What is the origin of violent behavior? Why do people, groups, or states commit violent offenses? What are characteristics and explanations of violent behavior? How can we study and understand violence?

This minor offers an interdisciplinary set of courses about various forms of violence, ranging from the interpersonal level, the group level to the level of states and social structures.

After completion of the minor, students will have attained knowledge about the manifestations and consequences of different forms of violence at various levels, how violence can be studied from different perspectives, and what the underlying logics of violence are.
Content
The appearances, types, and impact of violence in social interactions are complex and far-reaching. In this minor we bring together a diverse array of disciplinary approaches and theories to help students study this complexity and to help them reflect critically on the roles of violence in human life. The multidisciplinary character of the minor will challenge students to think across disciplinary borders and ideas.

The minor is formed around a nucleus of lecturers from sociology, anthropology, development studies and child development, with guest lectures by lawyers, historians and political scientists.

Course overview
- Introduction: Setting the stage for the study on violence 6 EC
- Violence 1: Interpersonal violence 6 EC
- Violence 2: Group violence 6 EC
- Violence 3: Structural violence 6 EC
- The Violence Project 6 EC

The first course Introduction: Setting the stage for the study on violence is open to all students; students can follow this course without following the remaining courses of the minor. After you have followed this course you will be able to register for one or more of the three subsequent courses (Violence 1, 2, or 3).

To register for the final course (The Violence Project), you have to follow all courses of the minor Violence.

Only a limited number of students, 30 in total, will be able to follow the complete minor, including The Violence Project.