How do people continue to learn during their lifespan? What motivates them? How do they develop their talents? How do people collaborate in learning and innovating at their workplaces? What role do social media and (emerging) technologies such as Artificial Intelligence play?

Worldwide, it is stressed that we need to continue learning, our lifelong. This minor offers an interdisciplinary set of courses about lifelong learning. Students gain insights from multiple scientific perspectives and learn to apply them in real world settings, thereby developing collaborative, design and consultancy skills.
Content
People need to continue learning to be able to adapt to the rapid changes in today’s societies and economies. In this minor we bring together a diverse array of disciplinary approaches and theories to help students critically reflect on the different aspects of lifelong learning. The multidisciplinary character of the minor will challenge them to think across disciplinary borders and ideas.

The minor is formed around a nucleus of lecturers from psychology, economics and educational sciences, with guest lectures from other disciplines. The project course “Learning and innovating in organizations” is considered the backbone of the minor. In this course students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds collaborate in consultancy teams of a ‘pop-up’ consultancy firm on real questions from profit and non-profit organizations in the Amsterdam region.

Course overview
- Lifelong learning: personal, organizational and societal perspectives (Introduction) (6ECTS)
- A professional perspective on Lifelong Learning (6ECTS)
- The economics of lifelong learning (3ECTS)
- The future of learning and technology (6ECTS)
- Learning and innovating in organizations (Project) (9 ECTS)

All courses (except for the project “Learning and innovating in organizations”) can be followed as separate elective courses (without following the remaining courses of the minor).

A limited number of students, 30 in total, can enroll in the project course “Learning and innovating in organizations”. These students need to follow the complete minor and register for all five courses. If necessary selection will be made based on motivation.