



Sustainability Certificate

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3 Sustainability Certificate



Do you want a career with a greater purpose? Rise to the challenge and establish yourself as a leader in the crucial sustainability movement. Sustainable initiatives have become a driving force in the economy, and demand is growing for knowledgeable professionals in renewable energies and sustainable practices.

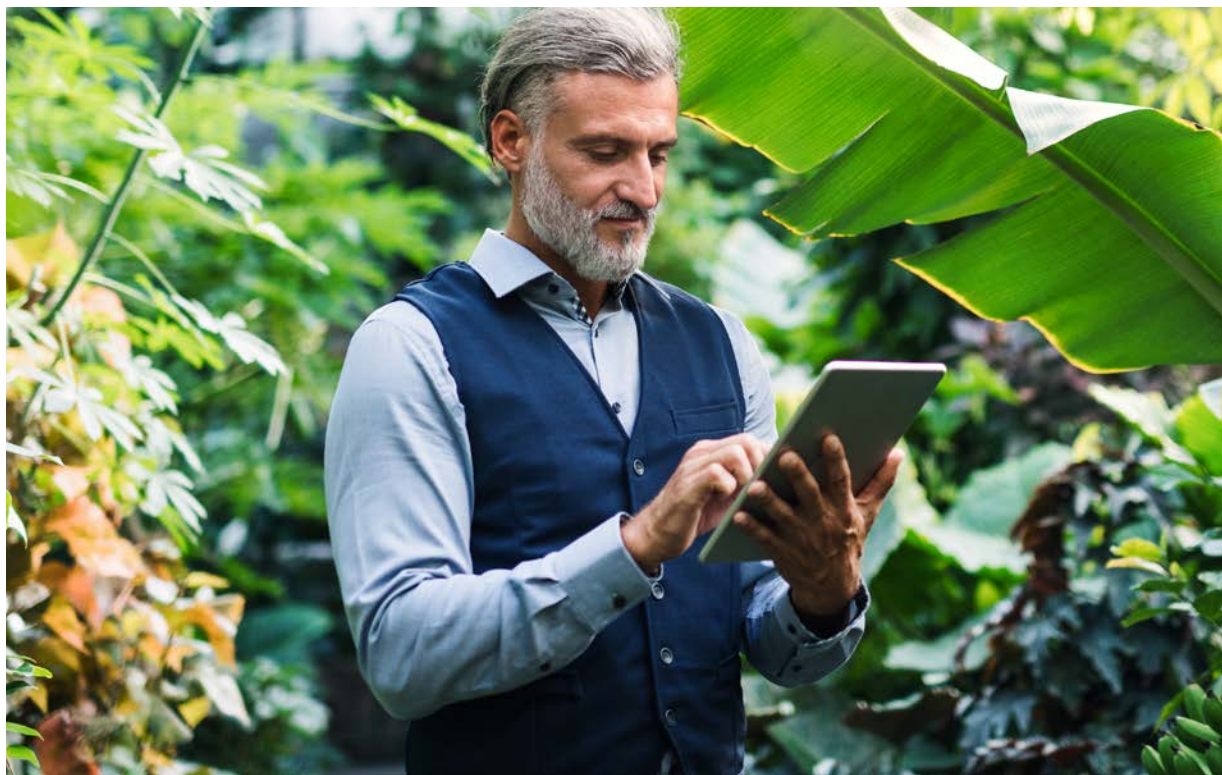
[Our 20-unit Sustainability Certificate](#) is perfect if you are interested in combining academic excellence with real-world experience. Designed with the needs of working professionals in mind, the program can be completed entirely online, remote, or a mixture of both, depending on your interests.



4 Invest your energy into a sustainable future

The field of sustainability is complex, interdisciplinary and full of promise for the future. As environmental considerations become top of mind for individuals and businesses, sustainability is a field that has important local and far-reaching significance.

