**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Sustainability Science minor introduces you to the concept of sustainable development, taking into account social, ecological, cultural and economic perspectives. In this way you will acquire, in addition to specialist knowledge, especially interdisciplinary knowledge and competencies, such as thinking in complex contexts, the capability for interdisciplinary cooperation with representatives of different subjects and constructive dialogue with non-academic actors in order to foster sustainability. By means of project-based learning, group processes and a problem-oriented approach you will also acquire a range of soft skills, such as, for example, the ability to communicate to different audience, present your projects in multiple formats, and deal with time and project management.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

At Leuphana College, the Bachelor degree programme consists of four components: the course starts with **Leuphana Semester**, in which you learn the basic methodology and cover the fundamental areas for an academic degree in your major. From the second semester, your Bachelor programme is divided in to a **major** (main subject), **minor** (subsidiary subject) and **Complementary Studies**. The Minor in Sustainability Science is organised along 5 modules which run over four semesters (from the second to the fifth semester of the Bachelor programme).

**COURSE CONTENT**

In the Sustainability Science minor, you look into issues of sustainability, analysing the consequences of non-sustainable ways of acting, describing the complex systems involved in this and working on sustainable solutions – depending on the seminar you select, e.g. with a more natural-sciences-oriented or human-sciences-oriented focus.

In doing so, you can select a particular topic that will act as an object of investigation, and from where you will analyse complex social and ecological relations, as well as, identify possible solutions that contribute to sustainability. Over the course of study, you will transfer this problem to a concrete space, in order to also be able to assess and apply your findings in local and regional contexts. In addition, you will try out control and solution methods for sustainable development, by implementing your own projects in the region and thus establishing the bridge between theory and practice.

You can study the minor entirely in English: both of the introductory modules in the second and third semesters as well as all modules within the natural-sciences-oriented profile **Biodiversity Conservation and Food Security** and the human-sciences-oriented profile **Governance** are offered in English.

**MORE INFORMATION**

Detailed information about all modules of the study programme can be found in the Subject-Specific Schedule (Fachspezifische Anlage, FSA) for the Sustainability Science minor.

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