Minor Global Awareness

2021-2022

Period
The minor is given once each academic year: in Autumn semester, starts last week of August, ends last week of January.

General information
This minor is open to undergraduates who have a basic understanding of their future profession. It is open to all bachelor’s and master’s students, and is especially recommended for those in Education, Pedagogics, Psychology, Social Work, Health, Business Studies, Cultural studies, Entrepreneurship, Management, Technology, Construction, Design, Communication, ICT and Law. The minor is taught in English.

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Theoretical content
The programme covers the following topics: history and trends in development cooperation, development issues and stakeholders, culture, tradition and development, intercultural communication, human rights and violation of human rights, participation and participatory approaches, the concept of sustainability, community development, inclusive development, adult education and development, vulnerable groups, refugees and migration, globalization and environment, lobby, advocacy and networking.

Internship
During your 12-week internship, you will be working on-site in small multi-disciplinary groups in local projects in southern countries. Projects have been carefully selected in the following countries: Bangladesh, Surinam, Nepal, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ghana, South-Africa and Zambia.

Entry requirements/level
Undergraduate level. English language skills: IELTS test (grade: 6.0), TOEFL 550, CEFR level B2 or a comparable test score.
Student profile
To be accepted on the programme, you must be an undergraduate student and are expected to have sufficient English language skills, as mentioned above. At the time you go abroad to one of the projects in a Southern country, you should also have the following competences:
• Intercultural competences (to cooperate, have an open mind and open communication).
• Experience with other cultures and the ability to function in another culture.
• The ability to recognise and acknowledge other cultures’ frames of reference.
• Empathy towards other cultures.
• The ability to adapt to another culture’s values and standards.
• Knowledge of your own frame of reference and your limitations.
• The ability to form a realistic and positive concept of development cooperation.
• The ability to formulate a vision concerning development cooperation.
• Flexibility.
• Adaptability.
• The ability to cooperate on equal terms.
• The ability to have an open mind for new experiences, impressions and visions.
• Emotional stability.
• Creativity and pro-activity.

Examination
There will be various assessments and exams: self- and peer-assessment, a paper, two presentations, one written exam and a report.

How to apply?
Deadline for the Autumn semester: 1 April 2021
If you would like to come to our university to do this minor you will have to fill in the application form, which can be downloaded from our website: http://www.hsleiden.nl/english

Costs
International students from partner institutions, and Dutch students who have permission from their own university to participate in this minor are not required to pay a tuition fee. You are personally responsible for costs such as accommodation, travelling in Leiden and travelling to and in the Southern country where you will be doing your internship.

Accommodation
The University of Applied Sciences Leiden will assist in arranging accommodation for the international students with host families in Leiden.

Contact
If you have questions about the content and/or the organization of the minor please send an e-mail to globalawareness@hsleiden.nl

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