Preliminary programme overview summercourse Smart Sustainable Cities - August 2023 – Utrecht

What does the city of the future look like? Since the beginning of the 21st century the majority of the world population have lived in urban areas. The Summer School course Smart Sustainable Cities discusses how to boost the sustainable development of cities. In almost two weeks, we will dive into several highly relevant themes such as clean air, mobility, waste, energy, health and also innovation, inclusiveness, participation and smart solutions to these issues.

Participants will be introduced into several themes for developing smart sustainable cities. During the course students will be working with the handbook for applied sciences Smart Sustainable Cities (Rietbergen, Velzing & Van Stigt (eds), 2021). In combination with an integral assignment, students will capture theories, methods and tools relevant for analysing Smart Sustainable Cities and developing smart solutions for sustainable challenges within cities.



Assignment: the assignment will be carried out in teams and students will work on a current and actual project in the city of Utrecht. They will apply the models and theory on this project. In addition to the theories learned, with the assignment, participants will present an innovative solution for one of the challenges within the project.

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| Monday August 14 | | Wednesday August 16 09:00-17:00 hr | Thursday August 17 09:00-17:00 hr | Friday August 18 09:00-17:00 hr |
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| Online meet up -Getting to know the students and lecturers -First short introduction on the assignment | | Course introduction -Getting to know eachother -Introduction on Smart Sustainable Cites -Introduction to the programme | Systemic Design Thinking -Viewing and structuring the design process by iterations -Double Diamond Model -Involve complex contexts | Present assignment approach -What is the focus of your assignment? Present a mission statement for your project -show a first visualization |
| | | Excursion | Excursion | Work on assignment and visit project site |
| Monday August 21 | Tuesday August 22 | Wednesday August 23 | Thursday August 24 | Friday August 25 |
| 09:00-17:00 hr | 09:00-17:00 hr | 09:00-17:00 hr | 09:00-17:00 hr | 09:00-13:00 hr |
| Circular Economy: Material | Energy & Carbon | Healthy Urban | Mobility | Wrap up & Seminar |
| and Value Flows in Cities | Accounting | Development | -Plan, monitor and evaluate | -Summary of the course |
| -Principles, urgency and | -Energy use in cities and | -create green and quiet | mobility projects | -Prepare presentations |
| relevance | energy neutral cities | places in areas with urban | -Translate general targets | -Final presentations |
| -Apply CE on cities | -Understanding and | densification | into quantifiable goals | -Seminar about Smart |
| -Understand and apply | categorizing main sources of | -Have residents participate | -Discover how to focus | Sustainable Cities |
| Material Flow mapping | energy use and greenhouse | in design? | mobility projects on the | -With external partners |
| -Distinguish and apply | gas emissions | -Effect on health and | desired behavioral change | |
| circular strategies | -energy poverty | wellbeing | | |
| | | -Use instruments to scan | | |
| | | positive or negative impact | | |
| Work on assignment | Work on assignment | Work on assignment | Work on assignment | Certificates |

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