

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP

The graduate certificate in sustainability leadership was created in response to the colossal effects of climate change and attendant growth in social inequality. It is designed for future change leaders who are dedicated to catalyzing the changes necessary for a flourishing planet. The cross-disciplinary program engages students in the theories surrounding contemporary leadership and change interventions and explores the policies, technologies, and models that support sustainable development. Program participants work in teams to research GW's commitment to carbon neutrality, historic carbon emissions, clean water, energy efficiency, and eliminating single use plastics, and implement practices to achieve these commitments.

These projects create models of change to be shared with other institutions and external partners. The experience challenges students to examine their own personal involvement and appreciate that change must be a global concern. Specifically, students will:

- # Build competency in global sustainability initiatives
- # Discover the mindset and behaviors of sustainability decision making
- # Take personal ownership of sustainability
- # Amplify inner leader development
- # Support the transformation of our campus and community through our ESG goals
- # Commit to being a change agent and catalyze change

For those wishing to continue their studies in the field, two courses completed in the certificate program may be applied toward requirements for the master of arts in education and human development in organizational leadership and learning (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/education-human-development/human-organizational-learning/organizational-leadership-learning/>) upon admission to that program. Visit the program website (<https://gsehd.gwu.edu/human-and-organizational-learning/>) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 12 credits in required courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements		
HOL 6702	Organizational Change	
HOL 6704	Leadership in Organizations	
SUST 6094	Sustainability Leadership Capstone I	
SUST 6095	Sustainability Leadership Capstone II	