

# SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES, BASS FLEX-TRACK DEGREE FOR ADULTS

The Flex-Track program for adults lets students earn their undergraduate degrees at an accelerated pace while balancing work and family commitments. Courses in the Flex-Track program are available fully online. Some courses may be offered on campus on occasion. Courses are eight weeks in length, allowing adult students to reduce the time it takes to earn the bachelor's degree.

The Bachelor of Arts Flex-Track degree in Sustainability Studies is open to students 22 years of age and older. Its main requirements include seven core SUST courses, one SUST elective, two "relevant electives" in an appropriate subject area, an 18-credit-hour "functional area" (which may also be a minor) in a related discipline or interdisciplinary area, selected general education seminars specifically geared toward the needs and learning styles of adult learners, and general electives.

## Standards

These quantitative requirements also apply to Flex-Track degrees:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate.

## Requirements

ENG 101 COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING is a pre-requisite for all 200-level SUST courses; the university writing requirement is a pre-requisite for all 300-level SUST courses.

Grade of C- or higher required in all major courses.

Core		
SUST 210	SUSTAINABLE FUTURE	3
SUST 220	WATER	3
SUST 230	FOOD	3
SUST 240	WASTE	3
SUST 310	ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE	3
SUST 320	SPRAWL, TRANSPORT, PLANNING	3
SUST 330	BIODIVERSITY	3
SUST Elective		
Select one of the following:		
SUST 340	POLICY, LAW, ETHICS	3
SUST 350	SERVICE AND SUSTAINABILITY	3
SUST 390	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SUSTAINABILITY	3

SUST 395	SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES INTERNSHIP	
Relevant Electives		
Two electives, chosen in consultation with an advisor, from these subject areas: SUST, BCHM, BIOL, CHEM, CJL, ECON, ENVS, HOSM, MATH, OLED, PHSC, POS, or SOC		6
Functional Area or Minor		
Related courses in a discipline or interdisciplinary area selected in consultation with an advisor		18
General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives		
Courses to total 120		72
Total Credit Hours		120

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Introductory		
General Education Courses:		
PLS 201	CRITICAL REASONING AND SKILLS	3
PLS 202	INFORMATION LITERACY AND RESEARCH WRITING	3
PLS 220	TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY	3
Mathematics:		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or higher)	3
Other Requirements		
General education (University Writing Requirement):		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
General Electives:		
Select additional courses from any area to complete the 120-hour degree requirement		
Upper Level General Education Seminars:		
PLS 350	SOCIAL SCIENCES SEMINAR I: CRITICAL SKILLS	3
PLS 351	SOCIAL SCIENCES SEMINAR II: SPECIAL TOPICS	3
PLS 360	NATURAL SCIENCES SEMINAR I	3
PLS 361	NATURAL SCIENCES SEMINAR II	3
PLS 370	HUMANITIES SEMINAR I: CRITICAL SKILLS	3
PLS 371	HUMANITIES SEMINAR II: SPECIAL TOPICS	3
PLS 397	ADVANCED RESEARCH DESIGN AND EVALUATION	3
PLS 398	SENIOR THESIS	3
Total Credit Hours		42

## Options for Minors

Students are encouraged to minor in other fields offered throughout the university. A minor in a professional, natural science, or social science discipline gives a SUST major additional focus and power, both for graduate study or the job market.

Recommended minors include:

- Professional: Business, Communications, Criminal Justice, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Journalism, Organizational Leadership, Paralegal Studies
- Natural Science: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Math
- Social Science: Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Justice Studies, Sociology

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

**Year 1**

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
PLS 201	3 ENG 102	3
PLS 202	3 PLS 220	3
ENG 101	3 MATH 110	3
General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3 SUST 210	3
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15		15

**Year 2**

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
SUST 220, 230, or 240	3 PLS 350	3
SUST 230, 220, or 240	3 PLS 351	3
Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3 Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3
General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3 SUST 310, 320, or 330	3
General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3 SUST 240, 220, or 230	3
15		15

**Year 3**

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
PLS 360	3 PLS 370	3
PLS 361	3 PLS 371	3
SUST 320, 310, or 330	3 SUST 330, 310, or 320	3
Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3 Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3
Relevant Elective	3 Relevant Elective	3
15		15

**Year 4**

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
PLS 397	3 Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3
PLS 398	3 General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
SUST 340, 350, 390, or 395	3 General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
Functional Area <sup>6</sup>	3 General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3

General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3 General Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
15		15

Total Credit Hours 120

- <sup>1</sup> Or course towards an optional Minor.
- <sup>2</sup> Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
- <sup>3</sup> Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
- <sup>4</sup> This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
- <sup>5</sup> One Natural Science course must have a lab.
- <sup>6</sup> See Advisor for Coursework. A minor is suggested