[UCLA Extension's Sustainability Certificate](#) prepares individuals to make a big impact in the world through a course of study that provides a practical, comprehensive and multidisciplinary foundation for new to mid-level career professionals.



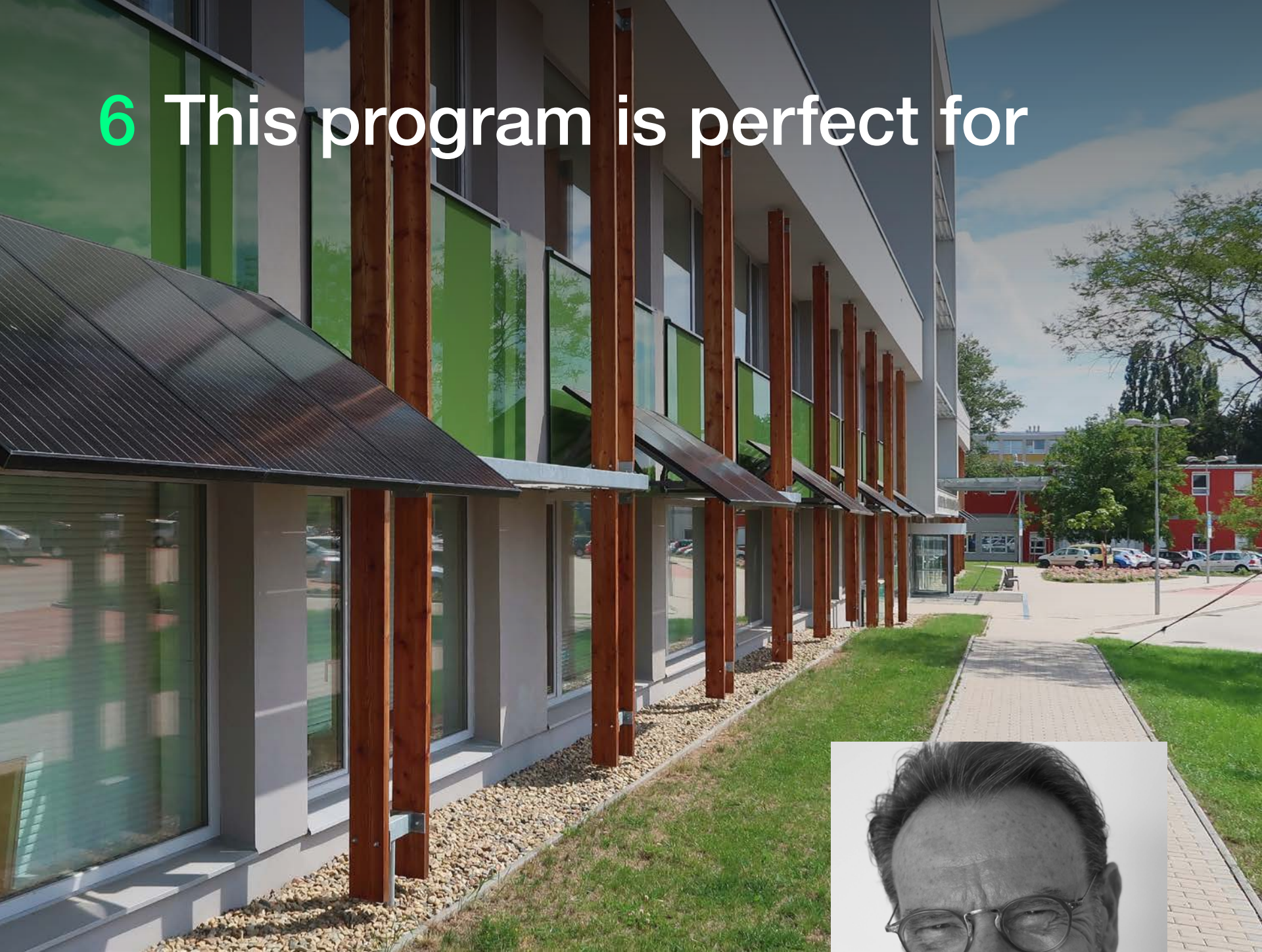
5 Academic excellence and real-world experience

Through this 20-unit program, you will enhance your skill set in areas including environmental and energy consultancy, green investment and marketing, green building project design, service learning, renewable energy, environmental compliance, climate change and many more.

