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University College Environmental and Sustainability Studies Bachelor of Arts Degree

Sustainability involves learning to make decisions that do not undermine the environmental, social-cultural and economic systems on which we depend. It requires a coordinated approach that involves personal lifestyles, workplace practices, and planning and policy-making that help foster healthy ecosystems, healthy human communities and healthy economies.

The Environmental and Sustainability Studies degree at UNC works to ground you in thinking systemically about the planet and its problems and strives to show you how to apply sustainability solutions to every area of how we will live and work in our 21st-century world.

You will learn about:

- Re-localizing our living areas and rethinking the built environment
- The development of ecological economic systems
- The redesign and development of industrial ecology
- Applications of science and technology for sustainable use of natural resources
- The role of health, happiness and well-being in fulfilling human needs
- The promotion of global equity and justice

Almost every career involves sustainability as a requirement to make it fit the growing need to create a better, more just 21st-century world. With this degree, you could pursue jobs as a sustainability officer (for academic systems, government positions and businesses), sustainability planner and analyst, outreach and communications specialist, sustainability manager, energy analyst, facilities analyst, community development and permaculture specialist, health specialist and environmental scientist.



“How do we live in a way that shows an understanding that we genuinely live in a shared world, not one that simply belongs to us?”

*Dr. Rowan Williams,
Archbishop of Canterbury,
2009 Operation Noah Lecture*

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This major has a 120-credit degree requirement, which includes 48 credits from a wide range of disciplines to help understand the transdisciplinary and systemic nature of sustainability. The rest of your credits come from the Liberal Arts Core and university elective courses, which will build your expertise for a more specific career track.

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Unique facts

- This degree allows you to explore additional fields such as organic farming, political science and policy, recreation and tourism, and conservation.
- UNC was a pioneer in clean energy use as a partner in an electrical co-generation project using clean natural gas as fuel, which was constructed on our campus more than 20 years ago.
- The university co-hosted the 2010 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education annual conference.

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