

Bildung Climate School

Course guide 2026-2027

Semester	1
Inholland location(s)	Rotterdam
Inholland faculty	BRC
Language of instruction	English
Cycle	Bachelor level
Number of ECTS	15 or 30

Subjects

Subject title	ECTS	Course code
Bildung Climate School (BCS)	15	To be announced
Arts & Science Lab (RASL) or Explore Societal Challenges	15	To be announced

Content subjects

The 'gap year feeling' without taking a gap year

Do you want to make an impact on the world while developing yourself? At the Bildung Climate School, you immerse yourself in personal growth, sustainability, creativity, and real-world experience. You collaborate with mbo, hbo, and university students (different school levels in The Netherlands) and different nationalities on real sustainability challenges in Rotterdam, take part in inspiring workshops led by entrepreneurs, artists, and scientists, and complete a internship at a company facing a sustainability challenge.

The Bildung Climate School minor is the first interdisciplinary and inclusive minor in the Netherlands that combines students from different kinds of educational levels (vocational education, universities of applied sciences, and research universities). The students work together with real companies on sustainability challenges in Rotterdam. Students work toward the same learning objectives in mixed teams, making use of each other's strengths.

The minor programme consists of two parts of 10 weeks each, in different places with different teachers, students and programmes.

Part 1: BCS

In the first period, you participate in the Bildung Climate School (15 ECTS).

The foundation of the BCS programme is rooted in the principles of Bildung. It starts from the recognition that, in many ways, the world is not doing well, and that education should prepare young people for the "collapse." This means learning practical skills, as well as developing the mental resilience needed to cope with existing and future challenges.

Part 2: Choose between RASL or Explore Societal Challenges

For the remaining 10 weeks (15 ECTS) you're welcome to participate in the Rotterdam Arts & Science Lab (RASL).

This minor was created to facilitate transdisciplinary learning and collaborative research across and beyond the arts and sciences. You will complete 15 ECTS within this programme.

Read more: [RASL | Minor: Re-imagining tomorrow through arts & sciences](#)

An other possibility is the minor 'Explore Societal Challenges'

This minor (15 ECTS) enables you to design and carry out a self-directed inquiry connected to a broad societal challenge such as health, sustainability, social justice, or the digital society. This minor makes it possible to further explore the issue you worked on in the BCS and to implement ideas and solutions. Read more: [Civic Studio - Explore Societal Challenges](#).

Learning outcomes

Addressing sustainability challenges (5 ects)

You are able to develop creative and innovative solutions to complex issues related to climate change, poverty, waste management, and sustainability. You do this by engaging with

information from diverse sources, such as reading literature, listening to experts and stakeholders, watching documentaries, and applying previously acquired knowledge. You identify and analyse a sustainability challenge and, through (creative) design and improvement, arrive at new insights, expressions, and solution pathways that contribute to a better world.

Interdisciplinary collaboration (5 ects)

You contribute your own (professional) expertise and personal qualities, while valuing and making use of the perspectives, expertise, and qualities of others to effectively address challenges together. You take an active role within the team and collaborate in a constructive and solution-oriented way.

Personal growth and reflection (5 ects)

You actively guide your personal development by making well-founded choices, formulating personal learning questions and goals, making use of feedback, and reflecting on your (sustainability-related) skills, actions, and your role and contribution within the team, your environment, and society.

RASL has its own learning outcomes, please refer to the link above.

Mode of delivery, planned activities and teaching methods

Bildung (2 workshops per week)

You develop personal leadership, group resilience, and social engagement through a unique mix of artistic, academic, and practical workshops. You will take part in tailor made Bildung workshops led by inspiring professionals, such as sustainable entrepreneurs, dancers, biodiversity experts, sustainability economists, mindfulness coaches, and artists. You will be challenged to grow, reconnect with your body, heart, and mind, and discover your role as a change agent.

Sustainability (1 workshop per week)

We need to (re)learn how to work with our hands in order to live more sustainably. You will gain hands on experience with skills such as vegetarian cooking, sewing, repairing, identifying edible plants in nature, and recycling waste into new products. This takes place in collaboration with inspiring sustainable initiatives in Rotterdam.

Internship (1 day per week)

In a group of 4 or 5 students (a mix of MBO, HBO, and university students), you will work 6-8 hours per week on a sustainability challenge within a company.

Project (2 sessions per week)

You bring your internship company's sustainability challenge into the classroom and collaboratively design a fashion item and a campaign, which will be presented during a live show in Rotterdam. The fashion industry is one of the least sustainable sectors in the world. By reusing materials, you will learn sewing, teamwork, project management, and experience the joy of creating. No sewing experience is required: fashion students and a local fashion school will support you. You may also choose to focus on the campaign, film, or social media.

Reflection (1 session per week)

In such an intensive programme, reflection is essential. Through guided, experiential

workshops, including mindfulness, boxing, art, and journaling, you reflect on what you are learning and formulate your personal purpose.

For the second part (offered by Erasmus University), please refer to the links above.

Prerequisites and co-requisites

This minor is open to third- and fourth-year students of universities of applied sciences and research universities who are motivated to engage with social and climate-related challenges. A curious mindset, an open perspective, and a willingness to develop yourself are more important than prior knowledge.

Why this minor is right for you:

- You are passionate about sustainability and social impact.
- You want to develop yourself as a broadly skilled professional.
- You are looking for an inspiring, close-knit, and multidisciplinary community.

Recommended or required reading and/or other learning recourses/tools

www.bildungclimateschool.com

[Pedagogies of Collapse | Radical Education for Social and Environmental Change](#)

Assessment methods and criteria

Your development within the BCS is assessed through reflections, project presentations, a portfolio, and internship assignments. The assessments provide insight into your learning process, collaboration, creativity, and professional attitude.

The second part is assessed according to the examination method of the complementary programme and is evaluated by examiners from Erasmus University.

Lecturer(s)

Among others:

Ginie Servant-Miklos, founder, director and lecturer of the BCS

Claudia Angeli