The program is taught by instructors who are experts in their respective fields, and the courses are designed for practical, real-world application.



6 This program is perfect for

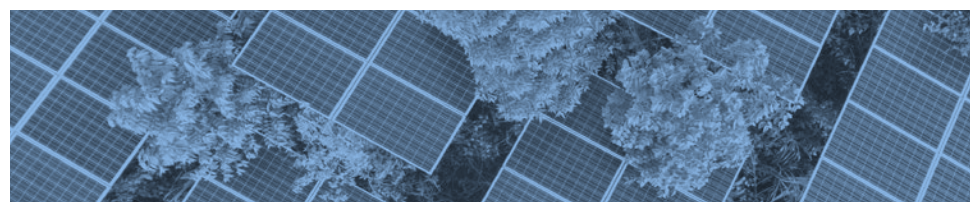


- Purpose-driven professionals seeking to stay up-to-date in their current position
- Professionals seeking promotional opportunities
- Professionals looking to become an environmental leader within their current non-sustainability related field
- Professionals looking to launch an exciting new career that matters
- Those who want to gain the skills and knowledge to become better global citizens



“Connect to the people who care!
Proud to have been part of this state-of-the-art Sustainability Certificate Program. Awesome teachers and students who are engaged and share the spirit to create a thriving and sustainable future.”

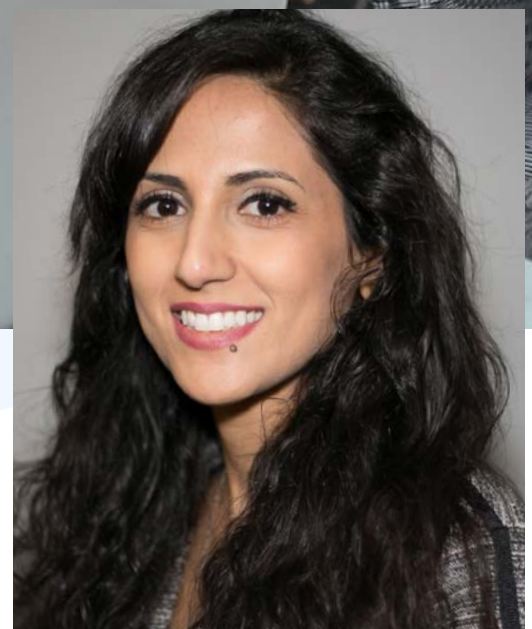
Urs Zimmermann
Sustainability Certificate Graduate



7 What you can learn

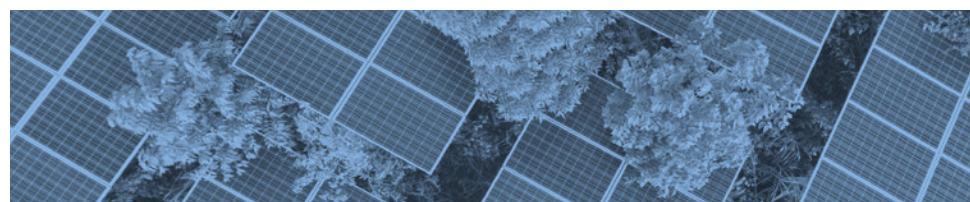


- Study environmental systems and the inter-relationship between them
- Learn business aspects of sustainability by identifying practical tools, measuring performance and reviewing best practices.
- Explore individual and group roles in sustainability and the interconnectedness and necessity of collaboration between social, economic and ecological responsibilities.
- Acquire skills in areas including environmental and energy consultancy, green investment and marketing, green building project design, renewable energy, climate change, public policy and more.



