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Introduction

Why this guide?

Would you like to incorporate sustainability into your studies? This Sustainable Study Guide will help you navigate Leiden University's sustainability-related educational offerings.

The guide provides an overview of study programmes, minors, courses and other educational activities in which sustainability plays an important role. It will help you discover the opportunities available and find those that best match your studies and interests.

Sustainability at the university and in your study programme

Societal challenges are addressed in both teaching and research across all faculties of Leiden University, including sustainability and its related themes. Sustainability is not only about climate change and biodiversity. It also encompasses topics such as wellbeing, peace, inequality, the economy, technology, governance and public policy.

Sustainability-related themes are increasingly integrated into existing courses and students are choosing these topics more often for assignments, research projects and dissertations.

The Sustainable Development Goals as a guiding framework

This guide uses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the seventeen goals adopted by the United Nations, as a guiding framework. The goals were adopted by all 193 UN Member States and aim to create a more sustainable and equitable world. They are interconnected, meaning that progress towards one goal can also contribute to progress on others.

The study programmes and courses featured in this guide relate to one or more SDGs. This allows you to explore how different academic disciplines contribute to addressing sustainability challenges.

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This study guide has been developed in collaboration with LUGO, Leiden University Green Office.

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How to use this guide

This guide contains an overview of sustainable study programmes (chapter 1) and sustainability-related courses (chapter 2).

Sustainable study programmes

This overview is divided into several tables. For each faculty, you will find:

- The study programme (click to view it in the official Study Guide)
- The type of programme: minor*, bachelor's programme, master's programme or research project
- The related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

Sustainability-related courses

This overview is divided into several tables. For each faculty, you will find:

- This overview is divided into several tables. For each faculty, you will find:
- The study programme to which the course belongs
- The course itself (click to view it in the official Study Guide)
- The course level: minor*, bachelor's or master's
- Whether the course is an elective

The related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)*Information on minors offered by Leiden University and within the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus (LDE) alliance is also available in the official Study Guide and eduXchange.nl.

How were the study programmes and courses selected?

Together with the faculties, we carefully assessed whether the programmes and courses included in this guide sufficiently address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The following criteria were used:

Sustainable study programmes

1. Sustainability is anchored in the profile, vision, and intended learning outcomes
2. Sustainability challenges are coherently embedded throughout the curriculum.

Sustainability-related courses

1. Students are equipped with relevant knowledge and/or transferable skills needed to address the challenges related to the SDGs in a professional context.
2. Students are encouraged to connect their knowledge to real societal or environmental issues. .

Legend

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their corresponding icons used in the faculty tables are shown below. Where a programme or course relates to four or more SDGs, a coloured circle is displayed instead of individual icons.

1. Sustainable study programmes

Faculty of Law

Programme	Type	Subject
Law, Culture and Development	Minor	
International Children's Rights (Advanced LL.M.)	Master	
(Inter)national Tax Planning and Policy	Minor	
European and International Human Rights Law (Advanced LL.M)	Master	

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Programme	Type	Subject
Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology	Bachelor	
Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology: Sociology of Policy in Practice	Master	

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

Programme	Type	Subject
Crisis and Security Management	Master	
Culture, History & Society (BA Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	
Earth, Energy and Sustainability (BSc Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	
Global Affairs	Minor	
Global Health, Innovation and Society (BSc Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	
Governance, Economics and Development (BSc Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	
International Justice (BA Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	
World Politics (BA Major of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges) (LUC)	Bachelor	

Faculty of Humanities

Programme	Type	Subject
Gender and Sexuality in Society and Culture	Minor	
History: Cities, Migration and Global Interdependence	Master	
Questions of Justice in Law, Literature and the Arts	Minor	
Urban Studies	Bachelor	

Faculty of Archaeology

Programme	Type	Subject
Archaeology	Bachelor	
Archaeology	Master	

Faculty of Medicine/LUMC

Programme	Type	Subject
Biomedical Sciences	Bachelor	
Biomedical Sciences	Master	
Clinical Technology	Bachelor	
Health, Ageing and Society	Master	
Medicine	Bachelor	
Medicine	Master	
Pharmacy	Master	
Population Health Management	Master	
Technical Medicine	Master	
Sustainable Health and Care	Minor	
Medical Technology	Minor	
Medical Education	Minor	

Faculty of Science

Programme	Type	Subject
Biodiversity	Minor	
Biology	Bachelor	
Biology: Biodiversity and Sustainability	Master	
Chemistry – Research Area Energy & Sustainability	Research project	
Industrial Ecology	Master	
Molecular Science and Technology	Bachelor	
Sustainable Development	Minor	
Governance of Sustainability	Master	

Interfaculty

Programme	Type	Subject
Co-Creating a Healthy Society	Minor	
Ecology, Migration and Tolerance: Limits to Cooperation	Minor	
Frugal Innovation for Sustainable Global Development	Minor	
Future Challenges Lab: Co-creating sustainable practices in and beyond the Indonesian City	Minor	
Science for Sustainable Societies	Bachelor	
Programme (LDE)	**Type**	**Subject**
African Dynamics	Minor	
(Re)Imagining Port Cities: Understanding Space, Society and Culture	Minor	
Responsible Innovation	Minor	
Smart and Shared Cities	Minor	

2. Sustainability-related courses

These courses are offered independently of the broader sustainability-focused study programmes.

