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UCM Think Tank Project

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The objective of the project is to allow students to focus their multidisciplinary background on a real social (or corporate) issue presented by an external client, and to propose a solution in the form of for example a (policy) recommendation or other final report.

WHEN

The project runs over 2.5 months (11 weeks), in which groups of a maximum of 10 students analyse the case, conduct research and write a proposal/research report in a team effort, within which they are largely responsible for the way in which they organize themselves.

- The weeks are usually used as follows:
 - problem analysis
 - research
 - formulating a proposal
 - report writing and presenting the proposal
- Period: April through first half of May (part-time), and second half of May through first half of June (full-time).
- Students: Predominantly third year students participate in Think Tank. The project is advanced level for bachelor's students.

UCM OFFERS

- An opportunity to have a group of highly motivated and knowledgeable students investigate complex issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, leading to a recommendation aimed at application in practice. Clients can expect, for example: A profound and rich analysis of their problem, a new perspective, things to do, criteria for success.

UCM ASKS

- Availability of one or more representatives of the client for:
 - Developing the assignment (prior to the project; one or two meetings).
 - Presenting the assignment (start of the project, one meeting).
 - Receiving and commenting on the initial problem analysis (during the project, one meeting).
 - Receiving the final report and presentation (end of the project, one meeting).
 - Giving in between advice, feedback, etc.

THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THINK TANK BEFORE

- Amalied Foundation
- Amnesty International
- AURORI
- Avantis
- Bandung Street Children Program
- Bee Good Company
- De Bundeling
- Center for Big Data Statistics
- Centre Ceramique Maastricht
- CEPAG
- Centric
- CIGRE
- Circee
- Cube Design Museum
- Dearhunter
- Delbia
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ICLEI
- EDLAB Maastricht University
- ENGIE
- EUREX
- Eurofinas
- Eurovisions
- Friend in Need India Trust
- Huis voor de Kunsten Limburg
- Free Press Unlimited
- GGD Limburg
- Green Office Maastricht University
- Heiligdomsvaart Maastricht
- Homa Reto
- iArts
- ICLEI
- Inspiratiehuis
- ITEM
- KplusV
- Le Souk D'Orient
- LEKTA
- Lingua e Musica
- Love Foundation
- Lucky Crumbs
- Maastricht Court of Audit
- Maastricht Sustainable City
- Maastricht Urban Culture
- Maastricht Young Academy
- MAASTRO
- MERIAN
- MMSRC Student Conference on Medicine
- Modulu
- Mondiaal Centrum Maastricht
- Municipality of Sittard-Geleen
- Municipality of Heerlen
- Municipality of Maastricht
- Muziekgieterij Maastricht
- MVV Maastricht
- NatuurGluren
- Nederlandse Dansdagen
- Parkstad Limburg
- Parkstad Limburg Theaters
- Platform Veilig Ondernemen Limburg
- PoFu
- Policy Limburg
- Pop Culture Zuid-Limburg
- Pop Jazz Education Zuid-Limburg
- Possler Consulting
- Province of Limburg
- Rabobank
- RaMa
- Recyclehero
- Rootability
- SharePower
- Slow Company
- Socialist Party Maastricht
- Stadsnomade
- Station F
- Stichting Meer Kleur en Kwaliteit
- Student Hotel
- Studied
- Sufi
- Syllucid
- Trajekt Maastricht
- UMC+ Maastricht
- Via2018 – Maastricht Cultural Capital
- Wildling Shoes
- YUFE
- Zuyd Hogeschool

UCM IN GENERAL

- UCM is the Liberal Arts and Sciences honours college of Maastricht University.
- 3-year program. End degree: Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences, with the aim of pursuing a Master's degree afterwards.
- Students design their own curriculum based on a broad range of courses, working towards a clear focus ('open curriculum').
- Students focus within one of three concentrations: Social Sciences, Humanities or Sciences.
- Examples of disciplines on which our students can focus: International Relations, Political Science, (Political) Philosophy, Sociology, History, Economics, (Biomedical) Sciences and (Social) Psychology.
- Currently approximately 850 students (300 influx per year).
- For more information on our program and curriculum, see: www.ucm.nl