“As an instructor in the Sustainability program, I get the opportunity to empower students and working professionals to make impactful change. It is an extraordinary experience to stand in front of a classroom filled with bright students and professionals from 15+ countries and work through tackling the globe’s most pressing issues together. I’m thrilled to be part of such a supportive department at UCLA Extension and pleased to teach for them for years to come.”

Misha Kouzeh
Instructor



8 Career paths

The program offers a balanced and comprehensive curriculum, making the certificate transferable across industries. Previous graduates have moved on to careers including:

Sustainability Program Manager, California State University
Chancellor's Office

Partner, Community Healing Gardens

Environmental Deputy, City Council Office

Writer, children's book on sustainability

Senior Vice President, Planet Experts

Principal, AllAboutWaste

Senior Analyst, Sony Pictures

CEO, Bright Green Events

Sustainability Programs Manager, Staples Center

Project Manager, Opterra Energy Services

Water Cluster Associate, LA Cleantech Incubator

Sustainability Strategist, Sustainable Brands

Project Manager, Southern California Edison

Outreach Manager, Willdan Energy Solutions

Marketing Director, DuPont Biomaterials

Director Business Development, NuAge Energy

Commodity Specialist, Calpine Energy Solutions

Sustainability Project Manager, Sustainable Brands

Garden Educator, MUSE School

Project Manager, EcoMotion

Senior VP, Planet Experts



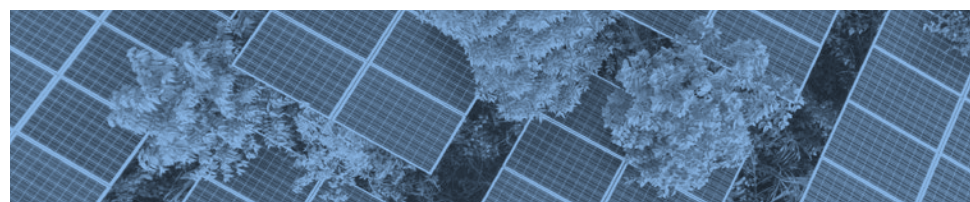
9 Study on your schedule



UCLA Extension's program was created to accommodate working professionals by offering evening courses as well as a variety of course formats. Depending on your interests, you can complete the program entirely online, remote, or a mixture of both. For assistance with planning your schedule, reach out to one of our friendly Student Advisors!

“UCLA Extension’s Sustainability Certificate opened my eyes to sustainability, inspired me and gave me a purpose to follow from now on and the knowledge necessary to work in the sector. From environmental issues to ethical problems, it is great to understand how people, companies, government and different systems and resources can work together to build a more sustainable future. If you are interested in learning about sustainability, look no further.”

Marilena Nikou
Sustainability Certificate Graduate



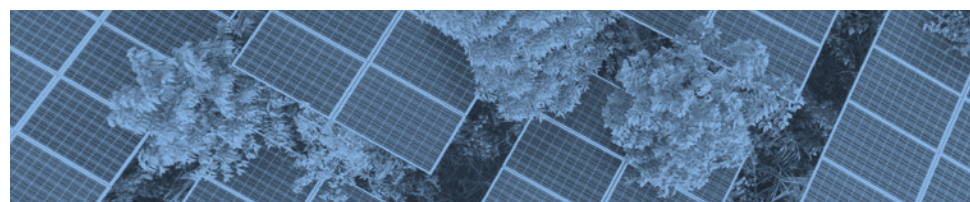
10 Grow your professional network



Take advantage of interacting with peers from a wide range of professional backgrounds, and build a network of contacts across industries to support your career development.

