

# Sustainability

## Type

Academic Subject Certificate

The Academic Subject Certificate in Sustainability provides students with an interdisciplinary introduction to core concepts of sustainability. This certificate will prepare students to transfer to UH West O‘ahu BAS in Sustainable Community Food Systems, UH Maui College BAS in Sustainability Science 101 Management, or the UH Mānoa Interdisciplinary Studies BA in Sustainability, BA in Hawaiian Studies, Mālama ‘Āina track. Perhaps more importantly, it will help students to understand the interdisciplinary nature and relevance of sustainability in whatever major and career they choose.

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

- Define sustainability on local, national, and international levels
- Identify the personal values and attitudes that can facilitate sustainable living
- Describe how the individual relates to the wider issues of sustainability
- Measure one’s impact on the triple bottom line: People, Planet, Profit
- Identify the sociocultural values and attitudes that facilitate sustainable living at the local, regional and global levels
- Apply concepts of sustainability to local, regional, and/or global challenges
- Demonstrate how concepts of sustainability are connected to local, regional, and global issues
- Describe how traditional and indigenous perspectives inform practices of sustainability

This certificate consists of a minimum of 12 credits.

## Required Courses (9 credits)

Three (3) credits must be taken in each of the following three categories:

- S-focused Course in the [Natural Sciences](#)
- S-focused Course in Social Sciences/Language Arts/[Humanities](#)/Math & Business
- S-Focused Course in Hawaiian Studies

## Independent Study or Special Topics Course in the discipline of choice (3 credits)

- Any discipline independent study course (199 or 299) or Special Topics Course approved by Sustainability Curriculum Committee to receive an S-designation.

Please consult the following website for the most updated list of S-designated courses:

<https://windward.hawaii.edu/class-availability/>

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**Total Credits**

**12**