

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: SSTS

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The core principle of sustainability is the desire to meet the basic material needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. In order to achieve this goal, we must recognize and address the conflicts and trade-offs involved in balancing environmental integrity, social equity, and economic stability. Such complex work necessarily involves contributions from a wide range of disciplines and it also requires a re-examination of the relationship between human value systems, cultural practices, and the associated long-term implications for the ecosystem.

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Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 16

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Students should refer to the Admissions & Policies tab for specific policies related to this program.

Candidates for the minor must complete coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

Core Courses

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| EVPP 480 | Sustainability in Action (Mason Core) | 4 |
| INTS 210 | Sustainable World (Mason Core) | 4 |
| Total Credits | | 8 |

Electives

A maximum of two courses from a single department or program can be counted for elective credit. Preapproved courses are listed here and others may be substituted. See the undergraduate coordinator for additional electives.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Select 8 credits from the following: | | |
| EVPP 110 | The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science I (Mason Core) | 8 |
| EVPP 201 | Environment and You: Issues for the Twenty-First Century (Mason Core) | |
| EVPP 322 | Business and Sustainability | |
| EVPP 336 | Human Dimensions of the Environment | |
| EVPP 337 | Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries | |
| EVPP 338 | Economics of Environmental Policy | |
| EVPP 355 | Ecological Engineering and Ecosystem Restoration | |
| EVPP 361 | Introduction to Environmental Policy | |
| EVPP 362 | Intermediate Environmental Policy | |
| EVPP 378 | RS: Ecological Sustainability (Mason Core) | |
| EVPP 421 | Marine Conservation | |
| BIOL 379 | RS: Ecological Sustainability (Mason Core) | |
| CHEM 155 | Introduction to Environmental Chemistry I (Mason Core) | |
| CLIM 101 | Global Warming: Weather, Climate, and Society (Mason Core) | |
| GEOL 305 | Environmental Geology | |
| GGG 102 | Physical Geography (Mason Core) | |
| GGG 103 | Human Geography (Mason Core) | |
| GGG 121 | Dynamic Atmosphere and Hydrosphere (Mason Core) | |
| GGG 122 | Dynamic Geosphere and Ecosphere | |
| GGG 302 | Global Environmental Hazards | |
| GGG 303 | Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) | |
| GGG 304 | Population Geography (Mason Core) | |
| GGG 307 | Sustainable Development | |
| GGG 312 | Physical Climatology | |
| or CLIM 312 | Physical Climatology | |
| GGG 314 | Severe and Extreme Weather | |
| or CLIM 314 | Severe and Extreme Weather | |
| GGG 319 | Air Pollution | |
| or CLIM 319 | Air Pollution | |
| PHYS 331 | Fundamentals of Renewable Energy | |
| PHYS 385 | Materials Science with Applications to Renewable Energy | |
| ANTH 370 | Environment and Culture | |
| AVT 385 | EcoArt (Mason Core) | |
| CEIE 355 | Environmental Engineering and Science | |
| CEIE 401 | Sustainable Land Development | |
| CEIE 450 | Environmental Engineering Systems | |
| CONS 401 | Conservation Theory | |
| CONS 404 | Biodiversity Monitoring | |

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| CONS 410 | Human Dimensions in Conservation (Mason Core) |
| CONS 411 | Science Communication for Conservation |
| ECON 105 | Environmental Economics for the Citizen (Mason Core) |
| ECON 335 | Environmental Economics |
| INTS 102 | Global Networks and Communities |
| INTS 211 | Introduction to Conservation Studies (Mason Core) |
| INTS 311 | The Mysteries of Migration: Consequences for Conservation (Mason Core) |
| INTS 318 | Exploring Virginia's Watersheds |
| INTS 334 | Environmental Justice (Mason Core) |
| INTS 338 | Animal Rights and Humane Education |
| INTS 401 | Conservation Biology (Mason Core) |
| INTS 402 | Plants and People - Sustenance, Ceremony, and Sustainability |
| PHIL 343 | Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) |
| PRLS 250 | Wilderness Travel and Sustainability |
| PRLS 300 | People with Nature |
| PRLS 402 | Human Behavior in Natural Environments |
| PRLS 501 | Introduction to Natural Resources Law |
| SOCI 320 | Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) |
| TOUR 340 | Sustainable Tourism |
| USST 301 | Urban Growth in a Shrinking World |
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| Total Credits | 8 |