

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Talk to an adviser or faculty member about the major
- Take SUST 100: Sustainability as a Profession
- Establish a [4-year plan](#)
- Take intro GEOG, GEOL, ECON 111, and natural science courses
- Take relevant [General Education Program](#) (GEP) courses

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Seek out help with study skills at the [Tutoring-Learning Center](#) (TLC)
- Introduce yourself to the Sustainability Affiliated Faculty
- Ask about faculty research – consider undergraduate research experiences
- Read broadly about environmental issues at [Yale Environment 360](#)

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join one or more of UWSP's [sustainability-related clubs](#)
- Seek out Central Wisconsin environmental, political, and social activities
- Follow the Office of Sustainability's social media

CAREER READINESS

- Explore relevant Sustainability career sites ([GreenBiz](#))
- Visit professional organizations online (AASHE, UMACS)
- Complete your [Handshake profile](#)
- Learn about and practice networking by attending a [Networking Workshop](#) or the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Take 200 and 300-level foundational courses
- Take SUST 299: Sustainability and Community Engagement
- Think about major options: Resilient Urban Systems and Policy or Environmental Justice and Community Engagement
- Consider adding a [certificate and/or minor](#)

- Examine various trade and academic journals
- Talk to faculty about sustainability competencies and careers
- Explore learning opportunities through [Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability](#) (UMACS) and/or the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#) (AASHE)

- Be an active member of a UWSP sustainability-related club
- Engage in fundraising and community engagement activities
- Attend on-campus sustainability events
- Consider [studying abroad](#) or [National Student Exchange](#)

- Apply for internships with the [Center for the Small City](#), local government, not-for-profits, or businesses
- Begin preparing a professional resume, [cover letter](#), more curated [Handshake profile](#), and/or creating a [LinkedIn profile](#)
- Conduct an [informational interview](#) or job shadow with someone who works in a field of interest

MAKING PROGRESS

- Decide on major option
- Take upper-level courses in your major option
- Complete outstanding GEP courses
- Think about potential capstone activity

- Meet with Sustainability Affiliated Faculty about participating in undergraduate research
- Attend a professional conference in Sustainability
- Apply for [scholarships and awards](#).

- Consider leadership positions in [Student Governance Association](#) (SGA) or other [university organizations](#)
- Volunteer for Earth Week or other campus sustainability events
- Study abroad

- Meet with a [Career Coach](#) to polish your resume and cover letter
- Attend the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)
- Explore [graduate school](#), if interested - talk to faculty
- Attend an [Interviewing Workshop](#)
- Gain [internship](#) or similar work experience in your field

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Review your 4-year plan and complete all the necessary courses for graduation
- Complete capstone experience or course
- Complete other upper-level courses for the major
- Take SUST 499
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Present at a professional conference
- Present a poster or paper at the [COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

- Pursue a sustainability certification (e.g., LEED, ISSP, GRI)
- Participate in local politics
- Volunteer with a local environmental, political, or social organization

- Define your career goals and start [job searching](#)
- Apply for sustainability jobs 3-4 months before graduation
- Practice your [interview skills](#)
- Take the appropriate exams if considering grad school
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey when you receive it via email; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

CAREERS

- Environmental Analyst
- Sustainability Specialist
- Climate Justice Director
- Urban Planner
- Chief Sustainability and Resiliency Officer
- Project Manager
- Renewable Energy Analyst
- Urban Policy Analyst
- Community Development Director
- Project Director – Resilient Communities

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

