Policy Studies

Sustainability has become the leading concept in defining the way we live. All aspects of society are changing to reflect the growing need for sustainability policy. New initiatives that have gained popularity and importance include:

- Urban Farms
- Bike Lanes
- Light Rail
- Affordable Housing
- Alternative Energy
- Zero-Waste Buildings
- Green Business

Policy makes these innovations a reality and students can be a part of these changes with a degree in Policy Studies.

The Bachelor's Degree in Policy Studies is both applied and interdisciplinary. Students will work with sustainability policy practitioners in developing real policy on current community projects. At the same time, they will learn about policy from the perspective of economics, philosophy, political science, environmental studies, and psychology.

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STUDENT PROFILE

Successful students in Policy Studies are people who are looking for a field of study that allows them to engage with social problems that result from such things as climate change, environmental degradation, urbanization, population growth, and political apathy on the part of voters. A desire to apply what one learns to practical problem solving and a passion to bring about positive change are essential characteristics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We expect the graduates from our program to work at all levels of government. Private companies are also actively developing sustainability departments, to say nothing of consultants and NGOs. Opportunities can include careers such as:

- Sustainability coordinator
- Sustainability consultant
- Sustainability design manager
- Sustainability communications director
- Sustainability policy director
- Sustainability training director
- Sustainability auditor
- Sustainable resource manager
- Sustainable development specialist
- Social responsibility manager
- Social impact assessor
- Green policy coordinator
- Green operations director
- Green communications
- Green purchasing and operations

- Environmental efficiency analyst
- Environmental educator
- Sustainability entrepreneur
- Sustainability activist

Examples of how you can continue your professional development after graduation include a Master's of Public Policy or law.