



Majors LUC 2020-2021



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Majors (BSc/BA)

LUC offers a broad, flexible and interdisciplinary curriculum, focused on enabling each student to design their own programme of study in accordance with their own personal interests and ambitions. All these choices available as either concentrations or specializations, are called “majors”.

A major will be the topic or subject you choose to focus on at LUC, after you have completed a general first-year programme. All these majors are connected to the four general Global Challenge themes: Peace & Justice, Diversity, Sustainability and Prosperity.

The major overviews in this brochure will help you understand how the “track” system works at LUC. For each major, you will have to choose a certain number of “core tracks” that add structure to your studies. Core tracks will allow you to gain knowledge and expertise in different areas within the major. Majors may also have “co-convened tracks”. These are optional and interdisciplinary tracks that are shared with other majors.

The Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum will always allow you to have space for electives, so you can add more depth or breadth to your major of choice.

All majors are structured differently. You can find specific information about each major and its track requirements on the e-prospectus.

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BSc Earth, Energy and Sustainability ▷ **1**



BSc Global Public Health ▷ **2**



BSc Governance, Economics and Development ▷ **3**



BA Culture, History and Society ▷ **4**



BA International Justice ▷ **5**



BA World Politics ▷ **6**



Earth, Energy and Sustainability (BSc)

Currently at 7 billion, the Earth's population is on target to reach 8 billion by 2027. What are some of the key environmental challenges related to this population growth which we are facing as society at the moment, and in the future? What can you do to make a real change in this world? These are key questions addressed in the major Earth, Energy & Sustainability at LUC. This major operates at the forefront of environmental sciences, with a balance between understanding key concepts within a classroom setting, and applying the gained knowledge in real-life situations, both in the field and in the laboratory.



This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ What are GMOs and what are the opportunities and risks associated with using them?
- ▶ What are the risks of fracking? And which alternative energy resources do we have available which allow for economic growth while minimizing environmental pollution?
- ▶ How is biodiversity loss related to biofuel production?

“Earth, Energy and Sustainability was the perfect choice after my first year at LUC. I wanted to learn about climate change, which I feel is the most pressing challenge of our time. I felt that especially through EES, I could study how this challenge can be addressed. Since the environmental problems humanity faces are so many and large it's good that the different tracks within this major really give you the option to focus on the topics and themes you find most interesting within the field of Sustainability.”

Nikolaus Kelnreiter | Germany



Core tracks Earth, Energy and Sustainability			
	Ecosystem Health	Earth System Science	Energy & Natural Resources
Core courses			
100-level	• Environmental Science	• Earth System Science	• Energy and Resource Management
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Geographic Information Systems</i>	• Environmental Pollution • Evolutionary Biology	• Climate Change • Earth Dynamics, Cycles, and Timescales	• Energy Science
300-level <i>Example Methodology course: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods</i>	• Ecosystem services • Conservation Biology	• Water Resource and River Management • Soils, Sediment and Society	• Alternative Energy Strategies • Energy and Society
400-level	Capstone thesis		

What does the future hold?

This major prepares you to start your career in a highly dynamic and fast moving field of sustainability research. At LUC we emphasize that sustainability ultimately exists within a human context. Therefore there are many cross-links within the major to social sciences, with courses such as public policy and environmental law.

Graduate Studies

- ▶ MSc Sustainable Resources at University College London, UK
- ▶ MSc Biodiversity, Conservation and Management at Oxford University, UK
- ▶ MSc Creative Sustainability at Aalto University, Denmark

Careers

- ▶ Research
- ▶ Advisor Government or NGO
- ▶ Environmental Consultancy



Global Public Health (BSc)

Although the world has made tremendous progress in health, education, sanitation and hygiene, global public health challenges still exist. Disparities in health exist between and within nations as evidenced by inequalities in disease burden, mortality, nutrition and environmental well-being. The Global Public Health major is truly interdisciplinary and covers the biomedical and policy aspects with a critical global health lens. The main goal of this major is to make a difference in the health communities by examining individual, sociocultural and environmental factors that impact well-being.



This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ How can I make a difference in the health of communities?
- ▶ How do we prepare the health care system to deal with climate change?
- ▶ How can we best prepare for outbreaks?
- ▶ Why are there still disparities in health and well-being?
- ▶ How does culture influence the practice of medicine?

“I always knew I wanted to do something with health and healthcare but I didn’t want to be a doctor. LUC offered the major Global Public Health where diseases were not only discussed in biological terms but also has a strong focus on the social side of illness and health. Additionally, I liked the interdisciplinary and international approach that really helped me in shaping an understanding of health issues on a global scale.”

