The B.A. in Sustainability is an interdisciplinary degree program within the College of Arts and Sciences that examines interrelated environmental, political, economic, and social issues and problems facing our society at local, regional, and global scales. The goal of the degree is to prepare students to engage with these issues on multiple levels in the workplace and in their community so that collaborative solutions can be found.

The curriculum is designed to educate, train and prepare students for future careers in sustainability-related endeavors that include: the environment, energy, climate change, public policy, transportation, and urban and regional planning. This degree will also serve as a well-rounded base to allow students to pursue graduate training in affiliated fields of study. B.A. in Sustainability graduates students will be able to successfully work in government, private, and non-profit sectors. In the future, these graduates of the program will be creators, developers, implementers of thoughtful policies that ensure sustainable economies and environmental quality in the state of Kentucky, the nation, and the world.

Requirements

Core Courses ............. 18 hours
Methods Courses .......... 6 hours
Specialization Courses ... 6 hours
Internship (CUE) and Independent Study ......6 hours

TOTAL* ..................36 hours

*NOTE: These hours will meet the Sustainability major requirements and count toward the 124 credit hour required for graduation.

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Graduating with a B.A. in Sustainability

Students graduating with the B.A. in Sustainability will be able to:

- Understand, conceptualize and analyze sustainability problems and issues in a holistic way;
- Develop a deeper understanding of the basic concepts in sustainability, and the disciplines that can assist with real-world problem solving;
- Evaluate the role of social institutions and the political, legal, and cultural frameworks for sustainability;
- Acquire methods and techniques to explore and analyze issues that cross disciplinary boundaries;
- Understand ethical perspectives for issues related to sustainability;
- Obtain practical experience through a required sustainability-related internship
- Develop skills that will facilitate creative, innovative, and workable solutions to sustainability problems

Admission

Admission to the B.A. in Sustainability requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. The Application for Major form can be found on the A&S Advising Center web site: Click here to apply.

Louisville: The Most Livable Large City*

Louisville, Kentucky is a dynamic city with a rich culture, vibrant history, and strong neighborhoods. Nestled on the banks of the Ohio River, Louisville is the cultural, economic, and population center of the state of Kentucky. The city of Louisville currently finds itself in the midst of an urban rejuvenation that makes it the perfect laboratory to study urban planning, design, and development.

The city features a quickly redeveloping downtown that is currently going through a renaissance. It also prides itself on a network of fantastic urban parks linked by an Olmsteadian planned parkway system. The city has a vibrant cultural scene where local musicians and artists are revered and thrive. Louisville is the home of the most famous horse race in the world, the Kentucky Derby and also many great music, culture and arts festivals that include: the St. James Art Fair, Forecastle Festival, Cherokee Art Fair, WorldFest, Bluegrass Festival, and Reggae Festival to name a few.

There is a strong sense of community felt in Louisville due to the many diverse neighborhoods that feature undying support for local business, development of community gardens and farmers markets, and redevelopment of the central business district. The program is closely linked to many community efforts and development projects as well as the Metropolitan government and thus is able to utilize local resources for research, publishing of academic articles, and planning and project development that has a direct impact on the quality of life of the city as a whole.

*Awarded by the US Conference of Mayors