

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT

The Sustainability Management Major equips future professionals with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to address the pressing challenges of the 21st century at the intersection of environment, society, and economy within the context of businesses and organizations.

The Major builds on the mandatory sustainability-focused courses that provide foundational exposure to sustainability concepts during their first two years of the BComm. Students then further develop their sustainability competency through selected sustainability-focused business courses in key disciplinary areas, additional sustainability study via interdisciplinary courses from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science, and completion of a capstone course with an experiential learning component.

The Major is intended to give BComm students the potential to double major, pairing the Sustainability Management Major with a second major or a minor.

Graduates of the Major will be well-prepared for entry-level positions in a wide range of sectors, including sustainable finance, sustainability reporting and assurance, corporate social responsibility, sustainability marketing, consulting, supply chain and logistics, and social enterprise development. They will also be equipped for roles in government, nonprofits, and international organizations, where sustainability expertise is increasingly sought. The program further provides a strong foundation for graduate studies in business, management, economics, or social and environmental fields.

Program

The Bachelor of Commerce is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/sobey-school-business/bachelor-commerce/>).

Sustainability Management Major

Students registered in the Major must complete thirty-six (36) credit hours, as follows:

- Three sustainability-related core courses from the BComm program (9 credit hours);
- Five required sustainability-focused business courses (15 credit hours);
- Three approved elective courses (9 credit hours), selected from three interdisciplinary clusters.
 - Take at least one course from Cluster A and at least one course from Cluster B.
 - Choose a third elective from any of the three clusters (A, B, or C).
- One required capstone course (3 credit hours).

Note: Students in the Sustainability Management Major at Saint Mary's University are not eligible for the Sustainability Business Certificate program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements - Bachelor of Commerce		
BCOM 1201	Exploring Sustainability	3
ENTR 2201	Sustainable Entrepreneurship	3
MGMT 3480	Business Ethics & Responsibility	3
Major Requirements - Sustainability Management		
ACCT 3360	Sustainability Accounting, Reporting, and Assurance ^{1,2}	3
ECON 3367	Economics of Sustainability ^{1,2}	3
FINA 3410	Sustainable Finance ^{1,2}	3
MGMT 4483	Leadership in a Changing World ^{1,2}	3
MKTG 3382	Sustainable Marketing Management ^{1,2}	3
BCOM 4491	Consulting for Real-World Impact ^{1,2}	3
	or BCOM 4748 Sustainability Management	
Nine (9) Credit Hours from the Approved Course Clusters ^{2,3}		9
Total Credit Hours		36

¹ An average GPA of 2.2 out of 4.3 is required across these courses to graduate with a Major in Sustainability Management.

² If one of these courses is used to satisfy another program requirement, the number of free electives is increased by three (3) credit hours.

³ Nine (9) credit hours must be selected from the approved course clusters as listed.

- Choose three (3) credit hours from Cluster A and three (3) credit hours from Cluster B.

- Choose three (3) credit hours from any of the three clusters (A, B, or C).

Approved Course Clusters

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Cluster A: Social Sustainability		
ANTH 1280	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 2302	Nature of Culture (*)	3
GDST 1000	Global Development in Turbulent Times	3
GDST 2302	Global Development: Policies and Issues	3
HIST 2201	Environmental History of Europe, 1300 - 1900	3
HIST 2202	Environmental History of North America	3
HIST 2310	Rethinking Rural Nova Scotia	3
HIST 3475	Histories of Indigenous and Settler Relations	3
HIST 4576	Environmental History of China	3
HIST 4631	Environmental History of Atlantic Canada	3
PHIL 2305	Environmental Ethics	3
POLI 1201	Politics: Contemporary Issues	3
POLI 1260	Politics and Development: People, Ideas and Goods	3
SJCS 1211	Social Power Relations	3
SOCI 1210	Introductory Sociology	3
SOCI 3310	Society and the Environment (*)	3
Cluster B: Ecology		

ENVS 1200	Environmental Sustainability	3
ENVS 2200	Energy, Resources, and Pollution (*)	3
ENVS 3460	Indigenous Experience and The Environment (*)	3
ERTH 1202	Planet Earth: Atlantic Canada Perspective (formerly GEOL 1202)	3
ERTH 1206	Global Change (formerly GEOL 1206)	3
ERTH 1208	Environmental Geology: Atlantic Canada Perspective (formerly GEOL 1208)	3
ERTH 1212	Mining and Society: From Exploitation to Sustainability (formerly GEOL 1212)	3
GEOG 1200	People, Place and Environment (Group D)	3
GEOG 3380	Climate Change: Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation (Group D) (*)	3
Cluster C: Economy		
ECON 3310	Development Economics	3
ECON 3349	Women and the Economy	3
ECON 3362	Natural Resource Economics	3
ECON 3363	Environmental Economics	3
ECON 3368	Perspectives on Diversity and Society	3

Note: Courses with an asterisk (*) after the title have prerequisite requirements. Please consult the Undergraduate Academic Calendar or the BComm Advising Office for guidance.