Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice
Course Code	EBC2190
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026		X		X	

Level	Advanced
Coordinator	Ceren Pekdemir For more information:ceren.pekdemir@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	At the end of this course, students are able to... * understand how climate change may induce conflicts and political tensions; * identify and evaluate the different philosophical underpinnings of climate justice; * state and differentiate the key international institutional mechanisms and regulatory approaches in the field of climate change; * explain and explore what role non-state actors and civil society can play to address and tackle climate change; * critically reflect how climate conflicts could be mitigated and climate justice could be promoted, including a developed and developing perspective; * apply core concepts introduced in this course to reflect on how they are represented in real-life and simulated situations.
Description	This course provides students basic insight into core policy and governance issues related to the worldwide problem of climate change. We will examine the evolution of climate change governance and the (potential) conflict inducing dynamics of climate change politics. As there have been critical dynamics between the developed and developing nations, we will explore the grounds of this debate and explore the notion of climate justice. We will discuss key international institutional and regulatory frameworks to reduce worldwide greenhouse gas emissions. The Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement will be scrutinized on their ambitions, and we will evaluate what national actions are needed. The course also delves into an actor-centric approach and explores climate actions at different levels. We will examine the roles of regional actors and focus on the European Green Deal. We will also look into the actions and strategies of various domestic and international actors, including non-government organisations, courts, civil society, and industries. We will explore, for example, how litigation and social movements hold governments and companies to account for implementing effective climate policies. In relation to this, some ground-breaking climate court cases will be scrutinized and critically discussed.
Literature	E-reader
Prerequisites	Exchange students who wish to register for courses within the Minor Sustainability should contact the International Relations Office (IRO) via iro-incoming-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Incoming exchange students at SBE can choose to: * follow the complete Minor Sustainability programme; or * register for selected parts of the minor only. Full Minor Options Students can choose between the following options: * Full minor excluding the Project Sustainability course (25 ECTS) Students will be registered for all courses within the minor except the Project Sustainability course. * Full minor including the Project Sustainability course (30 ECTS) Students will be registered for all courses within the minor, including the Project Sustainability course. Partial Minor Options Students who only wish to follow specific parts of the minor can choose from the following options: <u>Period 1 package (12.5 ECTS)</u> Registration includes the following courses: * Sustainability and Social-Ecological Systems (EBC2187, 5 ECTS) * Sustainability and Human Health (EBC2188, 5 ECTS) * Systems Thinking Competency (EBS2074, 2.5 ECTS) <u>Period 2 stand-alone courses</u> * Social and Sustainable Entrepreneurship (EBC2189, 5 ECTS) * From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice (EBC2190, 5 ECTS) These courses may be taken independently, without registering for other courses within the minor. <u>Period 2 combined option (7.5 ECTS)</u> Students may register for the skills course: * Collaboration Competency: Exploring Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (EBS2075, 2.5 ECTS) only in combination with: * From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice (EBC2190, 5 ECTS) Together, these courses amount to 7.5 ECTS. Please note that exchange students have already received additional information about the Minor Sustainability and the available registration options in the course registration email. Students are advised to read this information carefully before applying.
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers
Assessment methods	Written Exam / Presentation
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

UM-wide minors	Minor Sustainability
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Minor Sustainability
SBE Exchange Master	Minor Sustainability
SBE Non Degree Courses	Minor Sustainability