

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL MINOR PROGRAMME

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN AND ACT IN AN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT? ARE YOU WILLING TO UNDERSTAND THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES COMMUNITIES FACE IN AMSTERDAM AND OTHER URBAN SETTINGS AROUND THE WORLD? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES AROUND ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES? THAN THIS MINOR PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU.

You will learn how to take the first small steps in mobilizing marginalized or discriminated groups and, if time allows, you also learn how to enable them to change their situation in society, from a human rights perspective. The focus is on developing strategies to support groups in precarious situations, such as economically disadvantaged groups, migrants and refugees, children, the homeless and the elderly. The strategies combine mobilization, education, awareness-raising, and campaigning, to target the systemic nature of disadvantaged positions.

This minor provides a theoretical framework and the methods needed to work with disadvantaged and disenfranchised urban groups. Attention will be paid to the capabilities approach as well as to cross-cultural sensitivity and competences, among other subjects. The focus is on a practical, relational, and strategic approach to human rights promotion, based on a

thorough knowledge of the processes underlying the many forms of legal deprivation in the current globalized urban area. The activation strategies require an active, respectful, and targeted approach, with awareness of the often challenging life situations of the groups involved. An eleven weeks fieldwork period is at the heart of this minor, preceded by five weeks of theoretical and practical classes and followed by four weeks in which you reflect on your fieldwork and which culminates into a final event

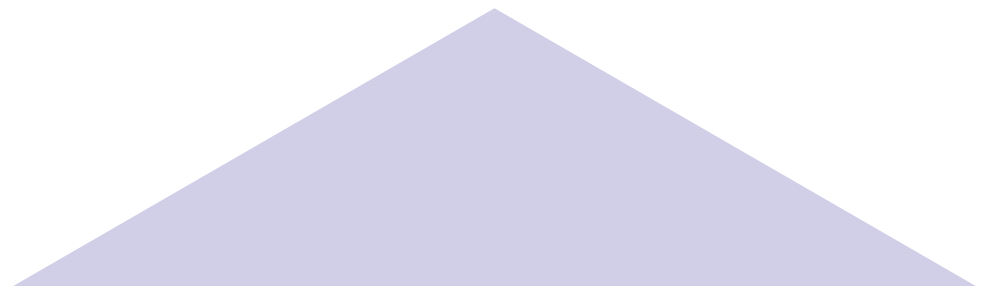
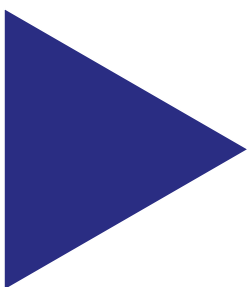
KEYWORDS

- ▶ learning by doing
- ▶ reflection
- ▶ engagement
- ▶ mobilizing and building stamina to work in challenging situations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will:

- ▶ understand and identify the basic steps a community organizer has to take, what a community organizer wants to accomplish and how to get there;
- ▶ understand the meaning of human rights, the capability approach and urban processes in relation to community organizing.
- ▶ carry out a community analysis and formulate an action plan;
- ▶ apply participatory research methods and cross cultural competencies throughout your fieldwork.



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COURSE CONTENT

Course	Credits
Frameworks for Human Rights and Urban Contexts <i>which includes:</i>	
▶ Human Rights	▶ 2
▶ Capability Approach	▶ 2
▶ Urban Context and Issues	▶ 2
Community Organizing Methods and Skills <i>which includes:</i>	
▶ Community Organizing	▶ 2
▶ Cross Cultural Skills	▶ 2
▶ Participatory Research	▶ 2
Field Practice <i>which includes:</i>	
▶ Fieldwork Analyses	▶ 14
▶ Evaluation	▶ 2
▶ Final Event	▶ 2
Total credits	▶ 30

PERIOD AND COURSE DAYS

The minor will take place in both the autumn and spring semester. Days are to be determined. The classes will be spread out over three days. During fieldwork we expect you to spend a minimum of 24 hours in the field.

TARGET GROUP

The minor is open to students from all academic backgrounds. However, it is important to realize that the focus will be on the field of social work.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The language of tuition will be English (CEFR level B2).

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Total: 25 students. This will be a mix of students from the Netherlands and universities abroad.

MORE INFORMATION

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STUDENT FACILITIES

AUAS invests in modern study facilities to safeguard the best possible conditions for successful studies. Foreign guests are guaranteed an inspiring educational environment in which studying and recreation go hand in hand.

AUAS has a wide range of facilities, including:

- ▶ Extensive ICT facilities with wireless networks
- ▶ Media libraries with access to catalogues, databases, books and magazines
- ▶ Multimedia rooms
- ▶ Bookshops
- ▶ Copy shops
- ▶ Restaurants

To help students to get settled in Amsterdam, they can join the international Student Network (ISN), an organisation run by students of both the AUAS and the University of Amsterdam. It aims to facilitate the social and cultural integration of international students in The Netherlands, with a particular focus on Amsterdam.

FEES AND HOUSING

There is no tuition fee for students of Erasmus bilateral partners. Students should contact their international office. The tuition fee for students from institutions without a bilateral partnership agreement is €2,100.

Students who apply before the deadline are eligible for a room. Please note that rooms are offered for a maximum duration of one year.

APPLICATION

For information about our application procedure, visit our website www.amsterdamuas.com, under Exchange Programmes.

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