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IMPULS

Facilitating Service Learning for Sustainability

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1. Sustainability Office

Who are we and what do we do?

«The Sustainability Office integrates sustainability as an interdisciplinary topic into all areas of the University of Basel. Founded to take on the role of a catalyst, the Sustainability Office supports and coordinates sustainability initiatives at the University of Basel and implements its own projects in close cooperation with other faculties and departments»

www.unibas.ch/sustainability

2. IMPULS

What is IMPULS?

**IMPULS - Facilitating Service Learning for sustainability
(www.unibas.ch/impuls)**

IMPULS stands for the impulses in the field of sustainability that the support program wants to set for lecturers and students.

Supports teachers

- That integrate the Service Learning method into their course
- And integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into the student's projects

Objective:

- Support student projects
- Support 3-4 courses per semester

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Why did we start IMPULS?

Starting Point:

- High workload for students, additional student jobs make it even more difficult for societal engagement
- Majority of students have no contact points to topics of sustainability/sustainable development
- Students with not contacts to sustainability difficult to reach

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- Supports student engagement and projects
- Supports the implementation of a “new” teaching and learning method
- Sensitizes teachers and students for sustainable development and the SDGs

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What does this program offer?

For lecturers:

- Financial support up to 2,000 CHF
- Teaching and promotion of didactic skills for the Service Learning method
- Mediation of and cooperation with practical partners and experts from the university's internal and external network
- Provision of expertise on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals

For students:

- Mentoring during the project implementation
- Mediation of external/internal project partners for the project realization
- Financial support for the realization of projects (included in the CHF 2,000 grant for lecturers)
- Additional events: Kick-off with mentors, SDG-Excursion to the UN in Geneva

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How does it work?

1.

- Application

2.

- Selection by independent committee

3.

- Execution of the courses

- Teachers execute their course with the theoretical content
- Input to IMPULS, Service Learning and sustainable development
- Students execute their projects with project partners and help from mentors
- (Part of) examination: final poster or short report about the project and reflected discussion about the SDGs

4.

- Evaluation & implementation of lessons learned

3. Sustainable Development

What is our understanding of Sustainable Development?

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Current Courses

- **Klimawandel und Anpassungsstrategien**: Adaptation strategies to climate change in the Upper Rhine region (Department of Social Science, Sociology)
- **Migration, Mobility and Change**: Debating Key Issues (Department for Social Science, Seminar for Cultural Studies and European Ethnology)
- **Art of Intervention II**: Performing Gender - Critique of gendered processes of subjectivation on and behind the theater stage (Department of Social Science, Gender Studies)
- **Feasibility and effects of taking cold showers**: A research project within the master's project «Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie» (Faculty for Psychology)

Any questions, comments...?

Q&A

Thank you.

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