

SUSTAINABILITY (SUS)

SUS 5010 - Sustainability Foundations

Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course covers the fundamental concepts of sustainability. It provides a survey of perspectives, frameworks, and competencies to engage in trans-disciplinary sustainability problem-solving. Students will develop an understanding for integrating critical concepts from economics and business, social and public policy, and environmental science and law to address pressing sustainability challenges. A critical component of this course will be using this understanding to advance students' capstone or thesis project through the development of a research proposal.

SUS 5030 - Sustainability in Society and Cultures

Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with a working foundation for sustainable development in the context of social, economic and political environments and their interactions between each other. The course will explore policy questions at the global, national, and local levels, developing a well-rounded understanding of terms and concepts used to describe sustainable development. With this broader understanding students will be able to more fully appreciate universal conflicts that are present in the classic environment/economy debate.

SUS 5040 - Sustainable Business Practices

Credit(s): 3 Credits

In today's complex business environment, organizations are constantly challenged to develop and execute innovative policies and processes that ensure profitable growth. Business leaders often believe that continued growth is not compatible with environmental stewardship, but ecological and industrial performance need not—and should not—be mutually exclusive. Increasingly, competitive companies are recognizing the importance of embedding sustainability into corporate strategy and adopting business practices that are economically viable, socially equitable, and environmentally responsible. In this course, we explore key concepts, debates, and issues driving the development and execution of business practices at the nexus of sustainability and industry.

SUS 5160 - Environmental Politics and Policy

Credit(s): 3 Credits

Examines the politics and processes of U.S. environmental policy-making. Topics include: why government makes environmental laws; competing values influencing environmental policy; institutions, processes, and political actors that shape the creation and implementation of environmental laws; how government addresses environmental problems; how American actions influence international attempts to address environmental problems.

SUS 5930 - Special Topics

Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Special Topics course.

SUS 5960 - Capstone

Credit(s): 3 Credits

SUS 5970 - Research Topics

Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

Theoretical or practical fieldwork that is not part of a thesis or master's project.

SUS 5980 - Independent Study

Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

A non-classroom course in which a student explores a topic that is related to the student's graduate work and career goals.

SUS 5990 - Thesis Research

Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable up to 6 credits)

Research that leads to a Master's Thesis and defense of the Thesis.