

## **RESEARCH CLINIC**

### **Illiteracy in the Hague**

#### **General information**

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- Major: Open to all.
- Number of students: Maximum 6
- Period: Blocks 3 and 4

#### **Research context**

This project continues to explore the low literacy rates in the Hague neighborhood Bezuidenhout West (located adjacent to the Centraal station). The project combines quantitative questionnaire design to understand the degree to which illiteracy is an issue at an individual level with qualitative historical and policy analysis about the macro-level sources of illiteracy. The project offers a unique opportunity to learn skills in data collection where traditional questionnaire techniques are less effective (population may include people who cannot read or write). The results of the project, including specific policy recommendations, will be presented to the representatives of the Bezuidenhout West municipality and to the Stichting Lezen en Schrijven in the Hague.

#### **Tasks and activities in this research clinic will involve:**

- A training session about how to inquire about sensitive issues in a questionnaire;
- Administering a questionnaire in the Bezuidenhout West neighborhood.
- Historical and policy analysis of illiteracy issues in the Hague
- Qualitative lesson drawing from other similar neighborhoods in the Netherlands
- Presentation of the findings to the Bezuidenhout West municipality and the Stichting Lezen en Schrijven.

#### **Students interested in this project must possess ONE of the following:**

- Native level Dutch language **OR**
- Quantitative Research Methods skills.