

SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES (SSOC) SECOND MAJOR

Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sustainable Societies second major hopes to rouse an appreciation and sense of urgency about the complexities, trade-offs, and synergies that sustainability presents for the people and the planet that we inhabit. The SSOC major's three main pillars – environment, society and the economy– mirror the realities and challenges of sustainable development of today and the future. With emphasis on problem-solving perspectives and capabilities, and interdisciplinarity, the SSOC major hopes to develop in students the skillsets for future green jobs across industries and sectors.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will gain insights and basic analytical perspectives to prepare them for working with complexities surrounding sustainability that now define the function and organization of the public, private and non-profit sectors.
- The knowledge gained through the courses selected for the SSOC major is complemented by project-based, experiential learning provided by the sustainability practicum, as well as through strategic training partnerships with the industry.
- This second major will provide students with the opportunity to engage with key concepts and problem-solving skills relevant to environmental, society, and governance topics across a range of industries and sectors.
- Students can customize the focus of their studies by selecting electives of their own interests.

Programme Structure

To fulfill the requirements of the Sustainable Societies second major, students must complete:

Required Core Courses (3 CUs)	COR-SSOC2227 Sustainability and Society SSOC102 Sustainability Reasoning and Analysis SSOC110 Sustainability Practicum (SMU-X)
Electives (5 CUs)	Choose at least one from each pillar*. Pillar 1: Society SOCG201 Social Stratification and Inequality SOCG203 Gender and Family SOCG223 Sociology of Education POSC308 Gender Politics PSYC212 Psychology of Sustainability Pillar 2: Economy POSC310 Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty COR2628 Refocusing Wealth and Poverty POSC319 Political Economy of Development COR-PPPM1311 Collaborative Governance Pillar 3: Environment COR2203 Climate Change: Global and Local Solutions SOCG211 Food, Environment and Sustainability POSC316 Politics of Water PPPM201 Environmental Politics and Policy *Students who undertake the Sustainable Societies / Public Policy and Public Management Work Study Elective to fulfil 2CU of electives will be required to take at least one CU from each pillar for their remaining 3CU of electives.

Course codes may change; students should refer to BOSS for the most updated information.