

YUFE Challenge - Greening the City

Study programme	YUFE Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies
Academic year	2026/2027
Curriculum component	Minor: Urban Ecology
Year and semester	Second Year, Second Semester
Course type	Compulsory
ECTS credits	8
Contact hours (L+S+E)	5+45+0
Language of instruction	English

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Prerequisites

No requirements.

Course objectives

During the Challenge, students will work on a “real life problem” related to how cities and urban areas negotiate the effects of climate change on the everyday life of citizens. This requires taking a multiple stakeholder perspective, where they will consider the needs of the citizens living in these areas, as well as the interests of the relevant stakeholders (e.g. city administration, NGO’s). Students will present the “solutions” they have found during the course to the relevant stakeholders at the end of the course.

Learning outcomes

- Effectively work in transdisciplinary teams
- Consolidate, apply and extend knowledge about the effects of climate change in urban areas
- Identify the principle needs and interests of relevant stakeholders concerning the issue that is being explored
- Under supervision, design research projects related to climate change in urban areas Effectively present research findings to a wider audience

Course content

- The course will consist of a block of lectures outlining the challenge, followed by weekly seminars/meetings to discuss the progress students are making in their
- research on the Challenge. At the end of the course, students will present their findings to the rest of the group and relevant stakeholders.

Teaching and learning methods

lectures and seminars and workshops.

Assessment and grading

Grading will be based on the presentation at the end of the course (30%), as well as participation during the course (70%) Attending classes, research, presentation

Grading scale

Grade	Percentage
5 (A)	90-100%
4 (B)	75-89.9%
3 (C)	60-74.9%
2 (D)	50-59.9%
1 (F)	0-49.9%