

## **Presentation of courses and tracks Utrecht University Joint Programme, 2019-2020 in the Welcome booklet/on website**

To make it clearer to prospective JP students that they will study within a SUSDT track at Utrecht University, we need to change the lay-out of the presentation of the courses. Also, some explanation of the division of a semester into two periods and the timeslot system can be useful. We can give this information on the JP website, on the Utrecht University website and in the JP Welcome booklet.

This is the text I would like to use:

When you study in the Joint Programme in Sustainable Development at Utrecht University (either as your Home University or as your Mobility University), you will join many other Sustainable Development Master's students in a so-called 'track'. Each track has some compulsory courses and some electives.

The track you will follow is determined by the Admissions Committee and fits your background, abilities and interests. The three tracks on offer are:

- Energy & Materials
- Environmental Change and Ecosystems
- Earth System Governance

### Teaching periods at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University, classes take place during two semesters per year, each of which can be divided into two blocks, or periods, of 9 or 10 weeks. If you start the Joint Programme at Utrecht University (Utrecht is your home university), you will study with us in periods 1 and 2 of your 1<sup>st</sup> year and the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

If you join Utrecht University in your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as a mobility student, you will study with us in periods 3 and 4 of your 1<sup>st</sup> year.

#### *Semester I:*

Period 1: Starts Monday of week 36 (around the beginning of September)

Period 2: Starts Monday of week 46 (around mid-November)

In period 2, there are two weeks without lectures, usually week 52 and week 1.

#### *Semester II:*

Period 3: Starts Monday of week 6 (around the beginning of February)

Period 4: Starts Monday of week 17 (around mid-April)

### Time slots at Utrecht University

At Utrecht University a so-called timeslotmodel is used to schedule courses to fit into fixed parts of the week. Using this model prevents overlap in a schedule. In this way, it is easy to see if two courses can be taken in the same period.

The Utrecht University timeslotmodel consists of five slots (A, B, C, D, E).

Timeslot A = Monday morning and Wednesday morning

Timeslot B = Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon

Timeslot C = Monday afternoon and Thursday morning

Timeslot D = Wednesday afternoon and Friday

Timeslot E = Monday evening until Friday evening

Morning = 09.00-12.45 hours, afternoon = 13.15-19.00 hours, evening = 18.00-21.45 hours.

Periods and timeslots have been put into the course schedules below.

**Note:** each year this may be subject to change. No rights can be derived from this schedule.

#### Utrecht University as Home University

**Bold** = mandatory SUS  
 Normal = mandatory track course  
 [ ] = free elective

**EM** = Utrecht track Energy & Materials  
**ECE** = Utrecht track Environmental Change & Ecosystems  
**ESG** = Utrecht track Earth System Governance

#### Year 1 (intake 2019)

Period 1	<b>(A+B) Perspectives on Sustainable Development, GEO4-2301</b>	<b>EM:</b> (C) Tools for Energy & Materials Analysis, GEO4-2326 <b>ECE:</b> (C) Environmental Change Theories, GEO4-2310 <b>ESG:</b> (C) Foundations of ESG Research, GEO4-2306
Period 2	<b>(C) Systems thinking, Scenarios &amp; Indicators for SD (GEO4-2331)</b>	<b>EM:</b> (B) Energy Supply Technologies, GEO4-2312 <b>ECE:</b> [Free elective] <b>ESG:</b> (B) Governance Theories, GEO4-2332
Period 3	Mobility semester	Mobility semester
Period 4	Mobility semester	Mobility semester

#### Year 2 (intake 2018)

Period 1	<b>(D) Transdisciplinary case study, GEO4-2302</b>	<b>EM:</b> (B) Energy & Material Efficiency, GEO4-2324 <b>ECE:</b> [Free elective] <b>ESG:</b> [Free elective]
Period 2	<b>Master's thesis SD, GEO4-2321</b> + Extended thesis, or extra free electives (15 EC)	
Period 3		
Period 4		

Possibly interesting electives Copernicus Institute:  
 GEO4-2323: Environmental Ethics (1A)  
 GEO4-2327: Climate System and Adaptation (2B)

#### Utrecht University as Mobility University

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 Normal = mandatory track course  
 [ ] = free elective

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**ECE** = Utrecht track Environmental Change & Ecosystems  
**ESG** = Utrecht track Earth System Governance

#### Year 1 (intake 2019)

Period 1	at your Home university	at your Home university
Period 2	at your Home university	at your Home university
Period 3	<b>(C) Research Design, GEO4-2314</b>	<b>EM:</b> [Free elective] <b>ECE:</b> (A+B) Environmental Systems Analysis, GEO4-2303 <b>ESG:</b> (D) Research Strategies ESG, GEO4-2304
Period 4	<b>EM:</b> (C) Policies for Energy and Materials Transitions, GEO4-2311 <b>ECE:</b> (A+C) Research project ECE, GEO4-2335	<b>EM:</b> [Free elective] <b>ECE:</b> (A+C) Research project ECE, GEO4-2335

	<b>ESG:</b> (C) Analysing Governance Practices, GEO4-2328	<b>ESG:</b> (B) International Governance for SD, GEO4-2305
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Possibly interesting electives Energy & Materials track at the Copernicus Institute:

GEO4-2325: Current and Future Geo-Energy Resources (3A)

GEO4-2521: Bio-based Economy (3B)

GEO4-2513: Photovoltaic Solar Energy Physics (4A)