



MINOR IN SUSTAINABILITY

UT's minor in sustainability is an interdisciplinary program focused on the social, scientific, economic and expressive aspects of global environmental issues. Students complete introductory and upper-level coursework across multiple colleges at UT and learn to critically evaluate strategies for the ethical treatment of present and future generations of living things and the environment.

Students will develop an understanding of:

- Contemporary issues in sustainability
- Ethical responsibility toward present and future generations of all living things and the environment, both locally and globally
- The limited nature of natural resources and the role of ethical perspectives in conserving those resources
- Corporate social responsibility and its role in promoting sustainable development

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the minor, it can be combined with a variety of majors such as biochemistry, biology, communication, economics, environmental science, graphic design, international business, management, marine science and more.

COURSES

Students are required to take four introductory and two upper-level courses, as well as a sustainability capstone seminar. Options are diverse, and students may select from among courses in environmental science, biology, chemistry, philosophy, health science, economics, sociology, geography, art, communication, nursing, political science and management.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Sustainability is relevant to a growing variety of fields. Virtually any profession that requires an understanding of the social, environmental and economic implications of personal, corporate and government decisions is applicable. These roles include:

- Researchers, advocacy experts and policy makers in the natural and social sciences
- Urban planners and geographers
- Social workers
- Nonprofit workers associated with aid/development efforts in the U.S. and abroad
- Entrepreneurs interested in the green economy

