

SUSTAINABILITY, MDIV/MA

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Overview

This dual degree program acknowledges the growing demand for professionals in religious leadership who have the knowledge and the skills to lead communities to respond to critical ecological and other social issues. Congregations and other religiously affiliated organizations are increasingly interested in sustainability concerns and seek leaders who can guide their efforts. Knowledge from the biological, physical, chemical, and earth sciences is critical to working professionals who design and implement sustainability practices. The humanities and social sciences incorporate information about spirituality, religious beliefs, and an understanding and appreciation of our relationship to the natural world.

This degree is a collaborative project shared by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Divinity.

Degree Requirements

The MDiv/MA in Sustainability dual degree is designed to be 93 credit hours completed in seven semesters plus one full summer session based on full-time enrollment.

- 21 hours of required course work specific to the MA in Sustainability
- 13 hours of required course work shared by the two degree programs; these courses constitute the integrative foundation of the joint degree.

Code	Title	Hours
SUS 701	Global Human Systems	3
SUS 702	Sustainable Organizational Management	3
SUS 703	Natural Science for Sustainability	3
SUS 704	Environmental Law and Policy	3
SUS 705	Applied Sustainability 1	2
or SUS 706	Applied Sustainability: Creativity and Impact	
SUS 694	Internship	4
or SUS 791	Thesis Research	
Any Sustainability elective		3
MIN 542A & MIN 542B & MIN 602A & MIN 602B	Internship and Internship and Internship Reflection Seminar and Internship Reflection Seminar (two semesters)	3
MIN 706	Directed Reflection in Applied Sustainability	1
Elective coursework in either the School of Divinity or Sustainability Graduate Program		9
Total Hours		34

For additional degree requirements, see Requirements for Degrees (<https://bulletin.wfu.edu/graduate/requirements-degrees/>).

Admissions

Candidates for the dual degree program must apply to both the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Divinity, following the admissions' requirements of the respective programs. Applicants must

be accepted to each program in order to pursue the dual degree. A committee consisting of faculty and staff from both the School of Divinity and the Sustainability Graduate Program will make final determination about an applicant's suitability for the program.