Faculty of Law

Programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Law	Aerospace Law	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Arbeidsrecht	Bachelor	No	
Law, Criminologie	Beginselen van de democratische rechtsstaat	Bachelor	No	
Law	Bestuursrecht	Bachelor	No	
Elective	Border Criminologies: The Criminalization of Mobility	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Current Issues of European Integration	Bachelor	Yes	
Elective	Defensie, veiligheid en moraliteit	Bachelor	Yes	
Economics and Society	Economie en klimaat	Bachelor	No	
Economics and Society	Economie en ongelijkheid	Bachelor	No	
Law	European Union Law Foundations	Bachelor	Yes	
Tax Law	Fiscale Ethiek	Bachelor	No	

Law	Immigration, Integration and Non-Discrimination	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Inleiding Burgerlijk Recht I	Bachelor	No	
Law	Inleiding Burgerlijk Recht II	Bachelor	No	
Law	Inleiding Europees Recht	Bachelor	No	
Law	Inleiding Internationaal Publiekrecht	Bachelor	No	
Law	Introduction to Children's Rights	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Introduction to International Human Rights Law	Bachelor	Yes	
Elective	Mensenhandel: Een benadering vanuit juridisch, beleidsmatig en sociaal wetenschappelijk perspectief	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Moot Court Public International Law	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Openbare Financiën	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Protection of Human Rights in Europe	Bachelor	Yes	
Law	Public International Law	Bachelor	No	
Law	Rechtseconomie	Bachelor	No	
Law	Staatsrecht	Bachelor	No	

Law	The Business of Sustainability & Law in the EU	Bachelor	No	
Law, Tax Law, Notarial Law	Verbintenissenrecht I	Bachelor	No	
Law, Tax Law, Notarial Law	Verbintenissenrecht II	Bachelor	No	
Public Sector Economics	Klimaatbeleid in het economisch debat	Minor	No	
Law, Culture and Development	Law and Governance in Africa	Minor	Yes	
Law, Culture and Development	Law, Governance and Development	Minor	Yes	
Law, Culture and Development	Law, Sharia and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa	Minor	Yes	
(Inter)national Tax Planning and Policy	Taxing Global Wealth	Minor	No	
Juvenile Law	Children's Rights	Master	No	
Labour Law	Collectief arbeidsrecht	Master	No	
Crime and Criminal Justice – Comparative Criminal Justice, Crimine and Criminal Justice – Criminology and Security Policy	Criminal Law, Politics and Society	Master	No	
Law & Society	Elective: Challenges of Globalization, Migration and Cross-Border Mobility	Master	No	

Law & Society	Elective: Current Issues in Law and Society	Master	No	
Law & Society	Elective: Mobilizing Rights and Social Justice	Master	No	
European Law	European Protection of Human Rights	Master	No	
Crime and Criminal Justice: Comparitive Criminal Justice	Human Rights and European Criminal Law in Context	Master	No	
Labour Law	ILS - Europees arbeidsrecht	Master	No	
European Law, Public International Law	ILS - International and European Perspectives: Ocean Governance	Master	No	
Governance of Migration and Diversity (Legal)	ILS - Protection of Human Rights	Master	No	
Public International Law	International Law in Context: Historical, Sociological and Theoretical Perspectives	Master	No	
Juvenile Law	Kind en migratie	Master	No	
Law & Society	Lawmaking, Society and Politics	Master	No	
Law – Constitutional and Administrative Law	Omgevingsrecht	Master	No	
Public International Law	Practicum: The Law and Practice of Sustainable Development	Master	No	
Law – Constitutional and Administrative Law	Privatissimum en Practicum: Constitutionele vraagstukken in Europese context	Master	No	
Law – Law and Business Administration	Privatissimum: Recht en bedrijfskunde	Master	No	

Public International Law	Public International Law	Master	No	
Law – Business Law, Law – Law & Business Administration	Sustainability en recht	Master	No	
International Financial Law (Advanced LL.M.)	Sustainable Finance	Master	No	
Law & Society	The Rule of Man in the Rule of Law	Master	No	
Law – Constitutional and Administrative Law	Verdieping Bestuursprocesrecht	Master	No	

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Exchange Political Science/ Political Science	Energy Governance in a Post-Carbon World	Bachelor	No	
Exchange Political Science /Political Science	Environmental Politics	Bachelor	No	
Exchange Political Science/ Political Science	Growth: A Social Ideal and its Ecological Limits	Bachelor	No	
Political Science	Contemporary Debates on Justice	Master	No	
Political Science	Governing a Global World	Minor	Yes	
Psychology / Exchange Psychology	Environmental psychology	Master	Yes	
Psychology / Exchange Psychology	Cross-cultural Psychology of Health and Illness	Bachelor	Yes	

