Honors Opportunities in Sustainability

The Honors Opportunities in Sustainability are organized in four sections: honors sections, enrichment contracts in the School of Sustainability, honors opportunities, and information about careers in sustainability.

Honors Sections

SOS offers the Honors-only section of SOS 111 Sustainable Cities.

Enrichment Contracts

Enrichment contracts are created on a case-by-case basis. To generate an enrichment contract start with approaching the SOS course instructor to explore what additional research/creative project would deepen the course content and support exploration of topics in the area of students’ interest, define the deliverables, and a schedule. The general expectation is for students and faculty members to meet and work together for up to eight hours per semester. In situations where the course instructor is an Instructor or Faculty Associate, they can serve as second member of the enrichment contract. The director of the enrichment contract needs to be a full-time faculty member at ASU. The FHA can help identify full-time faculty members.

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Research & Thesis Opportunities

Faculty members in SOS employ and advise students in conducting academic research on a wide array of topics, from economics and equity in international development to motivations and constraints for water or energy conservation. These positions entail paid jobs and potential Honors thesis projects, as well as broader learning experiences. Course credit for independent research is also possible. Use the Expert Search to find more information on faculty expertise and interests, and to review a list of potential Honors advisors.

ASU’s Sustainability Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program provides students with research opportunities through a tiered approach: Research Apprentice, Research Assistant, Research Fellow. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in research as early as sophomore year.

Internships & Work Experience

ASU’s Sustainability program strongly supports students in their efforts to participate in real-world learning experiences, including volunteerism, internships, and participating in on-campus organizations. Students may work directly with the SOS Assistant Director of Internships and Experiential Education to develop a sustainability internship or find available internships, volunteer opportunities, and research projects on SustainabilityConnect.
Scholarships & Awards
The School recognizes excellence in learning through a variety of financial and other awards, from grants and loans to scholarships and fellowships.

Public Presentations & Discussions
Throughout the year, SOS holds public presentations and discussions with sustainability scholars from ASU and elsewhere around the world, including our Wrigley Lecture Series. Topics range widely, from human vulnerability and adaptation to climate changes to the development of sustainable energy technologies, and so much more. Honors Sustainability students are often invited to special engagements with speakers.

Sustainability Academy
The School of Sustainability Academy is a community of high-achieving, socially embedded sustainability students. The academy fosters academic success, leadership skills, community engagement, and persistence to graduation and reaching goals beyond graduation. Academy students will participate in Camp SOS and other special events, and have access to peer and sustainability industry or academic mentors.

Honor Society for Sustainability
The Honor Society for Sustainability is a network of sustainability scholars that have demonstrated academic excellence and are committed to solving global sustainability challenges. HSS has two primary goals for its members: to give back to the community through service, and to provide pre-professional development opportunities through guest speakers, networking mixers with alumni and business representatives, and faculty engagement. Two $500 scholarships are available each year to HSS members.

Sustainability Digest
The Global Institute of Sustainability distributes a weekly Sustainability Digest that summarizes upcoming lectures, community activities, work opportunities, and much more. Subscribe today.

Careers in Sustainability
Sustainability graduates are prepared for admission into strong graduate and professional schools or may assume positions in industry, consultancy, utilities, regulatory agencies, non-profits, non-governmental organizations, or local, state or federal government. Career options depend on the student's area of focus in the program. Recent graduates have gone on to work in government agencies, consulting firms, major corporations, non-profits, and educational organizations.

To find out more, visit our Careers in Sustainability website (https://schoolofsustainability.asu.edu/careers/careers-in-sustainability/). School of Sustainability majors are encouraged to work directly with the school's Career Services Associate, Marsha Gonzaga (Marsha.Gonzaga@asu.edu).