## Preliminary programme overview summercourse Smart Sustainable Cities - August 2025 – Utrecht, NL

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.



Real life 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.

Monday August 11, 2025		Wednesday August 13	Thursday August 14	Friday August 15
		09:00-17:00 hr at Padualaan 99	09:00-17:00 hr at Padualaan 99	09:00-17:00 hr at Padualaan 99
Online meet up		Course introduction	Systemic Design Thinking	Circular Economy: Material and
<ul> <li>Utrecht Science Park and Centre</li> </ul>		-Introduction on Smart Sustainable	-Viewing and structuring the design	Value Flows in Cities
of Expertise		Cites	process by iterations	-Principles, urgency and relevance
- Handbook		-Introduction to the programme,	-Double Diamond Model	-Apply CE on cities
- Getting to know the students and		explanation of the assignment,	-Involve complex contexts	-Understand and apply Material
lecturers;		tools for inventarisation area	-Present assignment approach	Flow mapping
- Programme		-Getting to know eachother further		-Distinguish and apply circular
<ul> <li>First short introduction on the assignment</li> </ul>				strategies
0		Excursion Utrecht Science Park	Visit of project site	Work on assignment
			-Meeting with the client	-Prepare questions for lecture on
				Mobility
Monday August 18	Tuesday August 19	Wednesday August 20	Thursday August 21	Friday August 22
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Mobility	Energy & Carbon Accounting	Healthy Urban Development	Systemic Design Thinking	Wrap up & Seminar
-Plan, monitor and evaluate	-Energy use in cities and energy	-Create green and quiet places in	-Looking back with the Double	-Summary of the course, lessons
mobility projects	neutral cities	areas with urban densification	Diamond Model	learned
-Translate general targets into	-Understanding and categorizing	-How to participate residents in	-What was the focus of your	-Final presentations:
quantifiable goals	main sources of energy use and	design?	assignment?	-Seminar about Smart Sustainable
-Discover how to focus mobility	greenhouse gas emissions	-Use instruments to scan positive	-How to visualize your ideas?	Cities
projects on the desired behavioral	-Energy poverty	or negative impact on health and	-Can you test your results?	-with external partners
change		wellbeing		-certificates
Excursion City of Utrecht + work	Playing the UN game of En-ROADS	Excursion City of Utrecht + work	Prototyping in lab	
on assignment	-Prepare questions for lecture on	on assignment	-Work on your visualizations	
-Prepare questions for lecture on	Healthy Urban Development	-Prepare questions for lecture on	-Prepare presentations for seminar	
Energy & Carbon Accounting		Design Thinking	Friday	
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