

◀ BA Sustain & Environ Studies - Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Environmental Studies

CON Sust Devel Environ Justice **Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice**

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College of Arts & Sciences:
Social Sciences &
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Department

Geography & Environmental
Studies

Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Justification

Concentration Justification

This proposed major in Sustainability and Environmental Studies will offer students three distinct concentration options, enabling them to tailor their studies according to their intellectual interests and professional aspirations. The concentration areas include: Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice; Regenerative Food Systems; and Sustainable Natural Resources of the Western U.S. This current proposal specifically focuses on the Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice concentration. In this concentration, students gain knowledge needed to analyze and improve human well-being and equity in communities that sustain the natural systems on which they depend.

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

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Program Information

Degree Name

BA Sustain & Environ Studies - Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Environmental Studies | Review

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Program Type

Undergraduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours

40-43

Degree Requirements

- Complete 1 of the following
 - Major**
 - Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SUST1134 - Introduction to Sustainability Studies (3)
 - GEOG1150 - Introduction to Environmental Studies (3)
 - GEOG1160 - Home Planet: Land, Water, Life (3)
 - GEOG1160L - Home Planet Laboratory (1)
 - SUST415 - The Climate Crisis (3)

- SUST434 - Sustainable Futures (3)
- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - SUST499 - Sustainability Independent Capstone Project as Research or Creative Expression (1 - 3)
- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - COMM1130 - Public Speaking (3)
 - GEOG2115 - Information Design in Science and Society (3)
 - COMM2140 - Small Group Communication (3)
 - CJ314 - Intercultural Communication (3)
 - CJ320 - Conflict Management and Mediation (3)
 - CJ327 - Persuasive Communication (3)
- Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - ARTS1143 - Introduction to Art & Ecology (3)
 - ARTS442 - Site-Specific Art (3)
 - ARTS444 - Art and Ecology: Creating Change (3)
 - ARTS452 - Land Arts of the American West: Field Investigations (3)
 - ARTS453 - Land Arts of the American West: Creative Production (3)
 - ARTS454 - Land Arts of the American West: Presentation and Dissemination (3)
 - BIOL408L - Bosque Internship (3)
 - CRP265 - Sustainable Community Planning Methods (3)
 - CRP403 - Community-Based Practice (3)
 - FDMA1210 - Digital Video Production I (3)
 - GEOG1115 - Maps and GIScience (3)
 - GEOG1115L - Maps and GIScience Laboratory (1)
 - GEOG320 - Field Methods in Geography (3)
 - GEOG381L - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (4)
 - GEOG389 - Qualitative Methods for Geographers (3)
 - GEOG421L - Cartography (4)
 - GEOG423 - Environmental Systems Modeling (3)
 - GEOG426 - Critical Cartography (3)
 - GEOG476 - Field Experience Abroad (3)
 - GEOG483L - Remote Sensing Fundamentals (4)
 - GEOG493 - Internship in Applied Geography (1 - 3)
 - NATV502 - Education, Power and Indigenous Communities (3)
 - SUST410 - Lobo Gardens: Community Change (3)
 - WGSS498 - Feminism in Action (3)
- Earn at least 15 credits from the following types of courses:
Selected Concentration. See concentrations for requirements which vary.
- Earn at least 77 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students must earn 77 additional credits to meet the minimum degree total of 120 credits. Additional coursework should fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.

Second Major

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SUST1134 - Introduction to Sustainability Studies (3)
 - GEOG1150 - Introduction to Environmental Studies (3)

