

# Global Development Issues

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**Global Development Issues** The unbalanced usage of human and natural resources is one of the major problems in the world which is caused by and must be solved by people. In a world with an increasing number of contacts between people from different cultures, you are involved in this issue. In this minor, we want to challenge you in finding sustainable solutions to it. Besides global sustainable development, the programme focuses on justice, social inequality and cross-cultural communication.

## 1 Programme

### Target audience and Entry level

The minor Global Development Issues offers a programme as part of a bachelor degree. Students who want to follow this minor-programme, need to read and write English on an adequate level (IELTS 6.0). Besides that, students need to have completed their first year of a bachelor study.

### Lay-out of the programme

The minor programme consists of 4 subjects:

- Justice and inequality
- Introduction to global development
- Cultures and intercultural communication
- Traineeship

Working methods used during the programme vary from portfolio's to tests, meetings and presentations.

### Learning outcomes

The aim of this minor programme is to learn how to notice and analyse global development issues and how to contribute to a potential solution from your own profession, bearing in mind the 4 all-embracing aspects of society: the economical, ecological, social and cultural dimensions of existence.

## 2 Practical details

<b>Duration:</b>	1 semester, 20 weeks
<b>Contact hours per week:</b>	10 - 20
<b>Period:</b>	Fall semester / Spring semester
<b>Number of credits:</b>	30 ECTS
<b>Offered at:</b>	Tilburg, Secondary Teacher Training College Tilburg

## 3 Contact

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## 4 Study at Fontys

### 4.1 Who can study at Fontys

In principle, only students from a university that has an exchange agreement with Fontys are eligible for studying as exchange students at Fontys. The courses are open to students from all of our partner universities, irrespective of the agreement having been signed at a departmental level or at a corporate level. If there is any imbalance in the exchange, or an unexpected high number of applicants, it is possible that we will have to limit the number of admissions.

If you are interested in becoming an exchange student at Fontys, but your home university and Fontys have not signed an exchange agreement, please contact us. Together with your home university, we may be able to consider arranging a new agreement. If, however, arranging a new agreement is not possible, a tuition fee will be applicable.

#### Entry level

For each course, minimum entrance requirements apply. See the programme of your choice for more information about the entry level of this specific course.

#### Level of English

For each course the minimum level of English should be IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 80.

### 4.2 Accommodation services

All exchange students are entitled to furnished accommodation of a similar standard and price as local students. Typically, this would be a private room, with a bathroom and kitchen to be shared with other students. As universities in The Netherlands seldom have American-style campuses with student dormitories, your student room would be located off-campus, in the city of Eindhoven, Tilburg or Venlo and always within 'cycling distance' of the relevant campus.

### 4.3 Visa services

Students from outside the EEA (EU states, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) need a residence permit. Besides a residence permit, students from other countries than Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Vatican City, United States of America or South Korea also need an entry visa.

Students cannot apply for an entry visa or a residence permit themselves. Fontys has to do this for you. Fontys International Office will contact you in time and apply for these documents on your behalf before you come to the Netherlands.

You can find more details concerning the visa procedures [here](#).

### 4.4 Financial matters

Please note that the costs noted below are the estimated costs for a semester abroad at Fontys and that the actual costs will depend on your personal life style:

#### Tuition Fees

No tuition fees will be charged to students on exchange from Fontys partner universities. For all other students, a fee of € 70 - 90 per ECTS credit will apply (i.e. a 30 ECTS course = € 2.100 - 2.700).

#### Living Expenses

Approximately € 700 - 1.000 per month

This amount is including rent (approximately € 300 to € 400 per month), food, transport and personal expenses.

## Visa Costs

Visa costs depend on the country of origin. EEA students do not need a visa. So no costs at all. If you need an entry visa or residence permit the cost will be around € 435,-.

Find more information on visa costs here.

## Grants

In principle, students from the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Turkey are eligible for Erasmus Study Grants. Please refer to the International Exchange Officer at your home university for further information.

## 5 Recognition

*How will your course be recognised by your home university?*

Fontys will issue you with a so-called 'Transcript of Records', which will detail the results that you have achieved. If your studies have been successful, you will receive 30 ECTS credits for one semester. ECTS credits are study points that are recognised throughout Europe. The agreement between your home university and Fontys will usually include a condition whereby the credits that you obtain at Fontys will be recognised and transferred into the records of your home university

## 6 How to apply

Applications should always be submitted via the International Exchange (or Erasmus) Officer at your home university. He/she will send your application request to his/her colleague at Fontys (if in relation to a departmental agreement), or to the Fontys International Office (if in relation to a corporate agreement). In both cases, if Fontys accepts your application, you will receive a registration package from the Fontys International Office in order to register as an exchange student.

### Deadlines for applications

Please note that our deadlines are the 15th of May for the Fall Semester, and the 15th of November for the Spring Semester.

### The 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

The 2011 – 2012 Academic Year will commence on the 29th of August 2011 and will end on the 30th of August 2012. The dates of the semesters are as follows:

- Autumn Semester 2011: 29 August 2011 – 4 February 2012\*
- Spring Semester 2012: 6 February 2012 – 21 July 2012\*

\* Starting dates can differ per programme. Contact the contact person of the programme of your choice for more information on starting dates of the programme of your choice.

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