Bachelor’s Degrees in Sustainability

Our undergraduate programs introduce students to the concept of sustainability and how it applies to the real world. This is a transdisciplinary program—one that draws from many academic fields—where students explore the interaction between environment, economy, and society and apply their learning to issues at the local, regional, and global levels.

Students who earn a bachelor’s degree in sustainability are adaptable, able to communicate and learn across a broad range of disciplines, and have critical problem-solving skills.

Bachelor of Arts
For students inclined towards social sciences, humanities, planning, and related fields.

Tracks
- Society and Sustainability
- Policy and Governance in Sustainability
- International Development and Sustainability
- Sustainable Urban Dynamics

Bachelor of Science
For students inclined towards natural sciences, economics, or engineering and technology.

Tracks
- Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology
- Economics of Sustainability
- Sustainable Ecosystems

Curriculum
The bachelor’s degree curriculum is posted on the School of Sustainability website and explains the differences in coursework between the programs, including math and second language requirements. Here is a general breakdown of requirements.
Career Exploration & Development
Career exploration and development is embedded throughout the program. The Sustainability Careers course typically taken the sophomore year allows for the exploration of possible career paths develops professional skills needed for career realization. The required Capstone Internship provides hands-on experience and adds value to a student’s resume, network, and decision about what field they would like to work in. The required Capstone Workshop offers students the opportunity to collaborate with others in a small group setting to provide practical solutions to real-world sustainability problems. In addition, the School hosts career events and has two staff members dedicated to assisting students in their search for internships and jobs.

Career Opportunities
School of Sustainability graduates may assume positions in industry, consultancy, utilities, regulatory agencies, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations, where growing interest in sustainability has created new employment opportunities. Our undergraduate program also fully prepares students to continue on to graduate and professional schools.

Admission Requirements
Students use ASU’s universal application process for undergraduate applications, but the School has higher admission requirements. Applicants must select a second choice for their major on the application.

Freshmen
1. Minimum high school ABOR GPA of 3.30; AND
   • A high school class rank in the top 15 percent of class; OR
   • An SAT combined score of 1140 or higher; OR
   • An ACT combined score of 25 or higher.
2. No deficiency in high school math competency.

Transfer Students
1. 12 or more transfer hours after high school graduation.
2. A cumulative transfer GPA of 3.30 or higher.

ASU students changing majors
1. 12 or more credit hours at ASU.
2. Cumulative ASU GPA of 3.30 or higher.

Students that do not meet the above admission requirements are still encouraged to apply for special consideration.

Additional Information
Prospective students are encouraged to take a tour of ASU and attend a School of Sustainability Information Session.

Plan a Visit
You can plan a visit or explore ASU virtually by going to https://visit.asu.edu.

School of Sustainability Information Session
To register for an information session, please call (480) 727-6963.