



Leadership *for* Sustainability

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Sustainability Leaders Face Unparalleled Challenges

Leading the Way to a Sustainable Future

Today's fiercely complex sustainability challenges *require a radically expanded view of leadership*. To achieve transformative change in current patterns of thinking and action, we must become sustainability-minded leaders. Continuous inquiry, learning, collaboration, and adaptation are essential practices. Leaders are called to understand the *holistic interconnections* among societal, environmental, and economic challenges within public, private, educational and nonprofit domains.

Transdisciplinary Focus

Experts and committed citizens representing diverse backgrounds, studies, points of view, and interests become skilled in positive confrontation (with issues *and* people) needed to find solutions for challenges impacting life on Earth.

In this course students will:

- 1) **Explore** the complex and dynamic nature of interrelated sustainability challenges and solutions.
- 2) **Develop** a foundation for a holistic leadership orientation and practice leading to transformative change in human thinking and action.
- 3) **Examine** and **Apply** an array of pragmatic frameworks and practices that enable leaders to engage with others in generating and implementing sustainability solutions.

Content grounded in emerging leadership science and professional experience.

Guest presenters and community-based projects encourage students to "get engaged" as emerging sustainability leaders.

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