

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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Introduction

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, important dates, the introduction week, a reminder for the motivation letter and information about the registration process.

Only 5 places in Minor open!

We have capacity left for only five more students, so please feel free to send this newsletter to your friends and fellow students who might be interested. You can also like and share our [Facebook page](#).

Thanks!

Registered participants May - June

At this moment we have around 50 students registered from the following disciplines: International Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Biology, Biopharmaceutical science, Political science, Public Administration, Molecular science & technology, Japan Studies, Informatics, Criminology, Russian Studies, China Studies, Law, and Philosophy. Also, some students from other universities in the Netherlands expressed their interest, as well as three international students; from France, Germany and Norway.



Introduction Week: Save the date!

The minor will start on **Monday 31 August at 08.30 in the Van Steenis Building** with a week of introduction activities and the start of the first Module.

We're proud to present to you the key note speaker to open the minor Monday morning: **Marianne Thieme**, political leader of the Dutch [Party for the Animals](#), the first animal rights party in history and represented in the House of Representatives.



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 some fun teambuilding activities. So... please save the date:

From Wednesday 2 September to Thursday 3 September we will stay in the **Stayokay hostel in Noordwijk!**



Combined with the stay we'll do an exciting sustainable excursion. And of course there is enough time for fun games, socializing and what more. We ask you to make a small contribution to make all of this possible. More information and the detailed schedule will follow in August.



<http://www.stayokay.com/nl/hostel/noordwijk>

Important dates

The table below shows an overview of the various courses of the minor. There are three courses: Big Issues New Answers; Project groups: Design of European Research; and the Area Study on Sustainability. Instead of participate in the Area Study on Sustainability there is the course Area Study Water management in the 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 the examination format to what is most suitable for the module, thereby creating a variety of examination tools. The final grade for this course is formed by the average grade of the 4 modules.

Course / Module	Time schedule	Examination date	Retake
Big Issues: Module Societies and Land use	31 August – 16 September	16 September	16 December
Big Issues: Module Biodiversity	18 September – 5 October	5 October	16 December
Big Issues: Module System Earth and Climate Change	7 - 23 October	23 October	17 December
Big Issues: Module Economy & Technology	26 October – 9 November	9 November	17 December
Project groups: Design of European Research	11 November – 18 December	18 December (presentation)	-
Area Study on Sustainability	4 – 29 January	29 January (presentation)	-

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

Intensity of the program: full-time

The minor is a full-time program lasting five months. You must be aware that it is an intensive program with lectures, tutorial group sessions etc. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The days when there is no lecture are reserved for independent studies, which does not mean that these are days off; you will need them to study the literature, do assignments and prepare presentations.

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!

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 collaborating closely with fellow students in the project group component and the area study, and attendance will be compulsory.



FULL-TIME

Reminder: preparatory assignment

As a preparation for the minor in September we ask you to submit the following small assignment **before 15 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 know about this minor (website, Facebook, via-via, E-prospectus, etc)

Send your motivation letter to Marloes van Kuppevelt: minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl at the same time of your registration.



We will try as much as possible to incorporate your input into our program 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.

Admission and registration procedure

You can register for the minor Sustainable Development via uSis from 1 May until 15 August 2015. 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 2015-2016** (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](#)
- [Website for the Industrial Ecology Master's degree course](#)
- [CML's general website](#)

You can also contact me directly at minor@cml.leidenuniv.nl or by phone: 071-527 1477. I will be on holiday from 26 June – 5 July and from 17 July – 3 August. For urgent matters you can mail to obur@cml.leidenuniv.nl. Take a look at the [Facebook page](#) for the minor for which we kindly invite you to like us, and share interesting articles, sustainable events and what more.

Have a great summer!

Best Wishes,

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