

SUSTAINABILITY (MINOR)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Sustainability

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>)

Department: Urban and Public Affairs (<https://urbanlouisville.org/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): SUSTMINOR

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a minor in Sustainability which is open to all students at the University of Louisville. The minor is designed for students who wish to supplement their major program with training in the identification, implementation, and monitoring of sustainable practices, processes, and systems.

The minor requires 18 credit hours of coursework. Fifteen credit hours will be completed in core sustainability courses, and three elective credit hours will be available across a broad number of related disciplines in Arts and Sciences and other UofL academic units.

NOTE: Three credit hours of the required courses will satisfy the SBD1 General Education Requirements.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
URBS 131	Introduction to Sustainability - SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
URBS 231	Environmental Management	3
URBS 232	Behavioral Dimensions of Environmental Decision-Making	3
URBS 331	Sustainable Built Environment - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
URBS 431	Policy and Governance in Sustainability - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Electives

Select any one of the 300+ level courses below: 3

College of Arts and Sciences

ANTH 332	Ecology, Politics and Culture
ANTH 352	Food and Body Politic
BIOL 363	Principles of Ecology
BIOL 401	Advanced Ecology
BIOL 440	Global Change Ecology - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
CJ 430	Environmental Crime
ENVS 360	Global Environmental Change
ENVS 363	Climate Science

GEOG 340	Environmental Conflict in the United States: Historical Foundations & Contemporary Problems - D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
GEOG 361	Sustainable Human Environments - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
PHIL 328	Environmental Ethics
POLS 335	Global Environmental Politics
POLS 348	Environmental Policy
SOC 315	Environmental Sociology
SOC 380	Animals and Society
URBS 301	Planning for Innovative and Equitable Cities and Regions
URBS 303	Quantitative Research Methods in Sustainability and Urban Studies - QR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
URBS 432	Sustainable Social-Ecological Systems
URBS 490	Special Topics

Speed School of Engineering

CEE 309	Introduction to Environmental Engineering
CHE 401	Safety, Health and Environment

College of Business

ECON 360	Environmental Economics
ECON 312	Urban Economics

School of Public Health and Information Sciences

PHEH 301	Public Health and Our Environment
PHEH 331	Food Composition and Public Health

Minimum Total Hours 18

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.