

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SUSTAINABILITY MINOR?

Minors come from all different academic backgrounds, each pursuing their own professional and career goals. These are just a few disciplines that are incorporating sustainability so you can see the diversity of careers available.

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Agriculture:



Our current food production methods are harming the environment and failing to feed starving

people. Habitats are being cleared, soil is eroding away, pesticides and fertilizers are harming biodiversity. To feed the world, we must utilize sustainable agricultural systems.

Education:

For people to fully understand sustainability, they need a firm background in critical thinking sociology, economics, and ecology. Sustainability is being incorporated into classrooms at all levels from kindergarten to graduate school. Effective educators must communicate



issues and topics in a clear and simple way across disciplines.

Energy:

Traditional methods of producing energy are very costly to the planet. It is imperative that engineers



continue to develop efficient, renewable, non-polluting, and reliable sources of energy. The energy sector has been taking off with new technologies and increased awareness in the need for clean energy.

Wilderness Conservation:



Biologists are coming to the realization that protecting wild places and species requires them to work with

communities and recognize that economic needs also need to be met. Throughout the world, conservationists are educating people about the value of protected areas while also working with them to access alternative markets.

Architecture:

Buildings have a host of environmental problems, from high water and energy use to the types of materials used. However, we will always need them, so there is an increasing need for buildings to be "green." As the world becomes more urbanized, our homes, offices, and cities must minimize their environmental impact while improving the quality of life for inhabitants.



Business and Economics:

Many economic models fail to account for the full social and environmental costs related to a business, however, there is growing recognition that conservation should be valued. New disciplines such as environmental and ecological economics are trying to factor in the costs of environmental destruction and the financial benefits of conservation.



Urban Planning:

Cities use a lot of energy. Food needs to be shipped in, trash collected, sewer and water systems need to be set up, and there are increasing issues with homelessness, crime, and poverty. Our cities today cannot handle a huge influx of people, and the city of tomorrow needs to be built sustainably. New and innovative solutions are needed to create cities that are both livable and environmentally friendly.



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