



## Rules for selection for Global Sustainability Science 2019-2020

These rules were established by the dean of the Faculty of Geosciences following recommendations by the Faculty Council dated 18 September 2018.

In order to be admitted to the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme for the 2019-2020 academic year, the candidate must have successfully completed one of the following preliminary educational requirements by 31 July 2019 at the latest:

1. A VWO diploma with the subjects Mathematics A or B, plus at least two of the following: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Economics.
2. A first-year diploma (*propedeuse*) or final diploma from a university of applied sciences and demonstrable knowledge at the level of the VWO final exam, cf. 2007 profiles in the following subjects: English, Mathematics A or B, plus at least two of the following: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Economics.
3. A comparable international diploma.

Students who have registered for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme by than 15 January 2019 at the latest can take part in the selection for admission in the 2019-2020 academic year. Students will be selected for the programme who demonstrably:

- are interested in sustainability issues;
- possess system analysis skills;
- are curious and interested in research;
- possess the study skills appropriate to the programme;
- are interested in an international learning environment.

The selection procedure for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme is organised as follows:

### Application

1. Candidates must apply via Studielink for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme by 15 January 2019 at the latest.
2. Candidates must complete a digital application form and return it to the degree programme by 31 January 2019 at the latest. Candidates who do not, or who only partially, complete the digital application form, or who return it after this date, will be excluded from further participation in the selection procedure for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme. Candidates are asked to provide a motivation for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme on the application form.
3. Besides completing the digital application form, candidates must send a curriculum vitae (CV) and a certified transcript of the final marks of the pre-examination or final examination year. Candidates must also complete a profile test. The CV, transcript of marks and results of the profile test must be received by the programme by 31 January 2019 at the latest. Candidates whose CV, transcript of marks and/or profile-test results have not been received by this date will be excluded from further participation in the selection procedure for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme.

### Selection day

4. All candidates who meet the required prior education and the requirements referred to in steps 1 to 3 of the selection procedure will be invited to the selection day of the Global



Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme, which will take place on Saturday, 9 February 2019.

5. Candidates will be given access to the preparatory and exercise material they need to study for the selection-day tests by no later than two weeks after completing and submitting the digital application form or by 5 February at the latest.
6. For candidates who are not residents in the Netherlands and are unable to be present on the selection day, a digital selection occasion will be organised on the same day.
7. Candidates who fail to appear at the selection day will be excluded from further participation in the selection procedure for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme. Candidates who do not participate in full or to a sufficient extent in the selection procedure will not be included in the ranking and as result will also not be admitted to the degree programme.
8. Only one selection day will be organised. This means that it will not be possible to request taking an additional test, even in the event of unforeseeable circumstances.
9. During the selection day, candidates will carry out two cognitive tests consisting of:
  - multiple-choice and open questions about sustainability issues;
  - multiple-choice and open questions about mathematics and system analysis.
10. Candidates with a disability can be provided with reasonable facilities during the selection day.

Candidates who wish to make use of such facilities are requested to contact us by email by 1 February 2019 at the latest. The time available for both selection-day tests will in principle be sufficient for all candidates, including those with dyslexia. Nevertheless, candidates who have a dyslexia statement will be given an extra 15 minutes for both tests.
11. The working language during the selection day is English. The tests will also be taken in English.
12. Detected instances of cheating will result in the candidate's immediate exclusion from selection for the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme at Utrecht University.

#### Ranking and admission

13. The ranking is based on the scores for the cognitive tests taken on the selection day and an assessment of the information provided on the candidate's application form, CV and transcript of grades. The profile test will not be used for admission to the 2019-2020 academic year, but will be used for research into the relationship between selection criteria and study success rates.
14. The transcript of the final marks for the pre-examination or final examination year will be used to categorise candidates based on pre-examination or final examination marks. Candidates will be divided into categories on the basis of their marks. The conversion of foreign pre-university marks (including International or European Baccalaureate) will be carried out using the available knowledge of Utrecht University's International Office.
15. The weighting of the components is as follows:
  - a. Cognitive test on sustainability issues: 40%
  - b. Cognitive test on mathematics and systems analysis: 25%
  - c. Information from the application form and CV: 20%
  - d. Transcript of final marks for pre-examination or final examination year: 15%
16. The results of the selection are only valid for applications to the Global Sustainability Science Bachelor's programme for the 2019-2020 academic year.
17. A candidate may submit an objection to the selection decision to the Executive Board of Utrecht University (<http://students.uu.nl/en/practical-information/academic-policies-and-procedures/complaints-objections-and-appeals/executive-board>) within six weeks of the day the admission decision is made known.



**Utrecht University**

Administrative data

Programme code: CROHO 56987

Degree programme: Global Sustainability Science

Number of places (intake restriction): 160

Number of times candidates can take part in decentralised selection: 3 times

Number of places reserved for objections and appeals: 10

Formal starting date of selection: 31 January 2019

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