



Curtin University

HUMANITIES

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE POLICY

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE / GRADUATE DIPLOMA / MASTER

This program provides students with the tools and knowledge to think holistically and develop solution-focussed approaches to climate change, resource depletion, Indigenous and other cultural concerns and disparities in wealth and power.

The course is offered on three levels; Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters. Students will explore the basic issues, concepts and methodologies central to sustainability and with the use of optional units can pursue studies in areas of particular need and priority.

Curtin's sustainability program has a strong emphasis on professional practice. Students apply their skills and knowledge to real-life issues through professional work and community engagement. Individual projects provide opportunities for students to research real-world issues.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduate Certificate/ Graduate Diploma/ Master

- A Bachelor degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognised tertiary institution.

DURATION

Graduate Certificate:

One semester full-time or equivalent part-time study

Graduate Diploma:

Two semesters full-time or equivalent part-time study

Master:

Three semesters full-time or equivalent part-time study

INTAKES

February and July

AVAILABILITY

On campus, off campus, online and mixed on and off campus

CAMPUS

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MORE ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE POLICY

CORE UNITS

Topics in Sustainability 521

This core unit provides a substantive understanding of the key issues in sustainability at a global, national and personal level. We look at where we have come from, where we are now and what are our visions of the future. Topics include: climate change, water depletion and management, food security, art and sense of place, recreation and lifestyle, Indigenous justice, energy and peak oil, biodiversity, poverty, population and consumption.

Pathways to Sustainability 522

The movement towards sustainability requires a whole new set of processes, and therefore a new set of critical concepts underpinning these processes. In this core unit we examine pathways that enable the development and implementation of sustainability, such as change and transition management theory, reflexive governance; policy development and learning, sustainability planning and social learning. You will develop both specific skills and understanding of the theories behind these skills.

OPTIONAL UNITS

Urban Design for Sustainability 541

This unit examines the core concepts of urban design in relation to sustainability. A practical field exercise enables students to utilise their knowledge and skills in a professional setting.

Sustainability through Deliberative Democracy 542

This unit explores the role of deliberative democracy in achieving sustainability. In this practical unit students learn how and when to run a variety of deliberative democracy techniques including citizens jury, consensus forum, deliberative survey, conferences, world café and open space technology.

Sustainable Cities 543

This unit examines cities around the world from within a sustainability framework. It discusses automobile dependence, urban design, transport systems, suburban sprawl and environmental technologies. As part of the unit students will complete a project developing a vision of sustainability for a city.

Leadership in Sustainability 544

In this unit students explore the role of leadership within an organisation and how this impacts upon achieving sustainability. It looks at why governments and businesses need to address sustainability at all levels of organisation.

View more unit details at handbook.curtin.edu.au

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STRUCTURE (100 CREDITS)

Units	Credits
Year 1	
Topics in Sustainability 521	25
Pathways to Sustainability 522	25
Select options to the value of 50 credits	50

GRADUATE DIPLOMA STRUCTURE (200 CREDITS)

Units	Credits
Year 1, Semester 1	
Topics in Sustainability 521	25
Select options to the value of 75 credits	75
Year 1, Semester 2	
Pathways to Sustainability 522	25
Select options to the value of 75 credits	75

MASTER STRUCTURE (300 CREDITS)

Units	Credits
Year 1	
Topics in Sustainability 521	25
Select options to the value of 75 credits	75
Year 1, Semester 2	
Pathways to Sustainability 522	25
Select options to the value of 75 credits	75
Year 2, Semester 1	
Advanced Individual Project 690	50
Advanced Individual Project 691	50

This course structure is currently being updated.

There will also be units focussed on :

- Decarbonising Cities and Regions
- Climate Policy
- Indigenous Culture

COURSE DETAILS

AWARD TITLE	COURSE CODE	CRICOS CODE
Graduate Certificate in Sustainability and Climate Policy	302460	074665B
Graduate Diploma in Sustainability and Climate Policy	302470	074664C
Master of Sustainability and Climate Policy	302469	074663D

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