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Global Responsibility & Leadership



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Are you looking for a unique programme where you can **build your own curriculum** and **contribute to solving global challenges**? University College Fryslân (UCF) is the perfect place for you!

UCF is based on the tradition of a "Liberal Arts & Sciences" education, which provides you with broad knowledge of the wider world, but also allows you to study a specific area of interest in more depth. This innovative educational approach also fosters a strong sense of social responsibility. Our commitment to societal impact shines through in UCF's Global Responsibility & Leadership (GRL) Bachelor's programme.

Keep reading about the GRL programme or contact us to learn more!



Global Responsibility & Leadership

Global Responsibility and Leadership (GRL) is rooted in Liberal Arts & Sciences education and inspired by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This programme integrates sustainability themes with social responsibility, leadership, and innovation. Are you a good fit for GRL?

- You are driven, curious, and willing to explore various subjects before narrowing down your focus
- You want to join an engaged, tight-knit community of open-minded, dedicated peers
- You are ready to connect with local stakeholders and help them find a solution to their challenges
- You aim to build a unique curriculum that follows your personal interests and makes you stand out to employers!

Explore **local solutions to global challenges** by learning about politics, psychology, economics, global health, energy and climate - and **apply your knowledge to real-life problems** by collaborating with one of our many partners.

Join Global Responsibility & Leadership, the **no. 1 Bachelor's programme in the Netherlands** according to the Keuzegids 2024 - your options are limitless!



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Tackle global challenges by
finding local solutions

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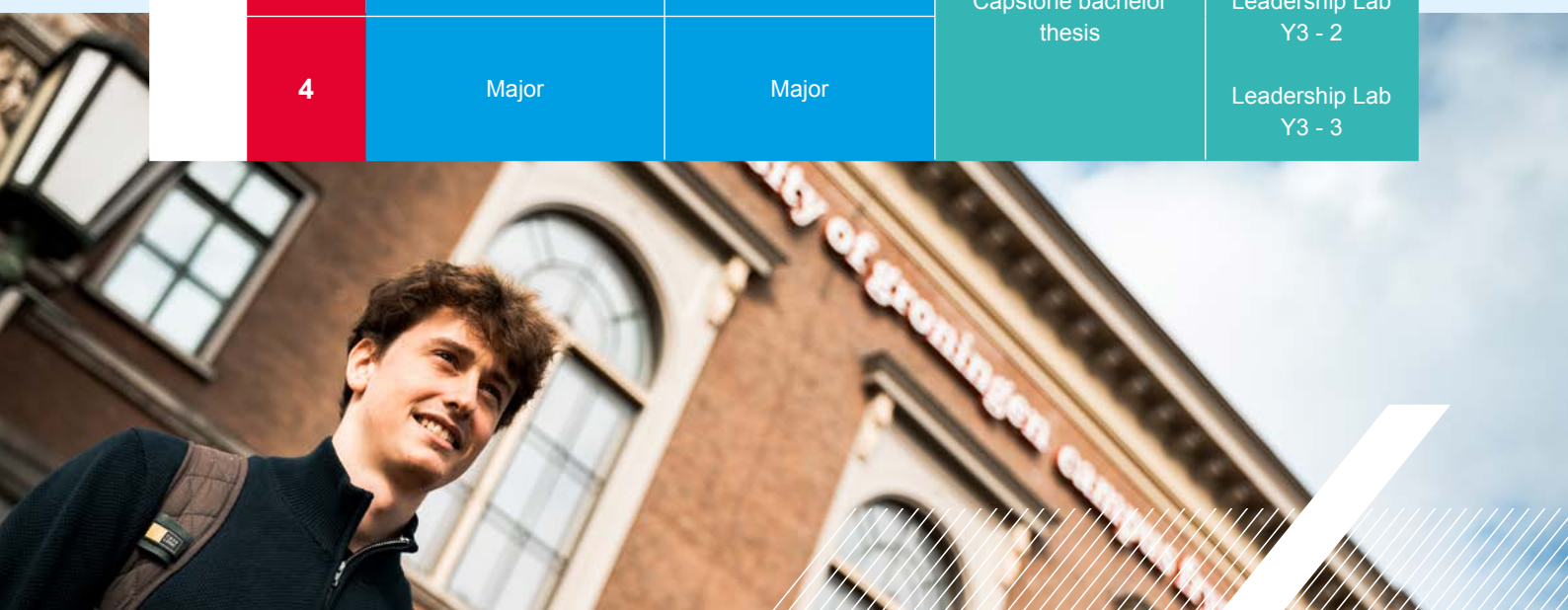
- Helena Hamera, GRL student -

