

UC Riverside

2015-2016 Majors and Curriculum Updates

New Major

Sustainability Studies, B.S.

The Sustainability Studies Bachelor of Science degree offered by the Gender and Sexuality Studies Department investigates the historical and contemporary ways environments change, and are changed by, human activity. Focusing on a range of challenges to sustainability including climate change, air and water pollution, toxic contamination, energy demands, economic growth, agricultural production, and environmental injustice, the B.S. curriculum offers a comparative, interdisciplinary, transnational approach to the theories and practices of building a sustainable future. Courses in gender and sustainability, natural and earth sciences, engineering, health and medicine, cultural studies, policy, media, and social sciences prepare students to respond to challenges to local, regional, and global sustainability. Students will be trained in feminist paradigms and methodologies associated with intersectionality, dialogue, and relation. Through in-depth, engaged learning experiences, this major educates global citizens who will be prepared for careers in industry, health care, public service, policy advocacy, education, and social activism relevant to sustainability.

Majors with Name Changes

Theatre, Film & Digital Production, B.A. (formerly Theatre, B.A.)

Gender & Sexuality Studies, B.A. (formerly Women's Studies, B.A.)

Terminated Majors

Geoscience Education, B.A. (closed to new applicants effective F15)

New Courses Added to Assist Database

CPLT 22A Introduction to World Literature by Women (4) {Same as GSST 22A}

Introduction to world literature by women across many centuries. Covers the creative work of women from ancient to early modern periods, examining both texts and the historical circumstances of the earliest women writers. Emphasizes texts originally written in languages other than English from around the globe.

CPLT 22B Introduction to World Literature by Women (4) {Same as GSST 2B}

Introduction to the increasingly powerful voices of women writers in modernity and postmodernity. Emphasizes texts originally written in languages other than English from around the globe. Topics include the question of feminine writing and feminist theories about literature by women.

GSST 21 Gender and Sustainability (5)

Introduction to the relationship between gender and sustainability in global context. Draws on science, political ecology, and feminism as analytical lenses. Topics may include gender mainstreaming, economic development, ethics, ecology, population management, water treatment, sanitation, air quality, renewable energy, agriculture, political participation, community development, global capitalism, and environmental health.

PBPL 2 Politics and Public Policy (4)

An introduction to the political institutions and processes that govern public policy in the United States and the tools and techniques used in public policy analysis. Part I presents policymaking models and methods of policy analysis. Part II applies these concepts to specific policy areas, illustrated by real-world case studies.

PBPL 4 Ethics, Professionalism, and Public Policy (4)

Examines extent to which issues of fairness, social justice, and morality should factor into the choice of public policies. Includes trade-off between social justice and efficiency; actors whose value perspectives often reflect public policy; ethical standards to which policy makers and practitioners are held; and professionalism in public service.

PHYS 18 Energy and the Environment (4)

Covers the physics of energy (thermal, kinetic, potential, chemical, nuclear), its storage and use, primary sources of energy (fossil fuel, nuclear, wind, solar) and their relative effects on the environment. Particular emphasis on determining individual carbon footprints, physical models of global climate change and identifying pathways toward a sustainable infrastructure.

Courses Removed from Assist Database

THEA 70 Living Theatre(4)

GEO 5 Our Family of Planets (4)

GEO 6 The Violent Universe (4)

Effective Fall 2017

Beginning fall 2017 students pursuing a major in Mathematics or Mathematics for Secondary Education will no longer be able to take the equivalent of UCR's PHYS 2A-2B-2C/2LA-2LB/2LC for major selection criteria; they will need to take the equivalent of UCR's PHYS 40A-40B-40C.

Updates to assist will be made on a rolling basis through the month of November.