

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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

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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 and important dates.

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) 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 different disciplines, like Aerospace Engineering, Archeology, Biology, Bio-Pharmaceutical Sciences, Civil Engineering, China Studies, Economics and Business Economics, Industrial Design, International Studies, Japanese Studies, Law, Mathematics, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Molecular Science and Technology, Political Science and Psychology. Also, students from other universities in the Netherlands expressed their interest, as well as three international students; from Germany, the Philippines and the United Kingdom.



Introduction Week: Save the date!

The minor will start on **Monday 4 September at 09.00** in the [Van Steenis Building](#) (Einsteinweg 2, Leiden) 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 Friday 8 September to Saturday 9 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 more.



We subsidize 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.

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

Intensity of the programme: full-time

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The minor is a full-time programme lasting five months. Please 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!

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 in many cases will be compulsory. In view of the intensity of the program we recommend not doing any other coursework during the minor: the minor will keep you busy for five days a week.

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.

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.

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 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 – 18 October	TBA
BINA: Module Economy & Technology	20 October – 3 November	TBA
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

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.



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.

Other students

Students from other universities than Leiden University 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.

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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