Brechje Oonk | The Netherlands



Core tracks Global Public Health			
Biomedical Sciences	Health and Development	Health Policy and Politics	
Core courses			
100-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Epidemiology • Social Determinants of Health • Health Systems Management <p>Elective courses: compulsory for students without a background in biology or chemistry who want to take the BMS or H&E tracks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry 		
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Research Design GPH</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition and Health • Non-Communicable Diseases • Infectious Diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Anthropology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Health Policy
300-level <i>Example Methodology course: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promotion and Disease Prevention • Maternal and Child Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Development: HIV/AIDS in Africa • Aging and Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics, Health and Society: Emerging Responsibilities
400-level	Capstone thesis		

What does the future hold?

This broad interdisciplinary major prepares you for a future career in global health practice and non-profit/ NGO sector focused on health and development, as well as further post-graduate studies in health sciences.

Graduate Studies

- ▶ MSc Global Health, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- ▶ MSc Global Health and Development at University College London, UK
- ▶ PhD International Health and Development at Tulane University, USA

Careers

- ▶ Public Health Officer (local or state)
- ▶ Health Policy Officer for International or Bilateral aid agency
- ▶ (Junior) Researcher



Governance, Economics & Development (BSc)

Inequality and difference in the prosperity within and across societies concerns us. However, people seldom consider the fact that most inequality is result of human choices: over time, different societies organize themselves in different ways, these differences may affect the quality of people's lives. This major is designed to give students the tools to better understand these processes and identify how tools of governance can be used to enhance or impair development and prosperity by integrating insights from the following disciplines: Political Science, Public Policy, Development Studies, Economics, Anthropology, and Data Science.



This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ Why are populist movements rising across to the West, threatening both economic prosperity and the international order?
- ▶ Why are so many development programmes ineffective at reducing poverty and bringing about long term growth?
- ▶ How can we design our civic, nongovernmental, or business organizations to more effectively meet their goals and better society?

“I chose this major because I have always been fascinated with macro structures and the differential outcomes of various groups, societies and nations throughout time. This major challenges me to think rigorously about the issues involved in governance, involved in political and economic choices, and how these impact the development of different nations.”

Kevin de Wit | Brazil



Core tracks Governance, Economics & Development						
Institutional Analysis	Policy Science	International Development	Comparative Politics	Political Economy	Economics	
Core courses						
100-level	• Institutions of Governance & Development		• Intro to Comparative Politics		• Principles of Economics	
200-level	• Decision Making Processes	• Policy Reform and Change • Varieties of Bureaucracy and Governance Outcomes	• Politics and Development • Coming of Age in Africa	• Comparative Party Systems	Political Economy: • Asia • Africa • Natural Resources	• Micro/Macroeconomics • International Economics
300-level	• Institutions in Time	• Evidence-based Policy and Evaluation • Anticorruption • Comparative Social Policy	• Human Security: Poverty • Human Security: Food Security • Development Project Management	• Multi-level Governance	• Advanced Political Economy	• Economics of European Integration • Economic Growth and Development
400-level	Capstone thesis					

What does the future hold?

Graduate Studies

- ▶ MA Public Policy at University College London, UK
- ▶ MPhil Development Studies at Oxford University, UK
- ▶ PhD Candidate in Political Science, University of California, USA

Careers

- ▶ Business Development, World Startup Factory, The Netherlands
- ▶ Data Science
- ▶ Political Science or Public Administration/Policy



Culture, History & Society (BA)

Human differences are a fact of life; however, using these differences as justification for domination, violence, inequality, stereotyping and scapegoating is not. This major focuses on understanding these dynamics from an historical, cultural, moral and political perspective, combining insights from the social sciences (geography, anthropology and sociology) and humanities (history, art history and cultural studies). Our students examine crucial ideas and experiences associated to migration, gender, race, coloniality, inequality and power differentials. Looking through different time frames and across various regions of the

world, the courses offer both western and non-western perspectives on the processes that gave, and are giving, shape to our social and political world.

This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ How have grassroots social movements arisen in different times and places?
- ▶ How have globalisation and technology changed the way people organise and develop group identities?
- ▶ How have humans distinguished between “self” and “other” worked to integrate newcomers?



“I see Human Diversity as an important part of a lot of different ways of thinking about the world’s challenges and this is why I chose it as a major. There are a lot of curious, critical and kind people here and conversations really get moving in class. ‘What is culture?’ was my favourite course because it drew on all kinds of texts and philosophies to talk about the weird cultural conventions and myths we live under.”

Greg Frey | UK



Culture, History & Society			
	Time & Space	Cultural Expressions	Social Forms
Core courses			
100-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth of the Modern World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Culture? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Theory in Everyday Life
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Cultural and Visual Analysis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Approaches to Diversity: Racism in Historical Perspective • World Regional Geography • Social Movements in International Perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Art • Cultural Translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics of Diversity • Anthropology of Difference
300-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia in Global History: From Colonialism to the Post-Cold War Era • History & Politics of Global Migration • Empire and Post Empire: Colonial Reformers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Iconology: Art & Diversity 1600-1800 • Postcolonial Representations • Politics of Cultural Memory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casestudies in Diversity: Religion & Identity
400-level	Capstone thesis		

What does the future hold?

