



Bachelor of Science in

SUSTAINABILITY

It's Time to Make Your Comeback — And Cultivate a More Sustainable World

This is your moment. Become an agent of change who can address today's environmental, economic, and social challenges with an online bachelor's degree in sustainability. At Purdue Global, you will develop a strong foundation in natural resource management and learn to implement mitigation strategies that strengthen the well-being of our ecosystems, communities, and economies. Stay up-to-date with the latest global sustainability trends and leverage your critical thinking, communication, and analytical skills to create a more resilient world for generations to come.



Why Study Sustainability at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the sustainability field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Experience Counts as Credit

Get the recognition you deserve. Use prior coursework, work experience, or military training to cover up to 75% of your bachelor's degree credits.¹

Affordable Tuition

Lower your costs with military tuition reductions, employer reimbursements, transfer credit, and more. Our average bachelor's graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.²

Faculty Expertise

Learn from professionals with extensive experience in sustainability. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

Introductory Trial Period

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.³



Move Your Career and Education Forward

Gain Skills and Competencies That Make You Stand Out to Employers

- Apply the major concepts, principles, and historical trends related to natural resource issues and their management, policies, and laws.
- Evaluate current research on sustainability issues.
- Integrate professional standards, ethical practices, and legal standards in the sustainability field.
- Employ the major concepts, principles, and methods of science, data analysis, and project management.
- Synthesize the impacts of human interactions with others and their environment on local and global scales.

Get a Head Start on Your Master's Degree

Complete your master's degree sooner with a graduate program pathway. It weaves graduate-level courses into your bachelor's program, giving you a jump on your master's degree requirements. You'll save on time and tuition compared with finishing both programs separately.

Plus, your degrees don't have to be in the same fields. You can customize your academic journey to support your career goals and interests. To learn more, view the University Catalog or connect with an Advisor.⁴

Curriculum

The coursework for this program equips you with the foundational knowledge to prepare for positions in sustainability.

The curriculum is continually reviewed and revised by our industry experts, curriculum department, and advisory board to ensure it reflects the most up-to-date developments and advances in the field.

Courses Include:

- Socially Responsible Leadership
- Environmental Science
- Research Methodology
- Topics in Sustainability
- The Global Environment

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180 Completion

Time: 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor's degree graduates in 2021–2022 was 2.1 years.)⁵

Course Load: 2–3 per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

You have the option of specializing your degree with one of the following concentrations:

Decision Management Concentration

- Learn how to apply decision management and analysis principles to solve problems in business, sustainable engineering, and sustainable society.
- Identify opportunities to increase business' productivity and be able to set achievable objectives.

Economics Concentration

- Learn about international business development, social innovation and entrepreneurship, sustainable and resilient communities, corporate sustainability and social responsibility, and global supply chain management.

Environmental Science Concentration

- Develop the skills needed to promote environmental resilience through the conservation of natural resources and reduction of climate risk.
- Learn about the biology of pollution, the overall health of our environment, and how to conduct an environmental risk assessment.

Health Sciences Concentration

- Attain the skills needed to improve and protect the environment in an effort to prevent possible adverse health effects on future generations.
- Focus on the health and well-being of humans and the environment to help ensure a healthier and more sustainable future.

Social Issues Concentration

- Modeling the three pillars of social sustainability — inclusion, empowerment, and resilience — learn how to communicate in a diverse society to help marginalized groups find their voice and improve overall living conditions by addressing social justice issues and understanding what healthy, resilient, and sustainable environments and communities look like

Supply Chain and Logistics Concentration

- Gain an understanding of global supply chain management and analytics, logistics and distribution management, purchasing and vendor management, and strategic warehouse management.

Sustainable Hospitality Concentration

- Focus on sustainable hospitality management, and corporate and social responsibility, as it applies to the hospitality industry.

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for careers related to the environment — such as environmental scientists and specialists, natural sciences managers, urban and regional planners, environmental science and protection technicians, and conservation scientists — are expected to grow 4–6% between 2022 and 2032.⁶

Potential Career Pathways and Outcomes⁷

Roles

- Environmental or Conservation Scientist
- Natural Sciences Manager
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Sustainability Specialist
- Operations Manager

The Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.



Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning policy.

2 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack[®] pricing. Tuition rates are subject to change at Purdue Global's discretion at any time and, as a result, the tuition price may change.

3 Students who inform Purdue Global they do not wish to pursue the program during the 3-week trial will not be charged. Students who choose to continue at Purdue Global will be billed for the full first term's tuition, including the 3-week trial, and will need to meet other specific requirements. Classes will be applied toward a degree if satisfactorily completed and students select to continue their studies at Purdue Global. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Graduate programs and BS in Professional Flight not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.

4 Estimated graduation date is based on the assumption that you will enroll in time to begin classes on the next upcoming start date, will remain enrolled for each consecutive term, and will maintain satisfactory academic standing in each term to progress toward completion of your program. Completion time is based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

To start a Graduate Program Pathway, students should consult with their Student Advisor to confirm eligibility. Not all Graduate Program Pathways are available on all tracks, and some may require students to meet academic standards to continue taking graduate courses in their bachelor's degree program. Visit the University Catalog for more information.

5 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2021–2022 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2022.

6 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, environmental scientists and specialists, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/environmental-scientists-and-specialists.htm>, natural sciences manager, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/natural-sciences-managers.htm>, urban and regional planners, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/urban-and-regional-planners.htm>, environmental science and protection technicians, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/environmental-science-and-protection-technicians.htm>, and conservation scientists, <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/conservation-scientists.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

7 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.