

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT, B.A.

Sustainability Studies and the Environment is an interdisciplinary program focused on the connections between the three “e’s” of sustainability: environment, equity and economy. Through experiential learning and internships, students in the program practice environmental stewardship with a focus on social and environmental justice. Students analyze the scientific and ethical challenges to sustainable local and global systems and gain the skills to design, promote and implement solutions to support the equitable sustainable development of resilient communities.

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Learning Outcomes

The student completing the Sustainability Studies and the Environment major will be able to:

1. Critically analyze the three ‘E’s of sustainability—environment, economy, and equity—through the lenses of academic disciplines and articulate their interconnections;
2. Employ core Benedictine principles to propose creative individual and collective behavioral changes that address sustainability challenges and build just and resilient communities;
3. Apply tools of advocacy and policy to promote equitable sustainable development through experiential community work;
4. Evaluate, design and implement actions supporting the ecological, organizational, and cultural sustainability of local and global system

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under “Program Required Courses” for the Sustainability major.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 42-46

Major Residency Credits: 16

Minimum GPA: 2.5

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
BIO 1103	Current Environmental Topics	4
CHM 1010	Chemistry and Sustainability	0,4
SUS 1117	Introduction to Sustainability	4
SUS 4555	Sustainability Studies and the Environment Internship ¹	0-4
SUS 4999	Independent Study	2
Four (4) credits from each of the following areas		
Ethics/Philosophy: 4		
NAS 3301	American Indian Philosophy	
PHL 2250	Environmental Ethics	
PHL 3351	The Ethics of Consumption	

TRS 2777	Topics in Religion (Catholic Social Teaching and the Environment)	
Creative Communication		4
ENG 4415	Writing Nature	
SUS/ART 3500	Design Thinking	
SUS/PJS 3777	Topics in Sustainability (Music: Environmental Activism)	
Societal Health & Well-being		4
GCL 3401	Healthcare Across Cultures	
HHU 2301	Health, Happiness, and Human Well-being	
SUS 1777	Topics in Sustainability (Sustainability Practica (can take 2 times))	
SWK 3350	Understanding Systems of Privilege and Oppression	
SWK 4777	Topics in Social Work (Sustaining Life–Water and Environmental Justice)	
Sustainable Economics and Policy		4
ECN 2410	Environmental Economics	
GCL 2480	Community Nonprofits	
MGT 3550	Organizational Behavior	
MKT 3350	Designing Successful Products	
NAS 2777	Topics in Indian Studies (Native American Law and Policy)	
Global Sustainability		4
GCL 3305	Contemporary Africa	
HIS 2250	Environmental History of the Americas	
POL 3001	Politics of Globalization	
POL 4402	Environmental Politics	
SUS/GCL 3777	Topics in Sustainability (Frontiers in Sustainability)	
Eight (8) upper division credits from the categories listed above or the electives listed below or upper division credits in a closely related area of interest with approval of the program director.		8
ART 3300	Public Art Practicum	
CTA 3445	Argumentation	
GMN 2202	Intermediate German II	
MGT 3560	Organization Development	
NSG 4560	Population-Based Care	
SWK 3360	American Social Welfare Policy	
Total Credits		38-46

¹ Internship also requires a portfolio to be completed.

Degree Requirements

To graduate from the College of St. Scholastica, baccalaureate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Total Credits: 128

Upper Division Credits: 42

Residency Requirement: 32

Minimum GPA: 2.0