Welcome

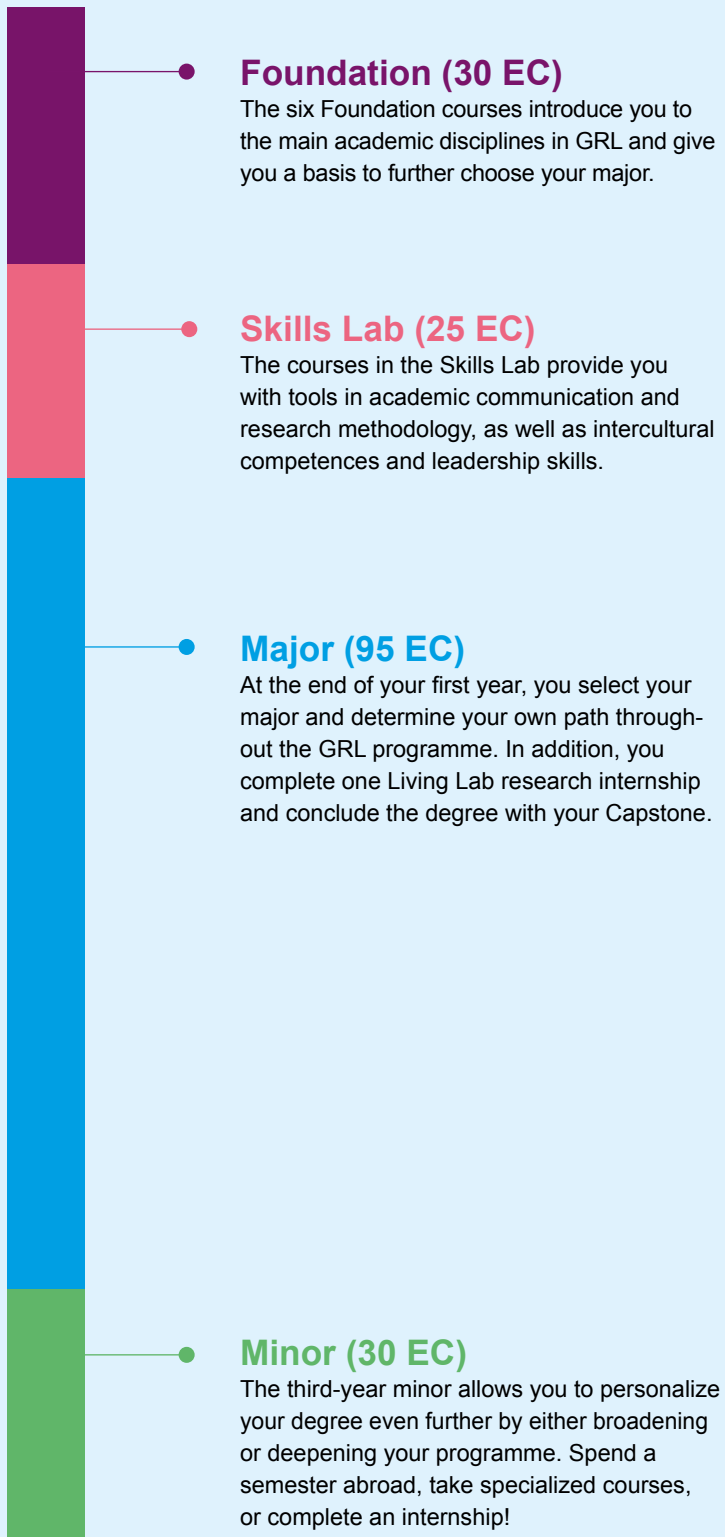
Your GRL journey

The GRL programme consists of four main components that need to be fulfilled throughout the three years: the Foundation, the Skills Lab, the Major and the Minor.

Year	Term	Courses			
1	1	Introduction to Sustainable Energy Transition	Explaining Human Behaviour	Information Technology for Interdisciplinary Studies	Leadership Lab Y1 – 1
	2	Politics, Power & International Responsibility	The Earth System	Language & Culture	Leadership Lab Y1 – 2
	3	Principles of Economics	Statistics I	Major	Leadership Lab Y1 – 3
	4	Introduction to Global Health	Qualitative Methods	Major	Leadership Lab Y1 – 4
2	1	Statistics II	Major	Personal Leadership Lab	
	2	Major	Major	Ethics & Global Responsibility	
	3	Major	Major	Living Lab research internship	
	4	Major	Major		
3	1	Minor (for example: semester abroad or pre-master)			
	2	Minor (for example: semester abroad or pre-master)			
	3	Major	Major	Capstone bachelor thesis	Leadership Lab Y3 - 1
	4	Major	Major		Leadership Lab Y3 - 2
					Leadership Lab Y3 - 3



Total curriculum (180 EC)



Leadership

Leadership Labs

Your personal Leadership Lab is focused on self-discovery and self-development; by reflecting on your own skills and interests, you develop your own leadership style. Grow as a global citizen and as a professional in close collaboration with your fellow students and lecturers!