“My love for teaching expands every time I am in the classroom full of students. This has been especially true as an instructor in the Sustainability Certificate program at UCLA Extension. The students in the program come with an elevated attitude to succeed and their passion drives them to be global change makers. I feel very honored to be a part of the program as an instructor and share my knowledge and experience as an educator and sustainability practitioner in the classroom.”

Victoria Charles
Instructor



11 Curriculum

Students are required to complete three required courses and two electives (five total).

Required Courses

[Principles of Sustainability I: Introduction](#)

[Principles of Sustainability II: Current Issues and Case Studies](#)

[Principles of Sustainability III: Stakeholders and Engaging Communities](#)

Electives (select 2)

[Strategic Social Impact](#)

[Renewable Energy Economics and Policy](#)

[Climate Change, Energy and the Environment](#)

[Food Justice](#)

[Sustainable Food and Agriculture](#)

[Environmental Sociology](#)

[Supply Chain Sustainability](#)

[Food Studies Graduate Certificate Colloquium](#)

[Sustainability Internship](#)

[Global Business Practices in Sustainability](#)

[Integrating Sustainability into Financial Reporting](#)

[Earth's Physical Environment](#)

[People and the Earth's Ecosystems](#)

[The Ocean Environment: An Ecosystem Perspective](#)

[Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design](#)

[Sustainable Energy Management](#)

[Greener Gardens: Sustainable Garden Practice](#)

[Building a Garden Ecology with California Natives](#)

[The Solar Energy Solution: Harnessing Solar Power in the Home and Office](#)

† All courses taken toward the certificate must be taken for a letter grade and a grade of C or better is required.

†† Principles II and III can be taken during the same quarter.



12 Estimated cost

All courses in this program are paid for individually. An application form is required to establish candidacy in this program.

Please contact a program representative to discuss certificate cost. Find out more about our [Exclusive Benefits](#).

