Sustainable Communities Major

Complete all Institutional Graduation Requirements

Sustainable Communities requires a minimum of 79-80 credits to complete the major. A grade of “C-" or better is required for each course counting towards the major, but a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.00 is required for completion of the major. S/U courses may not be elected for program requirements. [On-campus only major]

Sustainable Communities Required Courses

Core Courses: 42-43 credits

- GEOG 201 - Introduction to GIS*SMI Credits: 4
- SC 201 - Rural Society, Env & Econ*SSC Credits: 4
- ECON 202 - Macroeconomics*SSC Credits: 5
- SCI 226 - Envl Sci I: Prin of Ecology & Environmental Biology w/Lab*SMI Credits: 5
- SCI 226L - Envl Sci I: Prin of Ecology & Environmental Biology Lab Credits: 0
- SCI 227 - Env Sci II: Prin of Environmental Chemistry w/Lab*SMI Credits: 5
- SCI 227L - Envl Sci II: Prin of Environmental Chemistry Lab Credits: 0
- WR 320 - Professional Writing Credits: 3
- SC 363 - Land Use & Sustainable Develop Credits: 4
- SC 451 - Natural Resource & Env Policy Credits: 4
- SC 493 - Response to Climate Change Credits: 4

Choose one of the following courses:
- STAT 243 - Elementary Statistics*SMI Credits: 4
- STAT 327 - Statistics & Experimental Design*SMI Credits: 5

Project Courses: 21 credits

- SC 215 - Rural Systems Seminar Credits: 1
  SC 215 must be taken at least 3 times but no more than 6 times
- SC 316 - Rural Systems Project Credits: 2
  SC 316 must be taken at least 3 times but no more than 6 times
- SC 417 - Project Leadership and Community Connections Credits: 3-12

Sustainable Communities Electives: 16 credits

Take 16 credits from the following lists of courses:

AGRI, CSS, FW & RNG courses are provided by Oregon State University (OSU) on Eastern Oregon University's Campus. Enrollment for the course is through OSU, students must be an active student at OSU to enroll.

- CS 161 - Foundations Of CS I Credits: 4
- **SSCI 409 - Field Placement** Credits: 1-15
- **SCI 328 - Env Sci III: Ecosystems & Sustainable Resource Use w/Lab** Credits: 5
- **SCI 328L - Env Sci III: Ecosystems & Sustainable Resource Use Lab** Credits: 0
- **SCI 442 - Sustainable Water Resources** Credits: 4
  CSS 305 - Principles of Soil Science credits: 4
  FW 325 - Global Crises in Resource Ecology Credits: 3 [winter term even yrs]
  AGRI 299 - Critical Issues Oregon Ag/Nat Resources Credits: 3 [spring term] Course has field trips to OSU research stations

**Students may choose one of the following history courses:**
- **HIST 345 - Environmental History** Credits: 5
- **HIST 444 - History Pacific Northwest** Credits: 5

**Students may choose one of the following sociology courses:**
- **SOC 365 - Communities** Credits: 5
- **SOC 370 - Environment & Society** Credits: 5

**Students may choose one of the following political science courses:**
- **POLS 151 - Democracy & Public Service** Credits: 5
- **POLS 352 - Budgetary Politics & Process** Credits: 5

**Students may choose one of the following OSU rangeland courses:**
- RNG 341 - Rangeland Ecology & Management Credits: 3 [fall term] Course has required field trips
- RNG 355 - Desert Watershed Management Credits: 3 [winter term even years]
- RNG 421 - Wildland Restoration/Ecology Credits: 5 [spring term odd years] Course has required field trips (Prereqs: RNG 341 & CSS 305)

**Total credits required for major: 79-80**

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**Last EPCC update - November 2022** (Name change to Sustainable Communities from Sustainable Rural Systems)

Previous EPCC update March 2021 to removed concentrations - see [2022-2023 Academic Program Checksheets](#) for checksheet for summer 2022 through spring 2023

**POLS 351 course removed from check sheet options because course was deleted spring 2022**

Previous EPCC Economics of Rural Systems Concentration Checksheet this checksheet is through spring 2021

Previous EPCC Environmental Resources Concentration Checksheet this checksheet is through spring 2021

EPCC degree creation winter 2020

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**Four Year Plan**

[Read more about the Sustainable Communities Typical Four Year Curriculum](#)