Living Lab projects

The Living Lab research internship is a unique opportunity to gain professional experience and tackle a real, practical challenge in collaboration with a partner organization. Take ownership of your project and develop solutions that can actually be implemented!

Capstone

For the Capstone, you write your bachelor thesis. It allows you to demonstrate your knowledge and skills, as well as your development as a personally and socially responsible student and citizen.



Educational concept

You're interested in a programme where you can combine different interests and where you can develop as a leader and global citizen - but what does that actually look like in GRL?



Inter- and transdisciplinary

Today's problems require a variety of knowledge and skills - explore different fields of study and apply your knowledge right away in the Living Labs.



Leadership

A sustainable future requires capable leaders in all parts of society to achieve real change. GRL allows you to discover what kind of leader you want to be and encourages you to develop yourself in the Leadership Labs.



International community

University College Fryslân is fundamentally international. Students and staff come from different nationalities and backgrounds and the content of all courses has a clear international focus.



Small-scale and intensive

Our teaching takes place in small-scale workshop-like settings, encompassing active and digital learning in all our classes.

Majors



Politics, Philosophy & Economics

Dive into the fields of politics, philosophy, and economics to understand how societies make decisions, and how you can influence them for the better.

Examples of courses:

- Political Economy and Degrowth
- Global Injustice: Philosophical Perspectives

Political Science track

Economics track



Psychology & Global Health

Understand how human behavior affects global health challenges, and discover how to improve both individual and community well-being through behavior change.

Examples of courses:

- Diversity, Intersectionality and Global Health
- Worldwide Analyses of Global Health Issues

Psychology track

Global Health track



Ecology, Energy & Climate

Explore how earth system science, environmental science, and the energy transition interact in addressing climate change and improving biodiversity and sustainability.

Examples of courses:

- Climate Data and Service
- Petrocultures in Transition

Earth & Environment track

Energy Transition track





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Together with Groninger Voedseltuinen and the municipality of Westerkwartier, we researched roadblocks and opportunities for community-supported agriculture, which allows producers to sell directly to customers. We produced a report and a roadmap, which will help both partners improve their support for this type of local and sustainable agriculture.

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- Leslie Knigge, Martin Ottens en Yasmin Madsen, GRL students and nominees of the Ben Feringa Impact Award 2024 -



Unique features

Community engagement

Being part of the warm and tight-knit UCF community is an integral part of the GRL programme. Many students choose to live together, but there are also many extracurricular activities where students (and staff) can meet. Study association Nobis Cura Futuri contains many committees about all sorts of interests, from debating to sports and art!

Global challenges - local solutions

Our programme is based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and equips you to find local and regional solutions to worldwide issues, such as climate change, access to education, and gender inequality. Our students tend to be politically engaged and motivated to make changes in- and outside of their community.

Living Lab projects

The Living Lab research internship allows you to apply your knowledge and skills in the real world. You work together with stakeholders to provide recommendations to a real-world question, based on academic research. Previous Living Lab partners have been the Global Center on Climate Adaptation, the Municipality of Leeuwarden, Amnesty International, House of Design, and Groninger Voedsel-tuinen.

Our students

Students in the GRL programme come from **all walks of life**: different countries, educational backgrounds, and personal stories are all well-represented in our cohorts.

What our students have in common is a wide **variety of academic and personal interests** and a real motivation **to bring about change**. Omrop Fryslân made a documentary about four GRL students and their goals and ambitions for the future - check it out below!"



Curious?
Check out the
documentary here.



“ The education that UCF offers is both unique in the Netherlands and highly necessary to address the challenges of our time. ”

- Max Eisenbart, GRL graduate -

After graduation

GRL graduates are prepared to **take on Master's programmes in a wide variety of fields**, usually based on their major of choice. Some alumni also choose to **work after graduation**, i.e. at their former Living Lab partner or in the form of a traineeship.

Possible Masters after GRL

PPE major	EEC major	PGH major
International Relations (Central European University Vienna)	Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation (Lund University)	Clinical and Psychosocial Epidemiology (University of Groningen)
Investigative Journalism (University of Gothenborg)	Environmental & Energy Management (University of Twente)	Human Security (Aarhus University)
Business and Development Studies (Copenhagen Business School)	Spatial Planning and Transportation Engineering (Aalto University)	Migration, Ethnic Relations and Multiculturalism (Utrecht University)

Possible careers after GRL

- Subsidy Advisor
- Java Developer
- Trainee Project Developer
- Energy & Finance Consultant
- Political Coordinator
- Junior Project Assistant
- Sustainability Advisor
- + interns, trainees



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