

Sustainable Development

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Students of any discipline who are interested in helping solve the triple bottom line challenge of their generation: economic well-being, environmental protection, and social inclusion, are invited to join with like-minded students to collaborate in devising and implementing solutions to real-world challenges of Sustainable Development (SDEV).

MINOR IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The minor in SDEV consists of a minimum of at least 15 hours of study that includes a combination of core courses and approved electives.

The minor in Sustainable Development (SDEV) consists of a minimum of at least 15 hours of study that includes a combination of core courses and approved electives.

Core Courses		7-8
SDEV 010	Challenges of Sustainable Development	
SDEV 201	Sustainable Development Solutions, I ¹	
or SDEV 307	International Social Entrepreneurship	
Electives		8
Total Credits		15-16

¹ A minimum of 3 credits of fieldwork may include SDEV 201 Sustainable Development Solutions, I, SDEV 307 International Social Entrepreneurship or other course selected in consultation with the Program Director.

Elective Courses

SDEV 122	Sustainable Dev:CR Experience	3
SDEV/HMS 123	Oceans and Human Health	4
SDEV 202	Sustainable Development Solutions, II	2-4
SDEV 203	Research in Sustainable Development	2-4
SDEV 372	Independent Study in Sustainable Development	1-4
ECO 203	Microfinance: Financial Inclusion for the Poor	3
ECO 303	Economic Development	3
AAS/HIST/GS 341	Global Africa: Aid, Volunteerism, NGO's and International Studies	3-4
ANTH/AAS/GS 324	Globalization and Development in Africa	4
ES 310	Foundations of Sustainable Development Practice	4

ES 314	Urban Agriculture Policy, Planning and Practice	4
POLS/ENTP 310	Social Entrepreneurship: How to Change the World	4
POLS/GS/WGSS 342	Gender and Third World Development	3-4
POLS 348	Land Use, Growth Management, and the Politics of Sprawl	3-4
SOC/GS 319	The Political Economy of Globalization	4
SOC/HMS/GS 322	Global Health Issues	4
SOC/GS 328	Global Food Systems	4
SOC/WGSS 341	Gender and Health	4

Courses

SDEV 010 Challenges of Sustainable Development 4 Credits

History and principles of sustainable development, including their application to projects in both rich and poor countries. Survey of current environmental, social and economic challenges to sustainable development. Philosophy and ethics of external intervention for poverty alleviation and green development, especially in poor societies. Integrated approaches to sustainable development practice, including the inter-relationship of the health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences and management.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 011 Social Research for Engineering Projects 1-2 Credits

Research project under the supervision of faculty.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 122 Sustainable Dev:CR Experience 3 Credits

Investigation of the concept of sustainable development as currently being practiced in Costa Rica. Case studies in diverse areas (e.g. agriculture, bio-prospecting, ecotourism, energy, and land use) demonstrate how current approaches to sustainable development are influenced by the history and ecology of Costa Rica, as well as the structure of its political, social, and economic systems. Attention to theories of sustainable development and of consumption help to frame the Costa Rican experience. Students maintain individual "sustainability" journals based on their experiences from which they draw for team-based research and writing projects. The course is offered through Lehigh Abroad and consists of 5 evening classes during the fall semester and required course travel to Costa Rica between the fall and winter semesters (approximately 18 days). Final course projects are due early in the spring semester. Course participation will require additional fees as described by Lehigh Abroad (airfare and program fee).

Prerequisites: SDEV 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 123 (HMS 123) Oceans and Human Health 4 Credits

The world's oceans affect human health in many ways: they provide food and water to human populations; they are a point of exposure to pollutants, toxins, and diseases; and they provide pharmaceuticals and animals used in biomedical research. This course explores the interactions between oceans and human health by studying the ways in which they intersect. This summer study abroad course is based at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS).

Attribute/Distribution: NS

SDEV 201 Sustainable Development Solutions, I 3 Credits

Projects practicum in which cross-disciplinary teams of 5-6 students focus on understanding the context of a particular NGO amidst the broader social, economic, and scientific challenges to sustainable development. Analytic techniques for designing, implementing and evaluating projects. Nuts and bolts of development practice. Teams work on needs assessment related to their NGO's proposed goals and devise innovative solutions for implementing development projects. On-the-ground field experience, whether international or domestic, is required. fee may apply. Oral presentations and written reports.

Prerequisites: SDEV 010

Can be taken Concurrently: SDEV 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 202 Sustainable Development Solutions, II 2-4 Credits

Continuation and extension of projects begun in SDEV 201. Refine implementation strategies and develop project evaluation protocol. Oral presentations and written reports.

Prerequisites: SDEV 201

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 203 Research in Sustainable Development 2-4 Credits

Students will work on sustainable development research projects not involving field work. Consent of instructor required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Prerequisites: SDEV 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

SDEV 307 (ENTP 307) International Social Entrepreneurship 4 Credits

International social entrepreneurship aims to change the world through innovation in solving social problems. Focus on the nexus between social entrepreneurship and development practice, especially in relation to NGOs. Emphasis on acquiring tools and conceptual frameworks to launch new social ventures through real hands-on international fieldwork and team-oriented learning by doing. Exposure to best practices of how to affect meaningful social change in poor countries, to generate and evaluate innovative ideas to develop them into concrete on-the-ground startups.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 310 (ES 310) Foundations of Sustainable Development Practice 4 Credits

The broad goal of this course is to introduce students to the foundations of key sectoral and thematic knowledge for important challenges to sustainable development: food and nutritional security, social service delivery, energy policy, water resource management, urbanization, infrastructure, human rights, biodiversity, adaption to climate change, mitigating GHGs, sustainable business, good governance, and more. Through the Global Classroom we will do this together virtually with academic partners from around the world.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

SDEV 372 Independent Study in Sustainable Development 1-4 Credits

Opportunity for students to pursue individual sustainable development projects or continue work begun in SDEV 201/202. May not count towards minor's credit requirements. Consent of department required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Prerequisites: SDEV 010

Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS