SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT, M.S.

Focusing on the interconnectedness of social equity, the environment, the economy, and aesthetics, the customizable M.S. in Sustainability and Environment is designed for professionals pursuing sustainability in any field. It requires 36 credit hours, is delivered online, and includes options to do either an internship, capstone, or thesis.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide).

Applicants are required to have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university or appropriately evaluated credentials for non-U.S. schools. An undergraduate minimum GPA of 3.0 is preferred. GRE scores are optional.

Documents to be submitted for admission:
• Two letters of recommendation
• Resume/c.v.
• Personal statement summarizing student’s background and interests
• Official undergraduate transcripts

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 36 credit hours

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Department Electives (9 credits)
Select three courses (9 credits) from GES graduate courses relevant to sustainability and environment ¹ ³

Interdisciplinary Electives (9 credits)
Select three courses (9 credits) from graduate courses outside of GES relevant to sustainability and environment ²

Final Project
Select one of the following options: ³

- Internship (3 credits)
  GES 695  Internship

- Capstone (3 credits)
  GES 697  Capstone in Sustainability and Environment (course pending approval)

- Thesis (6 credits)
  GES 699  Thesis

Total Credit Hours 36

¹ As approved by advisor. May include repeats of one or more courses from the Core Courses requirement if the topic varies.

² As approved by advisor. May include transfer credits.

³ A final project (internship, capstone, or thesis) as approved by the student’s advisor is required and counts as credits towards the Department Electives. The final project satisfies the capstone experience or thesis requirements for master’s degrees. Students electing the:
  • Internship option must complete 3 credits in GES 695
  • Capstone option must complete 3 credits in GES 697
  • Thesis option must complete 6 credits in GES 699

Electives

The department and interdisciplinary electives will be customized with the student based on interests and professional needs in one of four focus areas:

- Natural Sciences (courses from e.g. biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, geography, etc.)
- Equity and Society (courses from e.g. policy, sociology, history, women’s and gender studies, African and African Diaspora Studies, geography, etc.)
- Development and Economics (courses from e.g. business, economics, sustainable tourism, etc.)
- Ethics and Aesthetics (courses from e.g. philosophy, literature, art, music, theater, dance, etc.)