

**UCLA** Extension



# Sustainability Certificate

A Career with a Greater Purpose



# Invest Your Energy into a Sustainable Future

## Sustainability for the 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 around them through a course of study that provides a practical, comprehensive, multidisciplinary foundation for new to mid-level career professionals.

Through UCLA Extension's sustainability certificate, 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 water resource policy. The program is taught by instructors who are experts in their respective fields and courses are designed for practical real-world application.

## Study on Your Schedule

UCLA Extension's program was created to accommodate working professionals. Courses are offered conveniently during nights and weekends. The sustainability certificate can be completed either entirely online or in an online/classroom hybrid program. Best of all, the certificate can be completed in six months!

## 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.

## Earn a Certificate or Take Courses to Advance Your Career

UCLA Extension offers a wide range of sustainability courses—everything from Green Marketing Strategies to Renewable Energy Economics and Policy. Gain the in-depth knowledge to advance your career with our certificate program, which you can complete with just five courses, or brush up on specific areas with individual classes.

## Program Costs\*

Candidacy Fee: \$250

Tuition: \$3,480

Program Textbook/Materials: \$320

Estimated Total Cost: \$4,050

\* Costs listed above are approximate and subject to change without notice. Estimates are based on the candidacy fee, course fees, and estimated textbook fees, but do not include additional expenses such as parking.





## Course of Study

The sustainability certificate is a 20-unit program. Students must complete three required courses (12-units total), plus eight units worth of elective courses.

### The Three Required Courses Are:

- Principles of Sustainability I: Introduction (Prerequisite for Principles of Sustainability II and III)
- Principles of Sustainability II: Current Issues and Case Studies
- Principles of Sustainability III: Stakeholders and Engaging Communities

### Elective Courses Are Offered in the Following Disciplines:

- Arts
- Business Strategy
- Design
- Energy
- Environmental Law & Policy

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

“I greatly enjoyed exploring different aspects of sustainability. While I came in for a ‘green marketing’ education, I was able to take some courses in renewable energies that eventually led me directly to my current job at a solar company.”

— **David Gillbank**, marketing professional, Solar Energy

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### Sample Schedule—Required Courses and Electives

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter (Optional)
Principles of Sustainability I	Principles of Sustainability II	Sustainability Internship
Renewable Energy, Economics, and Policy	Principles of Sustainability III	
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Integrating a Green Business Strategy	

### How to Apply

No prerequisites are needed to enter the program. To enroll in the certificate program, simply visit [uclaextension.edu/sustainability](http://uclaextension.edu/sustainability)



# Advance Your Career

## Who Studies Sustainability?

Sustainability has applications across a wide range of disciplines. Our program attracts a diverse set of professionals, including:

- Attorneys
- Business Development Managers
- City Planners
- Consultants
- Corporate and Product Sustainability Managers
- Engineers
- Entrepreneurs
- Environmental Affairs Officers
- Facility Management Professionals
- Marketing Specialists
- Media Specialists
- Mid-Career Changers
- Political Strategists
- Project Managers and Coordinators

- Renewable Energy Sales Associates
- Research Analysts
- Sustainability Experts
- Waste Management Experts

## Career Paths

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

- Deputy of Environmental Affairs & Sustainability for Los Angeles City Councilmember
- Electrical Engineer at Burbank Water & Power
- Marketing Manager at Solar World
- Office of Environmental Planning and Compliance, Grand Canyon National Park
- Senior Education Solutions Representative at Waste Management
- Sustainability Analyst, greenNG, Northrop Grumman Corporation



“ I started my business with a true passion for sustainability. This program allowed me to continue working while obtaining a tremendously valuable education, which opened doors to numerous resources and networking opportunities. ”

— **Leslie VanKeuren**, owner, Sustain LA—Zero Waste and Sustainability Consultants

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