

University of Louisville
Urban and Public Affairs
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PLAN 675/PDM 675/UPA 675: Introduction to Sustainability (3 hours)

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Class: Thursdays from 5:30-8:15
Location: Life Sciences Room 130

What is Introduction to Sustainability?

A holistic course considering multiple factors for sustainability goals and is required for students enrolled in the Master Interdisciplinary Studies: Concentration in Sustainability program.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to identify roles of stakeholders in sustainability including individuals, nonprofits, governmental organizations, and corporations regarding resources affecting people, the planet, and prosperity.
2. Students will be able to express limitations of stakeholders in sustainability including individuals, nonprofits, governmental organizations, and corporations regarding resources affecting people, the planet, and prosperity by using policy resources at the local to international level.
3. Students will be able to provide solutions based on the roles and limitations of individuals, nonprofits, governmental organizations, and corporations regarding resources affecting people, the planet, and prosperity.

Grading: Letter grades will be earned based on the following percentages:

97-100=A+ 87-89=B+ 77-79=C+ 67-69=D+ 59 and Below=F
93-96=A 83-86=B 73-76=C 63-66=D
90-92=A- 80-82=B- 70-72=C- 60-62=D-

Assignments:

Paper Summaries 7 at 3 points each = 21
Presentation Feedback 9 at 2 points each = 18
Presentations 3 at 15 points each = 45
Final Project = 16 points
Total points = 100

Course Schedule/Topics

Date	Topic	Assignments Due	Paper #
25-Aug	Introduction to course		
1-Sep	Energy		
8-Sep	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	1
15-Sep	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	2
22-Sep	Group Presentations	Presentations	

29-Sep	Food	Feedback	
6-Oct	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	3
13-Oct	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	4
20-Oct	Group Presentations	Presentations	
27-Oct	Water	Feedback	
3-Nov	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	5
10-Nov	Paper Discussion, facilitation of group projects	Paper Response	6
17-Nov	Group Presentations	Presentations	
24-Nov	Thanksgiving Break, No Class		
1-Dec	Paper Discussion, facilitation of final project	Feedback, Paper Response	7
8-Dec		Individual Final Project	

Contingency Plans for Illness

We will use Microsoft Teams if a situation arises requiring remote work.

Important Statements and Resources:

Students that cannot make the course time because of extenuating circumstances (work, military duty, etc.) may make arrangements with the instructor of record. Arrangements may include attending alternate seminars at different times or using video.

All students with a disability who require special accommodation to participate in and complete this course must contact the Disabilities Resource Center (852-6938) for verification of eligibility and for determination of specific accommodation. Please see instructor as well.

- Any incidence of plagiarism will result in an F for the course and reported to Dean's office.
- The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus when necessary. Students will be notified in advance of these changes.

Title IX/Clery Act Notification

Sexual misconduct (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, and any other nonconsensual behavior of a sexual nature) and sex discrimination violate University policies. Students experiencing such behavior may obtain confidential support from the PEACC Program (852-2663), Counseling Center (852-6585), and Campus Health Services (852-6479). To report sexual misconduct or sex discrimination, contact the Dean of Students (852-5787) or University of Louisville Police (852-6111). Disclosure to University faculty or instructors of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, or sex discrimination occurring on campus, in a University-sponsored program, or involving a campus visitor or University student or employee (whether current or former) is not confidential under Title IX. Faculty and instructors must forward such reports, including names and circumstances, to the University's Title IX officer.

Sexual Harassment

The University of Louisville strives to maintain the campus free of all forms of illegal discrimination as a place of work and study for faculty, staff, and students. Sexual harassment is unacceptable and unlawful conduct and will not be tolerated in the workplace and the educational environment. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment, even when carried out through computers or other electronic communications systems. Students and Instructors are protected from Sexual Harassment according to the Affirmative Action policy, the Student Code of Conduct, and the UofL Computer Account Usage Agreement.

Anyone experiencing Sexual Harassment should refer to the links above and/or contact the PEACC Program at

852.2663 and an advocate will explain your choices. This is a free and confidential service.

Statement on Diversity

The University of Louisville strives to foster and sustain an environment of inclusiveness that empowers us all to achieve our highest potential without fear of prejudice or bias. We commit ourselves to building an exemplary educational community that offers a nurturing and challenging intellectual climate, a respect for the spectrum of human diversity, and a genuine understanding of the many differences-including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, national origin or military status-that enrich a vibrant metropolitan research university. We expect every member of our academic family to embrace the underlying values of this vision and to demonstrate a strong commitment to attracting, retaining and supporting students, faculty and staff who reflect the diversity of our larger society.

Students with Disabilities

The University of Louisville is committed to providing access to programs and services for qualified students with disabilities. If you are a student with a disability and require accommodation to participate and complete requirements for this class, notify me immediately and contact the Disability Resource Center (Stevenson Hall, 502.852.6938) for verification of eligibility and determination of specific accommodations.

Inclement Weather

This course adheres to the University's policy and decisions regarding cancellation or delayed class schedules. Adjustments are made to the class schedule as necessary to take into account any delays or cancellations of this class. Local television and radio stations broadcast University delays or closings. The UofL web site (www.louisville.edu) and telephone information line (502-852-5555) also broadcast delays or closings.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is prohibited at the University of Louisville. It is a serious offense because it diminishes the quality of scholarship, makes accurate evaluation of student progress impossible, and defrauds those in society who must ultimately depend upon the knowledge and integrity of the institution and its students and faculty.

Religious Holy Days and Observances

Federal law and university policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of religious belief. It is the policy of the University of Louisville to accommodate students, faculty, and staff who observe religious work-restricted holy days. Faculty are obliged to accommodate students' request(s) for adjustments in course work on the grounds of religious observance, provided that the student(s) make such request(s) in writing during the first two (2) weeks of term.

Grievances

Students who have grievances regarding the course should contact the course director. Until a satisfactory resolution is reached, the matter is referred, in succession, to the chair of the course's department, the Associate Dean for Students, and the School's Student Academic Grievance Committee, the Graduate Student Academic Grievance Committee, and the University's Student Academic Grievance Committee. More information is located at <http://louisville.edu/disability>.

Disabilities

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with bona fide disabilities are afforded reasonable accommodation. The Disability Resource Center certifies a disability and advises faculty members of reasonable accommodations. More information is located at <http://louisville.edu/disability>.

Continuity of Instruction Plan

A plan for continuity of instruction for this course has been developed and published. All plans are available at <https://sharepoint.louisville.edu/sites/sphis/do/aa/coip>. Continuity of instruction plans provide guidance for how instruction may be modified to lessen disruption by events that affect transportation, communication, or personal interaction. Such events may be weather-related (e.g., floods, blizzards, tornados), health-related (e.g., epidemics), or other widespread occurrences or threats.