SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MSc (ONLINE)

Course overview

Ranked 1st in the world for Development Studies*, the University of Sussex is at the forefront of teaching and research in sustainable development. This Masters is for people with a passion to build a future that is environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive.

This truly interdisciplinary course brings together three of the University of Sussex’s most prestigious research units; the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), School of Global Studies (GS) and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). You’ll explore key global issues including inequality, climate change, pollution, war and waste from multiple perspectives (economics, political science, science technology and society studies, international relations, anthropology, economics, innovation studies and human geography). Research and theory will be brought together in a holistic and innovative approach to developing new ideas and discovering solutions.

Engaging with Sussex lecturers and your fellow students from around the world, you will critically and constructively analyse the work of government, business and civil society actors in sustainable development.

* QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017-2021.
**WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?**

Taught by academics leading global research and change for sustainable futures.

Join the Science Policy Research Unit, ranked within the top three research units in the world for research in science, technology and innovation (2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report).

Distinctive interdisciplinary approach to teaching, incorporating conceptual perspectives and methodological approaches from a wide range of social science disciplines.

Teaching focused on critically analysing relevant real-world case studies from international governments, businesses and NGOs.

Develop the knowledge and skills to deliver change and develop future systems and structures for sustainability.

Join a truly global learning environment and engage with students and academics from over 100 countries world-wide.

**FLEXIBLE STUDY TO FIT AROUND YOUR LIFE AND CAREER**

Many of our students fit Masters study around their job or family commitments. Our courses have been designed with the flexibility to accommodate this.

The Sustainable Development MSc (online) is made up of 12 modules taught in three blocks of four. If you complete the 12 modules consecutively you will gain your MSc in two years. If you need to take a break from the course at any time, during a particularly busy time in your career or life, you can step on and off the course as you need to*.

We recommend you allow approximately 20 hours a week for your studies, which you can do at any time that suits you.

*Maximum study time four years.

**YOUR FUTURE CAREER**

Our graduates* have gone into careers in business and consultancy organisations, government ministries, NGOs, international organisations such as the UN, think-tanks, social enterprises and other not-for-profits. Others have gone on to study for PhDs or careers in academia. Recent graduates* have gained employment in:

- International organisations (OECD, EBRD, ECLAC, UNHCR Innovation)
- Government departments (DFID)
- Local authorities (Brighton & Hove Council sustainability team)
- NGOs (Greenpeace, Green Jobs Alliance).

*on-campus.

**MODULES**

In order to graduate on this course, students must successfully complete all 11 core modules plus one of the optional modules below

- Decolonising Knowledge for Sustainable Development
- Democratising Science and Technology
- Globalization and the Environment: Capitalism, Ecology and Power
- Innovation for Sustainability
- Key Perspectives in International Development
- Market-based Solutions for Sustainable Development: Pitfalls and Possibilities (offered jointly with the School of Global Studies)
- Perspectives, Methods and Skills
- Policy Analysis
- Science, Technology and Innovation
- Sustainable Development: Politics and Policies
- Understanding the Policy-Making Process

Students have the opportunity to tailor their learning by choosing between one of two modules below.

- Critical Issues in Sustainability: Environment, Agriculture, Health
- Sustainability in Business Operations and Supply Chains

**FIND OUT MORE**

For more information on the Sustainable Development MSc (online) and studying online with the University of Sussex, please visit our website or contact our Admissions Team.

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