Environment and Society Studies
Towards a sustainable future

A programme of the Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
How can a sustainable future be achieved? There are plenty of new technologies, smart policy instruments and new ideas on organising the market to become more sustainable, but we very often do not use them. Why is that? This programme focuses on the way society deals with its physical environment. We’ll look at good and bad practises and at the role of markets and governments as well as society itself. You’ll become part of the quest for sustainability. How can we green our economies and change daily behaviour? Our multidisciplinary programme allows you to look beyond country borders and you’ll discover what is needed on different levels, from the United Nations to Europe, from individual countries to the local level. In short, you’ll have the knowledge and skills to guide and contribute to societal transformations towards sustainability.

Why should you choose Environment and Society Studies in Nijmegen?
• This multidisciplinary programme is unique in its focus on the political and social change needed for sustainability.
• An introduction to internationally comparative studies on environment, sustainability and society.
• A multidisciplinary perspective through interesting specialisations and working together with other groups within Radboud University

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Three core courses (18 ECs)
• One core specialisation course (6 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (24 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).

Marije Schuurs
Student of the Master’s programme Environment and Society Studies

‘How do we stop climate change? Is it a bad thing when animal species go extinct? These questions and many more are answered in the Environment and Society Studies Master’s programme. Due to the broad scope, you will not only learn about the environment, but also about planological and sociological factors. This provided an excellent complement to my prior education in journalism.’
Career prospects
Upon completing this programme, you will become a specialist in the relationship between environment and society. You will:
• learn how to analyse and clarify social change on the road towards a sustainable future;
• analyse and design policy change for sustainability
• acquire knowledge on collaboration of the public and private parties involved;
• work together in a professional and goal-oriented way in a wide range of social settings (interdisciplinary teams of experts in consultation and negotiation), taking into consideration other individuals’ standpoints, positions and values.

Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Geography, Planning and Environment or a closely-related discipline from a research university with a sufficient number of courses on environment, sustainability, sociology, political sciences, planning, geography and social science research methods. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/ess.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education. Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl
International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application

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