform us and/or deregister in uSis so another student can take your place.

Students TU Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam

Between 1-31 May, there is a special application process for students from TU Delft and Erasmus Rotterdam. Detailed instructions can be found in the [E-prospectus](#) and on the website of the [Institute of Environmental Sciences](#). After 31 May, you can still register for the minor, but in a different way (see 'other students'), and we cannot guarantee a spot.



Other students

Students from other universities then mentioned above or from a professional education (HBO) can contact Kiki Boomgaard via minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl.

Waiting list

If you've registered in uSis for the Minor Sustainable Development and are placed on a waiting list, it does not necessarily mean that you won't be able to start the minor in September.

From experience we know that sometimes students that are already enrolled, decide to deregister. In addition, since 2015, Leiden, Delft and Erasmus have together been applying special admission criteria for their minors. To avoid students not being able to enroll for a minor at one of the other two partner universities because the programme is full, we have to reserve one-third of the places in our minor for students from Delft and Erasmus between 1 – 31 May. If these spots aren't filled, they are for UL students who are on the waiting list.

Survey

We would like to let you know in advance, that as a preparation for the minor in September we ask you to submit a survey. You will receive an invitation in July, and we ask you to complete it by 15th of August. We will try as much as possible to incorporate the outcomes of the survey into our programme and class discussions. More information about the survey will follow.



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](#)

Like us on Facebook!

We have a [Facebook page](#) for the minor on which we share interesting articles, sustainable events and more. We kindly invite you to *like* the page. If you have any questions about the programme, application, this newsletter, etc., please contact Kiki by contact details below.

Stay tuned!

Best Wishes,

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