

AC 3: Undergraduate Program

3 points available

A. Credit Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that have formal, undergraduate-level degree programs focused on sustainability. Developing such programs signals an institution's commitment to sustainability. Such programs also provide a path for students to study sustainability topics in depth, which better prepares them to address sustainability challenges. Formal academic programs also provide a home for sustainability scholars within the institution.

B. Criteria

Institution offers at least one:

- [Sustainability-focused program](#) (major, degree program, or equivalent) for [undergraduate students](#)
And/or
- Undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor or concentration (e.g., a concentration on sustainable business within a business major).

To count, programs must concentrate on sustainability as an integrated concept, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in the *Continuing Education* credit in Public Engagement.

C. Applicability

This credit applies to all institutions that have undergraduate majors, academic programs, or the equivalent.

D. Scoring

Institutions earn the maximum of 3 points available for this credit for having at least one sustainability-focused degree program or the equivalent for undergraduate students. Partial points are available. An institution with no sustainability-focused degree program that has at least one sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate earns 1.5 points (half of the points available for this credit).

E. Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Does the institution offer at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for undergraduate students (i.e., an interdisciplinary academic program that concentrates on sustainability as an integrated concept, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions)?

If yes, provide:

- Name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate degree program
- A brief description of the undergraduate degree program
- The website URL for the undergraduate degree program
- Does the institution offer one or more sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates for undergraduate students?

If yes, provide:

- Name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate
- A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate
- The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate

Optional

- For up to two additional sustainability-focused undergraduate degree programs, provide:
 - Name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate degree program
 - A brief description of the undergraduate degree program
 - The website URL for the undergraduate degree program
- The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree programs
- For up to two additional sustainability-focused undergraduate minors, concentrations or certificates, provide:
 - Name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate
 - A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate
 - The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate
- The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused undergraduate minors, concentrations and certificates
- Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- Contact information for a responsible party (a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)

F. Measurement

Timeframe

Report on current program status and offerings at the time of submission. Planned degree programs or degree programs that have been canceled are not eligible for this credit.

Sampling and Data Standards

Not applicable

G. Standards and Terms

Sustainability-focused program

Sustainability-focused programs are interdisciplinary academic programs that concentrate on sustainability as an integrated concept, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions. The courses required for the successful completion of the program educate students about how different dimensions of sustainability relate to and support each other in theory and practice. The sustainability focus of such a program should be explicit in the program title or description.

Undergraduate students

Undergraduate students are students enrolled in courses of study leading up to the level of a baccalaureate, i.e., 4- or 5-year bachelor's degree programs, associate's degree programs, or vocational or technical programs below the baccalaureate.