School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES)

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The School of Global Environmental Sustainability (http://sustainability.colostate.edu/) (SoGES) seeks to prepare students to meet today's pressing environmental challenges. Using an interdisciplinary approach within a framework of sustainability, students are led in innovative research leading to the knowledge and understanding needed to approach and solve problems of the human-environment interaction. SoGES' vision encompasses laying the foundation and defining the principles and practices that ensure long-term environmental sustainability, while continuing to meet the needs of people around the earth.

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Minors

- Global Environmental Sustainability Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/global-environmental-sustainability-interdisciplinary-minor/)
- Role of Sustainability in Peace and Reconciliation Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/peace-reconciliation-studies-terdisciplinary-minor/)
- Sustainable Energy Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/sustainable-energy-interdisciplinary-minor/)
- Sustainable Water Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/university-wide-programs/interdisciplinary-studies/sustainable-water-interdisciplinary-minor/)

Courses

GES 101 Foundations of Environmental Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Concepts, foundations, and metrics of global environmental sustainability applied to global challenges.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 120 Water Sustainability in the Western US Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Water and the sustainability of its use in the West. Historical perspectives on the development of water resources in the West. Exploration of the issues involved in meeting the needs for water by people, agriculture and wildlife. Impacts of important human and natural influences on the use and sustainability of water supplies in the West.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both GES 120 and GES 180A4.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 130 Introduction to Sustainability Engagement Credit: 1 (1-0-0)
Course Description: Introduction to sustainability engagement via experiential learning.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Undergraduate.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. Enrolled in Eco-leaders Peer Education Program.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 135 Applied Community Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Engaging with communities on real projects, teams of students develop workable solutions to problems related to food security, green infrastructure, urban wildlife conservation, and other sustainability topics. This course will be fully integrated with a writing course providing a complementary emphasis on values, ethics, meaning, critical thinking, writing, and speaking.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor. Must register for special section of CO 150 or CO 300. Credit not allowed for both GES 135 and GES 180A3.
Term Offered: Summer.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 141 Introduction to Sustainable Energy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Prerequisite: None.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
GES 192 Global Environmental Sustainability Seminar Credit: 1 (0-0-0)
Course Description: This seminar introduces students to methods, practices, and ways of knowing in the disciplines represented in this multi-disciplinary field of study.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 201 Systems Thinking in Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Build competencies in systems thinking, quantitative and qualitative modeling.
Prerequisite: GES 101 and PHIL 110.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC Category 1B. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 330A Sustainability in Practice: Project Credits: 2 (1-0-1)
Course Description: Engages students in real-world sustainability applications and empowers them to design and execute their own program or research project. A) Project. B) Service Learning.
Prerequisite: GES 101 or GES 130.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both GES 330A and GES 330B.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 330B Sustainability in Practice: Service Learning Credits: 3 (1-0-2)
Course Description: Engages students in real-world sustainability applications and empowers them to design and execute their own program or research project. A) Project. B) Service Learning.
Prerequisite: GES 101 or GES 130.
Registration Information: Credit not allowed for both GES 330A and GES 330B.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 340 Sea Level Rise and a Sustainable Future Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Overview of sea level rise (SLR), with lectures on basic geophysics of SLR, the projected future impacts from climate models, and uncertainty around these projections. Impacts of SLR are discussed in a historical, present, and future context, focusing on social, cultural, economic, and political dimensions.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Completion of AUCC categories 1A, 1B, and 3A. Credit not allowed for both GES 440 and GES 480A3.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 440 Law and Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-3-0)
Course Description: Introduction to the domestic and international laws that influence and interact with the implementation of sustainability in the U.S. and abroad.
Prerequisite: GES 101.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 441 Analysis of Sustainable Energy Solutions Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Methods of evaluating sustainable energy technologies, including life cycle assessment, energy return on investment, technoeconomic analysis, and political ecology.
Prerequisite: GES 141.
Registration Information: Sophomore standing.
Term Offered: Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.
GES 520  Issues in Global Environmental Sustainability  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Analysis of the different major dimensions/definitions of sustainability in current issues involving environmental, social and economic systems.
Prerequisite: None.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 528  Assessing the Food, Energy, Water Nexus  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Also Offered As: CIVE 528.
Course Description: A broad overview of Food/Energy/Water (FEW) nexus issues, including the science underpinning FEW and the trade-offs, socio-economic constraints, and policy limitations inherent in FEW challenges. Introduction to tools that enhance systems-level thinking and problem solving.
Prerequisite: CHEM 103 or CHEM 107 or CHEM 111.
Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.
Registration Information: Graduate standing. Written consent of instructor. Credit allowed for only one of the following courses: CIVE 528, CIVE 580B5, or GES 528.
Term Offered: Fall.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.

GES 542  Biobased Fuels, Energy, and Chemicals  Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Science and engineering aspects of biobased fuel, energy, and chemical production, including plant biology, thermochemical conversion, biomass deconstruction, fermentation, and biofuel properties. Aspects of sustainable production and economics will be discussed.
Prerequisite: None.
Registration Information: Junior standing. Required field trips. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: AGRI 601, ENGR 601, or GES 542.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.
Grade Mode: Traditional.
Special Course Fee: No.