

IPAC Program Description

Name of Program

Sustainability Studies Minor

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Brief Description of the Program

The minor encompasses the interactions of social policy, social equity, scientific principles, and environmental stewardship. By approaching these complex issues from a comprehensive perspective important societal challenges such as the interplay between climate change and poverty or resource use and prosperity, can be addressed and solutions proposed. Our goal is to engage our students in a dynamic, interdisciplinary learning experience, and to enhance the employment opportunities of its graduates in the fast growing environmental and sustainability industries.

Interdisciplinary Nature of the Program

The Sustainability Studies Minor draws from Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Economics, Human Development, Political Science, Sociology, Technology, and Technology Education. The minor is structured such that students take core courses in the natural and social sciences, and choose electives in a variety of departments to deepen their understanding of the multidimensional problems of sustainability.

Relationship to Interdisciplinarity at Oswego

The Sustainability Studies Minor draws students and courses from across the campus. The 2012-2013 Sustainability Speaker Series brought in a mix of speakers, including a geographer, a historian, an alumnus living off the grid, and the director of an environmental NGO. We have some overlap with other interdisciplinary programs, like the global sustainability track of Global and International Studies.

IPAC Support

We use the IPAC Conference Room for meetings.

The IPAC secretary provides some secretarial support.

We also post brochures and announcements in the IPAC office.

Relevant Dates

Ongoing.