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Minors

Situation sketch

The Minor-major system was introduced nationally in 2007 to broaden and make Bachelor's programmes more flexible. The minor possibilities in Delft lie within the study (deepening or broadening), but also outside in the form of an entrepreneurship, internship or foreign affairs minor. Students can also compose their minor with a free minor outside or within the TU Delft. This must be a coherent package of subjects.

For most studies in Delft, there is a margin of 30 points for the minor programme, except for Clinical Technology. The minors that the TU itself offers are only in the first semester.

Around April, the TU organises a central information event and there is also a lot of information online about the minors. This is not the same for every minor. In May, the first registration moment for the minor takes place, in which students can indicate their top five. A drawing of lots will result in the student being assigned a place for the minor. If a student did not receive a place after the first drawing or was too late with his/her registration, he/she can register for the second registration moment in June, where a drawing will also take place.

Thanks to ORAS, there is also the possibility to do one of the LDE Minors, a coherent package of subjects from Leiden University, TU Delft and Erasmus University Rotterdam. In addition, in the first registration round, capacity will be reserved for students from Delft in minors organised entirely by Leiden University or Erasmus University Rotterdam.

ORAS's vision

The minor is an excellent opportunity for active and motivated students to develop themselves. It makes the university education more personal, influences the motivation and because of the free choice space, there is academic education. The underlying idea of the minor is to broaden and make the study programme more flexible, ORAS shares this view. Students should therefore have enough freedom of choice in the minor. They must have the choice to broaden or to deepen, in Delft and beyond. Capacity problems with popular and unique minors should therefore be addressed. Besides, it is important that the quality of minors is high enough and that the level of the minors offered by the TU is of the same order of magnitude.

When considering whether the minor can be shortened, ORAS believes that the minor should remain in its current form (30EC). A smaller minor will not be able to guarantee sufficient broadening. Furthermore, the current form of the minor offers the opportunity to take a minor at other Dutch universities or to study abroad for six months.