Graduate Studies

- ▶ MA Anthropology at University of Oxford, UK
- ▶ MA European History at King's College, UK
- ▶ MA Management of Cultural Diversity at Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Careers

- ▶ Governmental organisations such as the Cultural Heritage Programme
- ▶ National and International NGO's focusing on Media/Journalism
- ▶ International Organisations like UNESCO



International Justice (BA)

The International Justice major explores challenges to justice and the rule of law in a globalizing and pluralistic society. These include the realization of human rights, climate justice, ending impunity for war crimes and economic and political integration. While international law and institutions serve as the starting point for many key issues, the International Justice major focusses also on national and regional legal orders as well as relevant transnational and local norms and actors. Moreover, the major analyzes how norms, laws and institutions operate in practice through comparative and interdisciplinary approaches that combine legal



research with socio-legal and other approaches from the social sciences.

This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ Why are the commitments of the Paris Climate Accord not being implemented?
- ▶ How can a society transition out of protracted conflict and move towards sustainable peace?
- ▶ Who is liable if a fully autonomous weapon (e.g. a drone) commits a mass atrocity?

“The most rewarding part of following the International Justice major has been being taught about law and politics by lecturers who are renowned to be specialists in their respective fields. Visiting their current or previous jobs at international courts or international organisations has clearly added a new dimension to the way I approach my coursework. I also had a great opportunity to assist in a project through a research clinic, which was conducted for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.”

Frenkchris Sinay | Indonesia



Core tracks International Justice			
	International Law	Human Rights and Society	Statehood and Integration
Core courses			
100-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Public International Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Sociolegal Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sovereignty & Statehood
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Advocacy and Litigation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Environmental Law International Dispute Settlement International Humanitarian Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security and Rights International & Regional Human Rights Law, Culture and Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure and Functioning of the EU Constitutions and Constitutionalism
300-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Security and Collective Action International Criminal Law Law of the Sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Migration and Refugee Law Making Human Rights Work: Transitional Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative Legal & Economic Integration History and Theory of International Norms and Institutions Foreign Relations Law
400-level	Capstone thesis		

What does the future hold?

Students who completed this major have embarked on careers as practicing lawyers as well as in research, policy and advocacy (e.g. at (inter-)governmental organizations, development agencies, think tanks and NGOs). For Dutch-speaking students, the major can be combined with an LLB degree at Leiden Law School in the framework of our double degree programme.

Graduate Studies

- ▶ LLM in International Law at University of Oxford, UK
- ▶ JD at Georgetown Law, USA (Global Law Scholars programme)
- ▶ PhD in Law of the Sea at Arctic University, Norway

Careers

- ▶ Top-tier law firms
- ▶ International courts
- ▶ Human rights NGOs



World Politics (BA)

The major World Politics examines interactions between states and non-state actors, including multinational corporations, nongovernmental organisations, civil society, diasporas and terrorist networks. Political conflict is a key driver of these interactions, which can escalate into wars and insurgencies or produce better understanding and cooperation. In short, our core concern is how to manage conflict and transform them. Our aim is twofold: we will help you develop a deep understanding of the complexity of World Politics and to link theory and practice since many of the professors have worked as practitioners before joining LUC.

This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ How is foreign policy made?
- ▶ Will the rise of China be peaceful?
- ▶ Is the nation-state becoming irrelevant in a globalised world?
- ▶ How can peace be realised in Syria?
- ▶ Did the nuclear deal with Iran make the world a safer place?



“I chose World Politics because of the exciting courses and the unique opportunity to learn from some of the top former practitioners in the political field. The major has helped me develop a holistic understanding of World Politics. My favorite classes were 20th Century Diplomatic History and Russian Politics because they offered very different perspectives on very similar topics.”

Fabian Beitsma | The Netherlands



Core tracks World Politics					
IR and Diplomacy	Globalisation and Transnational Politics	Peace and Conflict Studies	International History		
Core courses					
100-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro IR and Diplomacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro Globalisation and Transnational Politics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro Peace and Conflict Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth of the Modern World 	
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Thinking about Politics: Power and Sovereignty</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Policy and Diplomacy • Nations and Nationalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Islam in the Middle East • European Integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Security Studies • Conflict and Democracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict and Democracy • Studies in War: From the Crimea to the Second World War • An American Century? The United States in the World since 1898 	
300-level <i>Example Methodology course: Political Research Methods</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rise of China • Contemporary Russian Politics and Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching Terrorism and Counterterrorism • Global Political Economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Transitions in Africa • Ethics of Contemporary War 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of the Middle East • Studies in Conflict: From Algeria to Iraq 	
400-level	Capstone thesis				

What does the future hold?

Graduate Studies

- ▶ MA EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College d'Europe, Belgium
- ▶ MA Security Studies, King's College, UK
- ▶ MSc International Politics, KU Leuven, Belgium

Careers

- ▶ Diplomacy
- ▶ Public Affairs/Lobbying
- ▶ Policy Advisor

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