- GEOG1160 - Home Planet: Land, Water, Life (3)
- GEOG1160L - Home Planet Laboratory (1)
- SUST434 - Sustainable Futures (3)
- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - SUST499 - Sustainability Independent Capstone Project as Research or Creative Expression (1 - 3)
- Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - COMM1130 - Public Speaking (3)
 - GEOG2115 - Information Design in Science and Society (3)
 - COMM2140 - Small Group Communication (3)
 - CJ314 - Intercultural Communication (3)
 - CJ320 - Conflict Management and Mediation (3)
 - CJ327 - Persuasive Communication (3)
- Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - ARTS1143 - Introduction to Art & Ecology (3)
 - ARTS442 - Site-Specific Art (3)
 - ARTS444 - Art and Ecology: Creating Change (3)
 - ARTS452 - Land Arts of the American West: Field Investigations (3)
 - ARTS453 - Land Arts of the American West: Creative Production (3)
 - ARTS454 - Land Arts of the American West: Presentation and Dissemination (3)
 - BIOL408L - Bosque Internship (3)
 - CRP265 - Sustainable Community Planning Methods (3)
 - CRP403 - Community-Based Practice (3)
 - FDMA1210 - Digital Video Production I (3)
 - GEOG1115 - Maps and GIScience (3)
 - GEOG1115L - Maps and GIScience Laboratory (1)
 - GEOG320 - Field Methods in Geography (3)
 - GEOG381L - Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (4)
 - GEOG389 - Qualitative Methods for Geographers (3)
 - GEOG421L - Cartography (4)
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 - GEOG426 - Critical Cartography (3)
 - GEOG476 - Field Experience Abroad (3)
 - GEOG483L - Remote Sensing Fundamentals (4)
 - GEOG493 - Internship in Applied Geography (1 - 3)
 - NATV300 - Research Methods in Native American Contexts (3)
 - SOCI488 - Sociology & Criminology Internship: Field Observation and Experience (3 - 6)
 - SUST410 - Lobo Gardens: Community Change (3)
 - WGSS498 - Feminism in Action (3)
- Earn at least 12 credits from the following types of courses:
Selected Concentration. See concentrations for requirements which vary.
- In addition to the second major requirements outlined here, students must complete all requirements for their primary major.

Grand Total Credits: 37 - 120

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice

Program Level

Undergraduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SUST334 - Environmental Justice Practicum to Benefit the Campus and Community (3)
 - GEOG447 - Sustainable Development (3)
 - Complete at least 3 of the following:
 - AFST340 - Race and Globalization (3)
 - AMST320 - Topics in Environmental and Social Justice (3)
 - ANTH340 - Topics in Cultural Anthropology (3)
 - CCS372 - New Mexico Villages and Cultural Landscapes (3)
 - CRP335 - Community Economics for Planners (3)
 - CRP355 - Policing the City, From Albuquerque to Rio (3)
 - CRP473 - Planning on Native American Lands (3)
 - GEOG361 - The Global Countryside (3)
 - GEOG440 - Race and Geography (3)
 - GEOG442 - Water Governance (3)
 - GEOG450 - Hazards and Disasters (3)
 - GEOG457 - Environmental Security: Energy (3)
 - GEOG464 - Food, Environment, and Society (3)
 - GEOG465 - Environmental Justice (3)
 - GEOG475 - Geography of New Mexico and the Southwest (3)
 - HED482 - Social Determinants and Multicultural Health (3)
 - HIST348 - Native America Since 1940 (3)
 - HIST433 - U.S. Environmental History (3)
 - HIST434 - History of American Capitalism (3)
 - MGMT308 - Ethical, Political and Social Environment (3)
 - NATV2315 - Indigenous Language Revitalization and Community Renewal (3)
 - NATV385 - Indigenous Worldviews (3)
 - NATV436 - Environmental Ethics and Justice in Native America (3)
 - NATV480 - Building Native Nations: Community Revitalization, Culture, Decolonization, and Indigenous Thought (3)
 - PCST307 - Nonviolent Alternatives (3)
 - SOCI307 - Nonviolent Alternatives (3)
 - PH101 - Introduction to Population Health (3)
 - PH102 - Global Health Challenges and Responses (3)
 - PHIL363 - Environmental Ethics (3)
 - POLS324 - The Politics of Poverty and Inequality (3)
 - SOCI305 - Environmental Sociology (3)
 - SOCI346 - Health and Social Inequalities I (3)
 - SOCI347 - Health and Social Inequalities II (3)
 - SOCI420 - Race and Inequality (3)
 - SOCI430 - Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class for Social Policy (3)
 - SOCI452 - Community Organizing and the Struggle for Justice in America (3)
 - WGSS323 - Feminist Economics (3)
 - WGSS331 - Transnational Feminisms (3)

- WGSS416 - Women and Health in American History (3)
- No more than one lower-division course may be selected. No more than two courses from any single subject code (e.g. CRP, GEOG, HIST, SUST, etc.).

Grand Total Credits: 15

Concentration Description

The Concentration in Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice enables students to gain knowledge and experience needed to analyze, engage with, and cultivate new pathways for the flourishing of just human communities and vibrant ecosystems. These capacities are particularly relevant to students seeking career pathways in sustainability transitions through governance, NGO, private sector, academia and community development.