

Program Change Request

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No

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Minor

Title: Sustainability Studies Minor

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Registrar's Office
Use Only –
Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use
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In Workflow

1. **ESP UG Committee**
2. **ESP Chair**
3. **SC Curriculum Committee**
4. SC Assistant Dean
5. Assoc Provost- Undergraduate
6. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 11/13/25 11:11 am
Younsung Kim
(ykih): Approved for
ESP UG Committee
2. 11/13/25 12:54 pm
Gad Perry
(gperry23):
Approved for ESP
Chair

History

1. Nov 15, 2017 by
clmig-jwehrheim

Status**College/School:** College of Science**Department /
Academic Unit:** Environmental Science & Policy**Jointly Owned
Program?** No**Is there an
embedded degree
as part of a
program?****Justification** What: Replacing EVPP 378 with EVPP 425.
Why: The course has been renumbered for the Mason Core Apex designation.

2. Feb 22, 2018 by rzachari
3. Mar 14, 2018 by Tory Sarro (vsarro)
4. Jan 9, 2020 by Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz)
5. Jul 27, 2022 by Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz)
6. Mar 21, 2023 by Younsung Kim (ykih)
7. May 7, 2024 by Tory Sarro (vsarro)

Catalog Published Information**Total Credits
Required:** Total credits: 16**Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:**
SSTS**Registrar/IRR Use
Only – Program CIP
Code****Admission
Requirements:****Program-Specific
Policies:****Policies**

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#).

For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see [AP.5 Undergraduate Policies](#).

This is a Green Leaf program.

Degree Requirements:

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.
Candidates for the minor must complete coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

Core Courses

EVPP 480	Sustainability in Action(Mason Core)	4
INTS 210	Sustainable World(Mason Core)	4
Total Credits		8

Electives

A maximum of two courses from a single department or program can be counted for elective credit. Preapproved courses are listed here and others may be substituted. See the undergraduate coordinator for additional electives.

Select 8 credits from the following:		8
EVPP 108 & EVPP 109	Ecosphere - Introduction to Environmental Science I-Lecture (Mason Core) and Ecosphere- Introduction to Environmental Science I- Lab(Mason Core)	
EVPP 201	Environment and You: Issues for the Twenty-First Century(Mason Core)	
EVPP 322	Business and Sustainability	
EVPP 336	Tackling Wicked Problems in Society the Environment(Mason Core)	
EVPP 337	Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries(Mason Core)	
EVPP 338	Economics of Environmental Policy	
EVPP 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	
EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	
EVPP 378	RS: Ecological Sustainability (Mason Core)	
EVPP 421	Marine Conservation	

<u>EVPP 425</u>	<u>RS: Ecological Sustainability</u>
<u>EVPP 434</u>	Food-Energy-Water-Climate Nexus
<u>BIOL 379</u>	RS: Ecological Sustainability(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>CHEM 155</u>	Introduction to Environmental Chemistry I(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>CLIM 101</u>	Global Warming: Weather, Climate, and Society(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>CLIM 319</u>	Air Pollution
<u>GEO 305</u>	Environmental Geology(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 102</u>	Physical Geography(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 103</u>	Human Geography(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 121</u>	Dynamic Atmosphere and Hydrosphere(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 122</u>	Dynamic Geosphere and Ecosphere
<u>GGG 302</u>	Global Environmental Hazards
<u>GGG 303</u>	Geography of Resource Conservation(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 304</u>	Population Geography(<u>Mason Core</u>).
<u>GGG 307</u>	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development
<u>GGG 312</u>	Physical Climatology
or <u>CLIM 312</u>	Physical Climatology
<u>GGG 314</u>	Severe and Extreme Weather
or <u>CLIM 314</u>	Severe and Extreme Weather
<u>PHYS 331</u>	Physics of Renewable Energy
<u>PHYS 385</u>	Materials Science with Applications to Renewable Energy

<u>ANTH 370</u>	Environment and Culture
<u>AVT 385</u>	EcoArt(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>CEIE 355</u>	Environmental Engineering and Science
<u>CEIE 401</u>	Sustainable Land Development
<u>CEIE 450</u>	Environmental Engineering Systems
<u>CONS 401</u>	Conservation Theory
<u>CONS 404</u>	Biodiversity Monitoring
<u>CONS 410</u>	Human Dimensions in Conservation(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>ECON 105</u>	Environmental Economics for the Citizen(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>ECON 335</u>	Environmental Economics
<u>INTS 102</u>	Global Networks and Communities(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>INTS 211</u>	Introduction to Conservation Studies(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>INTS 311</u>	The Mysteries of Migration: Consequences for Conservation(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>INTS 334</u>	Environmental Justice(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>INTS 401</u>	Conservation Biology(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>PHIL 343</u>	Topics in Environmental Philosophy(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>RMGT 250</u>	Wilderness Travel and Sustainability
<u>RMGT 300</u>	People With Nature
<u>RMGT 402</u>	Human Behavior in Natural Environments
<u>RMGT 501</u>	Introduction to Natural Resources Law
<u>SOCI 320</u>	Globalization and Social Change(<u>Mason Core</u>)

TOUR 340**Sustainable Tourism**

Total Credits

8

**Retroactive
Requirements
Updates:**

Program Outcomes

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

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Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

**Is this a Green Leaf
program?** Yes

**Green Leaf
Designation** Sustainability-focused designation

Sustainability-focused academic programs require at least one green leaf course. Either that course is itself sustainability-focused or else the program requires a set of sustainability-related courses with aggregated substance equivalent to a sustainability-focused course.

**Relationship to
Existing Courses**

**Relationship to
Existing Programs**

List sustainability-
focused courses
currently required
in the degree
program:

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

**Additional
Attachments**

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**Reviewer
Comments****Additional
Comments**

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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