

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

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Welcome

Dear students,

In less than three weeks the minor Sustainable Development will start its 9th edition. The programme has been updated and teachers are preparing for another exiting half year of interdisciplinary studies. The survey shows that you are excited too, so that makes a good start!

With this newsletter we would like to give you all the essential information you need before the start on Monday 4 September.

Registered participants

The call for applications has been closed and we reached the maximum capacity of students, as we received more than 70 applications! We are very happy to welcome 3 international students, 53 students from Leiden University, 13 students from TU Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam, as well as 1 student from the VU (Amsterdam).

Please note: if you are no longer intending on joining the programme, please send us [e-mail](#) as soon as possible, so we can make another person (there are still many on the waiting list) happy with your spot!

Schedules, Manuals, Literature, Blackboard



You will soon be enrolled in [Blackboard](#) and the schedule and manual of the Big Issues New Answers course are available on Blackboard (at 'Course Information'). Also the literature and assignments will be posted here. Schedules are subject to change, so please check Blackboard regularly for updates. You will receive an e-mail (umail) when new updates are posted.

Almost all mandatory literature can be found on Blackboard. Some articles will be send to you through *We Transfer* in the week of 4 September; so please check your Umail regularly.

Introduction Week: Save the date!

The minor will start on **Monday 4 September at 09.00 in the Van Steenis Building, room E001**, with a week of introduction activities and the start of the first Module. **Please be on time (09.00!)**, because the signing in and picture taking will take some time.



We're proud to present to you the key note speaker to open the minor Monday morning this year: **Lucas Simons**.

Lucas Simons was the founder and director of [UTZ Certified](#), and author of the book '[Changing the Food Game](#)' (2014). He is also the founder and CEO of two consultancy companies: [NewForesight](#), working on sustainable market transformation; and [SCOPEinsight](#), working on farmer professionalism. In 2013 he was ranked 6th in the TROUW (newspaper) top 100 most influential Dutch persons in Sustainability.

Stayokay Trip

We're busy creating a fun and interesting trip to the [Stayokay Noordwijk](#), from Friday 8 (around 13.00h) to Saturday 9 September (around 14.00h). The programme is still a surprise, more information will follow soon. We will go there by bike, so make sure not to bring too much luggage with you, because you have to carry it yourself. The packing list and programme will be emailed during the first week.



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 Friday. We assume you'll all join the lodging at the Stayokay. If not, please let [Kiki](#) know as soon as possible 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 Research for Sustainability Solutions*; and *Area Study on Sustainability*. The *Area Study on Sustainability* has three options: *Area Study Netherlands*, *Area Study Indonesia* and *Area Study Philippines*. The *Area Study Indonesia* and *Sustainability Philippines* have a limited number of places; more information about the selection procedure will follow in September.

BINA consists of four modules. Each module has an assessment in a format most suitable to the module (e.g. a report, presentation, debate, ...). In addition, there is one final exam of the whole BINA course.

Course / Module	Time schedule	Examination date
Introduction & start BINA: Module Introduction in Sustainability	4 – 19 September	19 September (uploading paper to Blackboard)
Trip to Noordwijkerhout BINA: Module Biodiversity	8 – 9 September 20 September – 2 October	
BINA: Module System Earth and Climate Change	4 – 20 October	
BINA: Module Economy & Technology	23 October – 3 November	
Preparation week BINA final exam	6 – 10 November	10 November
Designing Research for Sustainability Solutions	13 November – 22 December	20 December
Area Study Sustainability	8 January – 2 February	2 February

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](#)

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 on minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl.

Have a great summer!

Best Wishes,

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