Mission

The faculty involved in the sustainability studies program envision the program as a means to promote the importance of supporting a sustainable world. The program’s mission is to train students to:

» apply critical thinking and methodological skills
» engage in an awareness of environmental and social ethics
» understand sustainability issues from scientific, social and policy perspectives

Graduates of the program will then be prepared to lead in the sustainability sectors of government, education, nonprofit, research and industry, successfully responding to the sustainability challenges facing Texas, the nation and the world.

The sustainability master’s program at Texas State University is a unique, multidisciplinary program that allows students to customize a unique path to the career of their dreams. With a great job perspective in today’s market, it assures a bright future for students and the environment. This program takes you further than what you thought you could reach.

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Sustainability Studies
MASTER OF ARTS, MASTER OF SCIENCE
**Why choose Texas State?**
With occupations changing to include environmentally conscious knowledge, "green" vocations are in higher demand. The need for environmental protection services is creating excellent job opportunities for those with advanced degrees. The graduate degrees in sustainability studies prepare committed leaders to address emerging sustainability issues.

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**Faculty**
Core faculty involved in the program are housed in the colleges of Applied Arts, Liberal Arts and Science and Engineering and represent a diversity of disciplines including agriculture, biology, family and consumer sciences, geography, philosophy, political science and sociology. Faculty members include researchers engaged in projects spanning many sustainability-related fields, award-winning teachers and leaders in professional societies within their disciplines.

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**Course Work**
Students completing the program will have the technical skills to formulate and solve problems at the appropriate scale, as well as the breadth of vision to recognize the interconnectedness and complexity of human-environment systems. The M.A. in sustainability studies is designed for students inclined toward the humanities, arts, communication, urban or regional planning or related fields. The M.S. in sustainability studies is designed for students inclined toward social sciences, natural sciences, economics, policy, ethics or related fields. The program is tailored to accommodate both full-time and part-time graduate students.

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**Career Options**
Students in the sustainability studies program will graduate with methodological, statistical and critical thinking skills, giving them a competitive edge in the emerging sustainability market. Students wishing to continue their studies will be prepared for admission to doctoral programs while others will be ready to fill important positions in local, state or federal government, regulatory agencies, nongovernmental organizations, consulting firms and other relevant industries.

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**Important Deadlines**

*Admissions*
- Priority Fall: January 15
- Fall: June 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer/summer midterm: May 15

*Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships*
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

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**How to Apply**
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