

## INFORMATION ON CIRCLE U. CLIMATE SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

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Annexe(s): Summer School Programme

**Title:** Empowering Climate Action: Policy, Communication and Agency

**Target group:** Bachelor students of all disciplines from Circle U. universities

**Location:** Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin + online on Zoom

**Dates:** a) online: **8, 10, 12, 15 and 17 July 2024** (participation is mandatory)  
b) Berlin: **22 – 26 July 2024**

**ECTS:** 5 ECTS

**Assessment:** active participation, completion of online tasks and group work assessed on a pass/fail basis. All classes will be taught in English.

### Workload & Assessment

The Summer School consists of 125 study hours, 45 of which are contact hours (15,5h online, 29,5 face-to-face in Berlin), 80 of which are structured independent learning (individual and group activities).

The school consists of interactive lectures, seminars, workshops, a UN simulation, panel discussions and an excursion.

The overarching aim of the Summer School is to provide a multidisciplinary group of Bachelor students with an introduction to the complex relationships between climate research, climate change, climate impact mitigation and climate policy as well as climate science communication.

The summer school is organized in two parts: An online part and the face-to-face summer school in Berlin. During the online part, students will engage with key concepts in climate science and research around climate change. The online activities will serve to connect students with the other participants from their local Circle U. university. Students will analyse and document examples of climate impact in their home region and research environmental and sustainability policies at their university. During their stay in Berlin, they will mostly work in mixed teams with students from other Circle U. universities. In international and interdisciplinary teams, participants will prepare for a climate negotiation exercise. The aim is to get students to experience the process of negotiating complex issues and conflicting interest. Moreover, students will participate in a workshop on how to write policy papers.

Students' participation in the summer school will be assessed by a learning portfolio of tasks they will complete individually, in pairs or as part of a team. The written part of the portfolio will be completed online (submission via HU-Moodle). The first round of presentations will also take place online (via HUZOOM), the simulation exercise will take place face-to-face in Berlin. Students will complete all tasks during the summer school. The portfolio is formative (pass/fail). Successful participants will receive a *Certificate of Completion* and Certificate Supplement issued by Circle U. In addition, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin will provide a Transcript of Records (5 ECTS). Students who require a grade to have the 5 ECTS from the Summer School recognized by their home university should contact the teaching team before the start of the summer school. They will have to submit a short essay in addition to the portfolio.

## Expected learning outcomes

Having completed this course, students:

- demonstrate an understanding of climate change
- can critically assess and understand information
- can work and communicate across disciplines
- have experienced problem-based learning
- have an insight into the psychological processes surrounding climate change understanding, policy and action
- have an ability to think critically about the role of behaviour change within the science-policy-action nexus
- will understand the importance, and need of climate change mitigation actions
- will better understand the role of the food production and water sector in climate mitigation
- have developed new networks and collaborations

### Website:

[https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/news/copy2\\_of\\_circle-u-summer-schools-in-berlin-oslo-and-paris/201ccommunicating-climate-science201d-at-hu-berlin/circle-u-climate-summer-school-at-hu-register-now#2023%20programme%20and%20how%20to%20apply](https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/news/copy2_of_circle-u-summer-schools-in-berlin-oslo-and-paris/201ccommunicating-climate-science201d-at-hu-berlin/circle-u-climate-summer-school-at-hu-register-now#2023%20programme%20and%20how%20to%20apply)

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