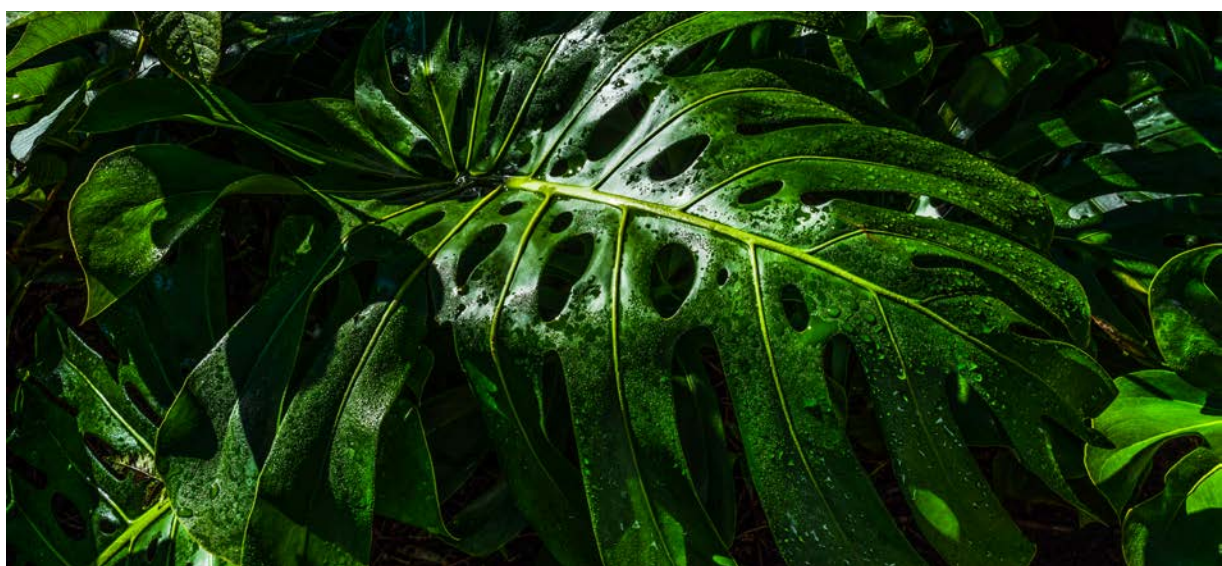


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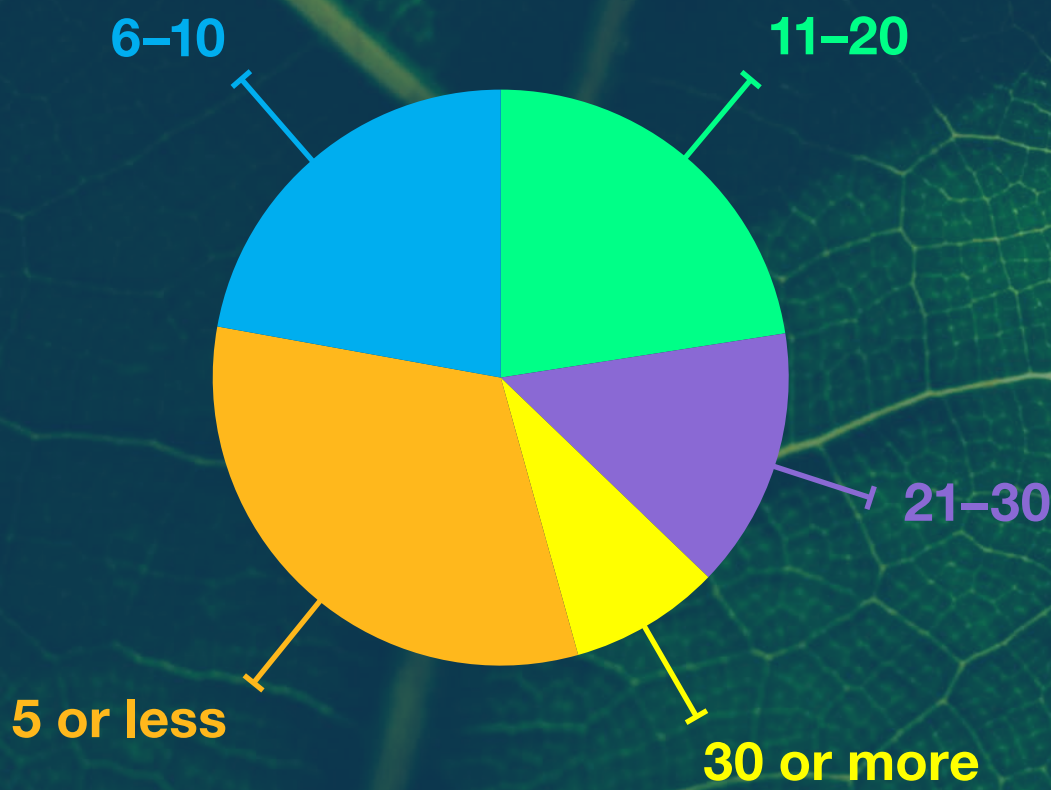


Interested in adding another accomplishment to your resume? Do you want employers to know you specialize in the business and management aspect of sustainability? If so, consider completing the [Sustainable Business and Management Specialization](#) alongside the Sustainability Certificate.

Completing the two programs simultaneously comes highly recommended since certain electives of each program overlap. When planned correctly, students can complete both programs by taking only six courses.

