



Uncover global issues through food exploration

Minor Sustainability, Climate Change and Food

Discover the complexities of food sustainability

By placing food at the centre of investigation, this Minor explores current-day debates on political, environmental, economic and cultural change at both the local and global levels. We are more aware than ever of how challenges and threats at a global level impact our social reality locally. The war in Ukraine has demonstrated the vulnerability of specific supply lines for staple products such as grain and sunflower oil, while global environmental change increases farmers' vulnerability around the globe. Over the past decade or more, there were concerns that financial speculation was artificially driving up prices for selected products.

And for several decades before that, Western narratives of the dangers of overpopulation growth illustrated the socio-economic inequalities behind global food flows.

What will you learn?

In this minor you will learn to grasp the essence of sustainability through diverse disciplinary lenses. You will navigate through the complicated web of stakeholders responsible for maintaining sustainable food systems. You take a closer look into the environmental consequences of food production and consumption both locally and globally. You will gain insight into the pressing issues at hand.

Comparing and contrasting industrial and indigenous attitudes to sustainability and analysing the connections between cultural behavior, cultural diversity and food sustainability is also a key part of this minor.



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For whom is this minor?

This minor, drawing on the unique expertise of Leiden University College staff, is specifically designed to appeal to a wide range of undergraduate students from the natural and social sciences and the humanities (BA & BSc).

The minor's multi-disciplinary approach will introduce you to different perspectives that will enrich and broaden their chosen studies.

Students about this minor

'This minor was a break from all the theoretical literature and readings in my main program. The minor is more technical and practical. For example, I had never read about soils before!'

– International Studies student

'In this minor you really connect with students that hold different perspectives: from different backgrounds, different countries and with different ages!'

– International Relations & Organisations student

'There is a lot in this minor that I can apply to own studies. Think about the food crisis and how that relates to other security phenomena, such as how it is one of the root causes of the refugee crises.'

– Security Studies student

Overview programme

Semester 1

Production, Distribution and Consumption

- Food Systems within Planetary Boundaries
- The Economics of Poverty and Global Inequalities
- Wasted Cities: A Critical Look Into Our Waste and Our Resources

Semester 2

Natural Resources, Rights and Conflict

- Climate Change and Sustainable Water Resource Management for Food Production
- SDGs, Human Rights and International Law
- Food Insecurity, Conflict, and Social Justice in an Era of Climate Change

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to foodminor@luc.leidenuniv.nl.

Scan the QR-code for more information:



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