Psychology / Psychology (research)	Psychology of the Climate Crisis	Master	Yes	

Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
International Relations and Diplomacy	Advocacy in global challenges and climate change	Master	Yes	
International Relations and Diplomacy	Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: Policy, Practice and Pragmatism	Master	No	
International Relations and Diplomacy	Governing Transnational Energy and Infrastructure	Master	No	
International Relations and Diplomacy	Climate Change, Conflict and Disaster Politics	Master	No	
Public Risk and Disaster	Climate change as a political challenge: can we prevent disaster?	Minor	No	
Security Studies	War and Peacebuilding	Bachelor	No	

Faculty of Humanities

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
African Studies	Climate, Health and Medical Encounters in Africa	Bachelor	Yes	
Cultural Memory of War and Conflict	Memory and the Environment	Minor	Yes	
European Politics and Society	Social Justice	Master	No	

Film and Literary Studies	Planetaire kwesties: van nieuw nationalisme tot klimaatcrisis	Bachelor	Yes	
History / North American Studies: Pre-master	The United States and the Global Environment	Bachelor / Pre-master	Yes	
History	Climate, Health and Medical Encounters in Africa	Bachelor	No	
History	Mensenrechten en sociale (on)gelijkheid sinds de Tweede Wereldoorlog	Bachelor	No	
History	Mens en Natuur in Nederland (1850 – nu)	Bachelor	No	
History / History (research)	(In)Equalizers! Social and Economic Histories of Inequality(ies) and Difference(s), 1500-2000	Master	No	
History / History (research)	Literature Seminar CMGI: History of Inequality	Master	No	
History / History (research)	Dangerous Cities? The Risks of the Urban Environment (1750-2000)	Master	No	
History / History (research)	Gender and Political Culture in Medieval and Early Modern Europe	Master	No	
International Studies	Archival Research on Environmental Justice	Bachelor	No	
International Relations	The Environment and Global Capitalism	Master	No	
International Relations	Peace operations and peacebuilding	Master	No	
International Relations	Gender and Race in Historical International Relations	Master	No	
International Relations and Organisations	Energy Governance in a Post-carbon World	Bachelor	No	
International Relations & Master Middle Eastern Studies	Oil, waste and water: Environmental issues in the Middle East and North Africa	Master	No	

International Relations: Pre-master European Union Studies / European Union Studies	Conflicts about Climate and Environment in Europe	Pre-master / Minor	No	
Koreastudies	Gender in Korea	Bachelor	No	
Philosophy	Environmental Ethics	Bachelor	No	
Philosophy	Freedom, Justice, and Equality	Master	No	

Faculty of Archaeology

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Archaeology	Landscape Heritage: Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development in Past and Present	Master	Yes	
Archaeology	The Effects of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage	Bachelor	No	

Faculty of Medicine/LUMC

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Medicine	Global Health (Cuba)	Bachelor	Yes	
Medicine	Global Health (NL)	Bachelor	Yes	

Faculty of Science

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Chemistry	Science and human impact on Earth: Anthropocene	Master	Yes	
Life Science and Technology	Ontwerpen van duurzame biotechnologische processen	Bachelor	No	
Molecular Science and Technology	Energy, recycling en veiligheid (ERV)	Bachelor	No	

Extracurricular

Study programme	Course	Type	Elective	Subject
Bachelor Honours Classes	Beyond the Boundaries of Healthcare	Honours	No	
Bachelor Honours Classes	Kansen(on)gelijkheid in het onderwijs	Honours	No	
Honours College Humanities Lab	The Politics of Energy: Power, Profit and the Green Transition	Honours	No	
Honours College Law	Role of international actors in (tackling global inequality and) achieving the sustainable development goals	Honours	No	
Honours College Law	Recht en rechtvaardigheid	Honours	No	
Honours College Law	Law, Gender, and Technology	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Changemakers Lab	Honours	No	

Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Influence and Me year 2 (Bachelor year 2)	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Influence and Me year 2 (Bachelor year 3)	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Juvenile Delinquency: Prevention and Repression	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Reflection Annual Diversity & Inclusion Symposium	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Reflective Journaling & Creative Expression	Honours	No	
Honours College: Science, Society and Self	Climate, Sustainability and Wellbeing	Honours	No	
Master Honours Classes & Challenges	Making impact: bridging research and society for inclusive health and wellbeing	Honours	No	

Beyond bachelor's and master's programmes, minors and sustainability-related courses, the University also offers five sustainability-focused MOOCs that are open to a broad audience and available through Coursera and FutureLearn:

- ‘The Great Sustainability Transition: Global Challenges, Local Actions’
- Political Economy of Institutions and Development
- A Circular Economy of Metals: Towards a Sustainble Societal Metabolism’
- Population Health: Alternative Payment Models
- Evolution Today

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