

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're interested in the minor Sustainable Development! With this newsletter we would like to inform you about the educational programme, the instructions for the preparatory assignment (writing a motivation letter) and about the registration process if you're enthusiastic but not yet enrolled.

Please share this newsletter

A lot of students already registered for the programme, however, there are still some places available so we're looking for enthusiastic students to participate. It would be great if you share this newsletter with your friends, roommates, peers, student association, etc.



Thanks!

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.

Interdisciplinary
Diverse teaching methods
Small-scale education
Different perspectives
Complement major study
Practical approach
Implementing sustainable solutions
Social responsibility
Broaden horizon
English language skills
Academic development
Preparation Master/career

Why students choose the minor Sustainable Development

Educational Programme

In the minor Sustainable Development 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 Sustainability Solutions, you will learn about major scientific and environmental tools and techniques. 'Doing' is the best way to learn: you get familiar with methods like developing a scenario analysis or an environmental impact assessment. Also communication skills, like English writing, are an important part of this course. In the end, you're well prepared to develop solutions to sustainability problems.

For the third course you can choose for the Area Study Sustainability Netherlands, or the Area Study Sustainability Philippines (maximum of around 7 minor students). More information about the area studies will follow.



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

Course / Module	Time schedule
Big Issues New Answers (15 ECTS)	5 September – 14 November 2016
Designing Sustainability Solutions (8ECTS)	16 November – 23 December 2016
Area Study on Sustainability (7 ECTS)	2 – 27 January 2017

Admission & Registration procedure

Students Leiden University

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

Students TU Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam

There is a special application process for students from TU Delft and Erasmus Rotterdam: Your participation is guaranteed if you register for the minor during the month of May using the [registration form for TU Delft and EUR students](#). After May, you can still register, but in a different way, and we cannot guarantee you a space. For instructions see the paragraph 'other students' below.



Other students

Please check the registration process at [our website](#).

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](#).

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. At the end of the course we will ask you to reread your motivation letter and reflect on what you have learned.

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 for which we kindly invite you to like us, and share interesting articles, sustainable events and what more. If you have any questions about the programme, application, this newsletter, etc., please contact Marloes by contact details below.

Stay tuned!

Best Wishes,

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