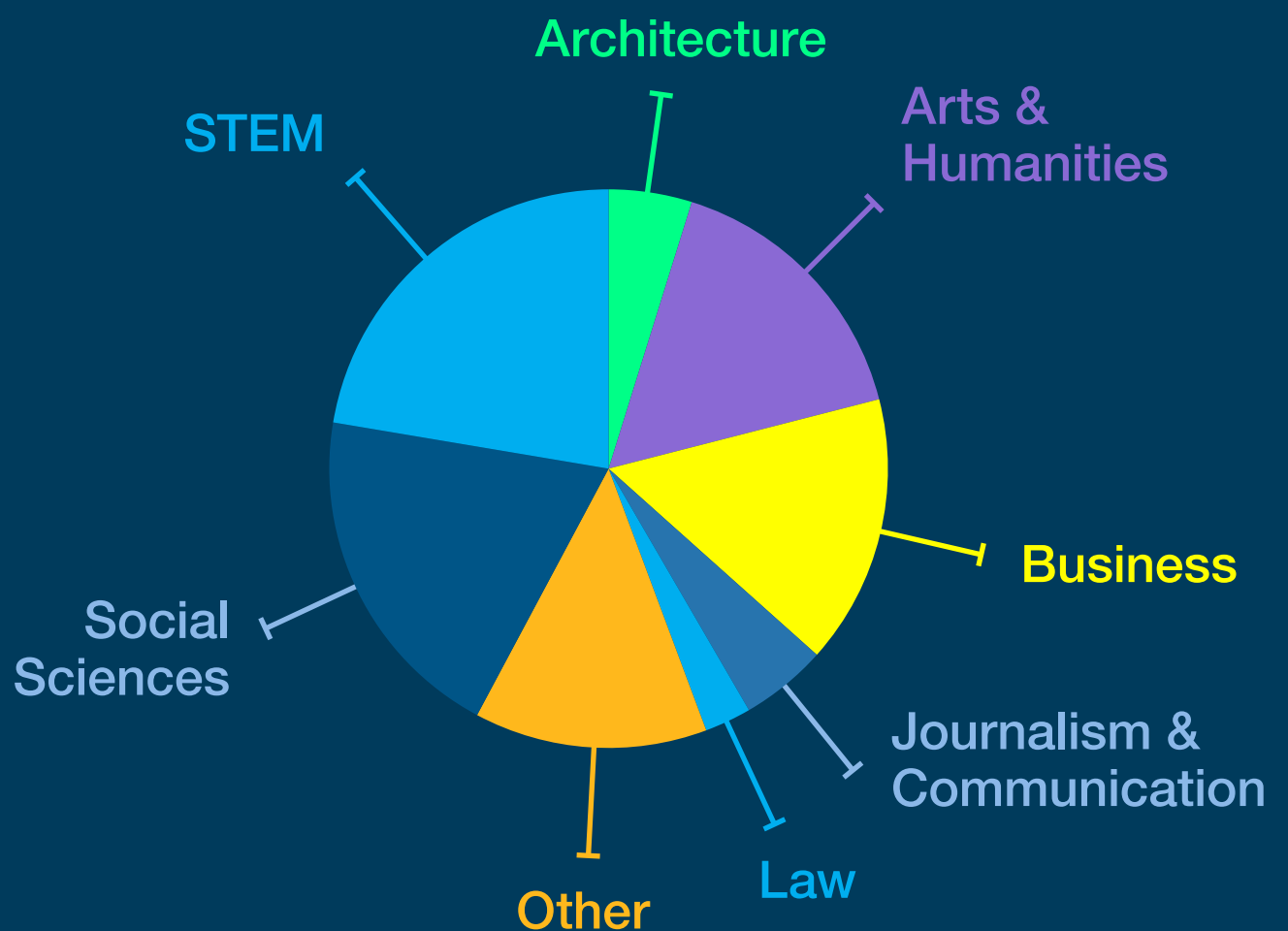


14 Demographics of our students



Years of work experience in the field *prior* to starting the Sustainability Certificate

Undergraduate majors *prior* to starting the Sustainability Certificate



15 Frequently asked questions

Are there prerequisites for entry into the certificate?

No prerequisites are needed to enter the program. However, some advanced courses do have prerequisites (other courses within the program).

How long does it take to complete the certificate?

