



Fast-Track Program for Adults:
Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) degree
in the Evelyn T. Stone College of Professional Studies
Major in Sustainability Studies

Roosevelt University’s Sustainability Studies Program offers the first sustainability-themed bachelor’s degree in the Chicago area. Students graduating with a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree with a major in Sustainability Studies will have an interdisciplinary understanding of the varied dimensions of sustainability, both from a local and global perspective. They will be fluent in articulating how sustainability issues relate to matters of the environment, the economy and social equity; and demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, reading, writing and research skills.

About the Program

The Bachelor of Professional Studies degree with a major in Sustainability Studies is designed to combine a deep knowledge of the pressing environmental issues of the 21st century with the benefits of a fast-track general education curriculum geared for adults.

The program’s goals include:

- Engaging students in the critical public policy debates surrounding consumption, energy usage and viable economic growth;
- Fostering students’ environmental literacy using rigorous, scholarly-based research in the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities;
- Exploring social justice issues on a range of fronts, including environmental justice, resource allocation, urban development and social equity.

An Interdisciplinary, Engaged Curriculum

Each Sustainability Studies course is by design interdisciplinary. It combines the best of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to bring each of these methods to bear on sustainability questions.

Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Professional Studies degree is a time-shortened, fast-track degree designed for working adults aged 24 years or older. Students can take a mix of on-campus and online classes to fulfill requirements.

Core Courses

- 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, Transportation & Planning (3)
- SUST 330 Biodiversity (3)
- Six semester hours of relevant electives

Plus one of the following courses:

- SUST 340 Policy, Law and Ethics (3)
- SUST 350 Service-Learning (3)
- SUST 390 Special Topics (3)

Functional Area

- 18 semester hours (which may form a minor) in one concentrated area of study

Other Requirements

- University Writing Requirement
- BPS degree requirements: See “Fast-Track for Adults” Fact Sheet



Why Sustainability Studies?

The world faces an unprecedented challenge in the 21st century: we need to redesign and rethink much of our way of life to make it sustainable given the planet's limited and fragile resources. Roosevelt's Sustainability Studies program gives students the tools and knowledge to become leaders in this effort.

Urban Systems: Roosevelt's geographic location makes it a perfect place to explore the urban and suburban environment. Case studies and topics will be both global and local, bringing worldwide concerns close to home.

Field Trip Experiences: Sustainability Studies students will explore the diversity of the Chicago region and examine sustainability initiatives in the city and suburbs. Students will make field-based observations and scientific assessments, engage in service projects, and see concrete connections between community-based efforts and their classroom learning.

Sustainability and Social Justice: The Sustainability Studies curriculum asks hard questions about how to make our world both more sustainable and more socially just.

Service Learning: Students can earn credit while contributing to community organizations in meaningful ways. The Chicago region has numerous organizations engaged in sustainability, providing opportunities for students to begin their Sustainability careers.

Courses On-Campus and Online: Sustainability Studies courses are offered in Chicago, Schaumburg, and Online.

Opportunities to Double Major: Students can combine the following College of Professional Studies majors with Sustainability Studies for a double major: Commerce and Enterprise, Criminal Justice, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Organizational Leadership and Paralegal Studies.

For more information, visit the Sustainability Studies web site:

www.roosevelt.edu/ETS/SustainabilityStudies.aspx

Faculty

The Sustainability Studies program is built around a core of full-time faculty members with a wide variety of interests and talents:

Michael A. Bryson, Associate Professor of Humanities PhD, English, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Author of *Visions of the Land: Science, Literature, and the American Environment from the Era of Exploration to the Age of Ecology* (University of Virginia Press, 2002).

Gregory A. Buckley, Associate Professor of Natural Science PhD, Geology, Rutgers University
Paleontologist and expert on fossil crocodiles in Madagascar.

Maris Cooke, Adjunct Instructor
MA, History, University of Illinois at Chicago
Awarded Service Learning Grant for Urban Farming at Cabrini-Green in Chicago.

D. Bradford Hunt, Associate Professor of Social Science PhD, History, University of California, Berkeley.
Author of *Blueprint for Disaster: The Unraveling of Chicago Public Housing* (University of Chicago Press, 2009).

Julian Kerbis Peterhans, Professor of Natural Science and Adjunct Curator, Field Museum of Natural History PhD, Anthropology, University of Chicago
Expert on biodiversity of mammals in Africa and author of *Small Mammals of Uganda* (Bonner Zoologische, 2009).

Carl Zimring, Assistant Professor of Social Science PhD, History, Carnegie Mellon University.
Author of *Cash for Your Trash: Scrap Recycling in America* (Rutgers University Press, 2005)

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