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Dealing with Global Challenges **K.H.Kempen University College, Geel, Belgium** **Spring semester 6 ECTS (3 ECTS + 3 ECTS)** **Programme in English**

Aim

This course aims at developing the following competences:

- Integrate contemporary challenges and international perspectives in professional behaviour and functioning
- Professionalization, lifelong learning, reflecting on other learning contexts
- Multidisciplinary cooperation and functioning in a team with international students
- Intercultural communication and diversity

Content

The programme comprises

- Global challenges
 - Economic crisis: unemployment, international debt and industrialisation
 - Commodity crisis: depletion of fossil fuels, minerals and food
 - Inequality in the world: socio-economic inequity, North-South relations, development cooperation, health promotion and illiteracy
 - Migration, refugees, traffic in women, asylum
 - Ecological crisis: climate change (GHG, factor 10) and Sustainable Development: resilience, cradle to cradle, Life Cycle Assessment
- International perspectives
 - Alternative worldviews
 - Globalisation and neoliberalism
 - International relations: cooperation and sovereignty (Treaty of Lisbon)
 - International theories: realism, liberalism, constructivism,...
 - International organisations: UN, NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe, EU
- Professional behaviour, international practices and multidisciplinary cooperation
 - International projects: success factors, opportunities and challenges
 - Theory about diversity, intercultural models and gender
 - Cultures: cultural evolutionism, culture clash, cultural relativism, cultural dominance
 - Culture, intercultural communication (Hofstede, Lewis, TOPOI, digital storytelling), intercultural training

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- Liberation theology and pedagogics of the suppressed (Paolo Frère)
- Human rights, social justice and views on humanity
- Millennium goals and food security
- Fair Trade and microcredits (Yunus)

Course prerequisites

- Applicants have to be in their second or preferably third year of a bachelor degree programme
- Intermediate level of English

Assessment

- Project based group work, presentation and written exam
- ECTS grading scale

General structure

- The programme is open for international and Belgian students
- Spring term: 2nd February to 23rd May 2011
- Welcome days on 2-3-4 February 2011
- Each Monday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
- 6 ECTS credits (or a choice of 3 ECTS)
- estimated workload: 150 hours (of which 45 hours in class)
- The programme can be combined with a project/placement or with other field specific courses

Application

- Apply before 1 December 2010.
- No tuition fee for students of Erasmus partner university colleges of K.H.Kempen
- A small fee will be charged for course materials and cultural visits.
- For more information, please contact the coordinator of the module:
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Studying in Geel

Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen is a university college situated in the Kempen, a dynamic region in the province of Antwerp in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium. It comprises eleven departments and has more than 7,000 students. K.H.Kempen University College has very good study and e-learning facilities in a friendly environment. It maintains excellent connections with employers of the Kempen region and beyond.

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