The certificate can be completed within two quarters. However, this will depend on which courses you plan on taking, as not all courses are offered every quarter. Most students complete the certificate on a part-time basis over four quarters (most domestic students have full-time jobs). All requirements must be completed within five years from your first course in the program. It is recommended that you speak with Student Advisor to plan your schedule.

Do you offer internships?

Yes, we offer a [Sustainability Internship](#) course.

How will this certificate help my career?

This certificate will benefit you in many ways, whether you are looking for your first job, changing careers completely, or wanting to acquire a promotion. The practical and real-world training you receive in this certificate sets it apart from the traditional undergraduate degree. It gives your resume the winning edge over others when applying to a new job. More and more, non-sustainability companies and organizations are hiring a Sustainability Specialist to lead their sustainability efforts. Completing this certificate can put you in the running to becoming the sustainability leader in your current company!

What type of student applies to this certificate?

Our students are of all ages, have various educational backgrounds, come from all over the world and work in a wide variety of fields. This is what makes this certificate so great—class discussions are never dull!

16 Sample schedule



1st Quarter

Principles of Sustainability I
Elective

2nd Quarter

Principles of Sustainability II
Elective

3rd Quarter

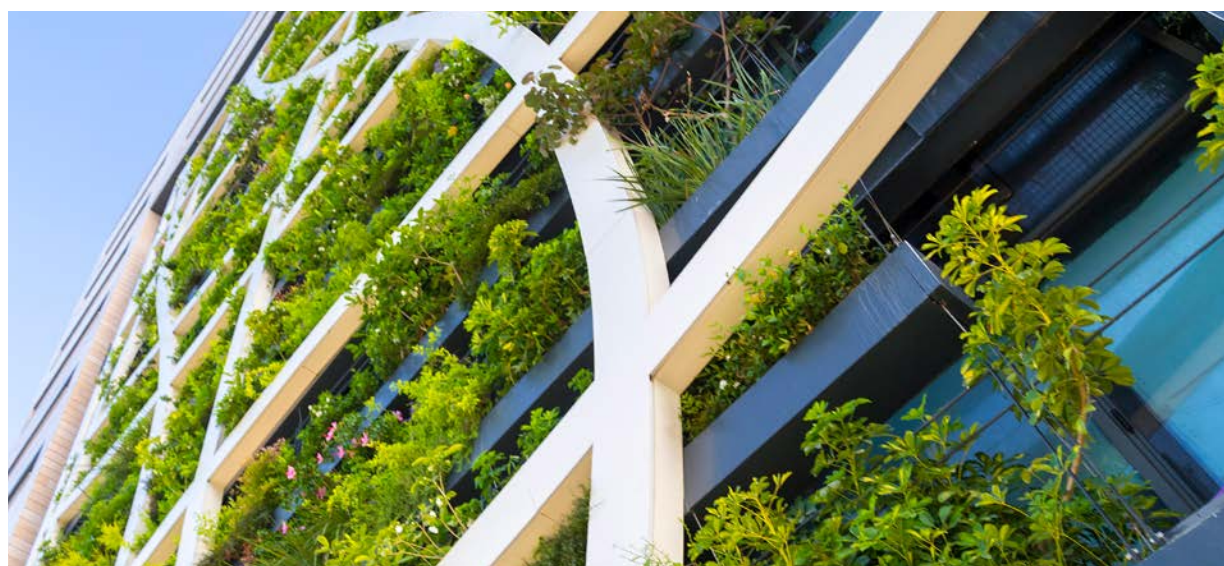
Principles of Sustainability III

† The schedule can be condensed into two quarters if preferred. Careful planning is necessary; please collaborate with the Student Advising Officer prior to enrolling.

†† Students have the option of spacing out their courses (within a five-year limit). Options include taking one course per quarter or even one course per year if that better fits your schedule.

††† It is not required that you complete the certificate. If you prefer to just take one or two courses, that is permitted as UCLA Extension is an open-enrollment institution.

†††† Course availability subject to change.





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Speak to a program representative.

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