

2023-2024 Holland Scholarship Essay: Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. The Goals are connected and it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030.

For more information please click on the link below:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

Also take a look into the 170 Actions to Transform Our World for further reference:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/student-resources/>

Assignment:

Write an essay about **one** Sustainable Development Goal (SDG):

- How it fits into your bachelor programme
- How it would like you to make a change in the world through your programme/career. (Choose one SDG's from the link above.)

Assignment suggestion:

Choose **one** Sustainable Development Goal from the link above. Research around the goal thinking about the following questions:

- What is the goal?
- How does it relate to your field of study?
- What issue does the goal help address?
- Why is this important?
- How can the goal be achieved?
- Which strategies have worked in different countries?

Word limit: minimum 750 words and maximum 1100 words.

Do bear in mind that an essay consists of the following five parts. Below, you can find a sample template elaborating the significance of each section. Each paragraph of an essay can also be divided into three parts namely, the topic sentence of the paragraph, the supporting details and the conclusion statement.

ESSAY OUTLINE SAMPLE TEMPLATE

Name:
Student Number:
Bachelor Programme:
Nationality:
Word count:

I. Introduction

Get the reader's attention – ask a leading question; relay something enticing about the subject in a manner that commands attention. You could start with a related quote, alluring description, or narrative.

Thesis Statement

State the thesis – what you are going to discuss. You could state the causes and effects to be discussed; comparison of subject X and subject Y; your position on the issue; your proposal if applicable; and the main points that will develop your argument.

II. Body

1. First Point, Topic sentence, Explanation

- a. Supporting evidence (examples, facts, theories, statistics, quoted authorities, details, reasons, etc.)
- b. Supporting evidence
- c. (Conclusion and lead-in)

2. Second Point

- a. Support
- b. Support
- c. optional

3. Third Point

- a. Support
- b. Support
- c. optional

III. Conclusion

Summarize your thesis and how your evidence supports your points. Re-emphasize your thesis in a fresh way, showing how you have achieved your purpose. You may wish to appeal to the reader to see how you have come to a logical conclusion, or make a memorable final statement. For example, you could end it with a statement that would make the reader think about it or a question.