

Bachelor of Sustainable Communities



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Building Sustainable Communities in a Volatile World

Global communities are facing complex environmental, economic and societal challenges. Our future is uncertain in light of dramatic population growth; intensified urbanisation; economic instability; emergent 'smart' technologies; food, water and energy insecurity; social and cultural inequalities; climate change, environmental risk and resource depletion.

In light of this uncertainty, communities, governments and organisations face the challenge-filled task of creating a just and sustainable future. The question is how to best protect environments and nurture societies in which equitable social and cultural relations can flourish and economic livelihoods can prosper. The Bachelor of Sustainable Communities takes you to the heart of this question.

Your Degree

You will acquire the knowledge to understand the complexity of challenges facing sustainable communities, and the skills and problem-solving abilities to help plan for, create and maintain them in a volatile world. You will have the opportunity to gain career-relevant skills in practical settings and for overseas study to investigate how other countries are seeking to create and maintain sustainable communities.

Our teachers and researchers integrate technology into all of their learning and teaching to ensure that you graduate equipped to excel in a constantly changing and technologically advanced world.

ATAR	75
Duration	3 years full time, or part time equivalent
Delivery	Wollongong campus
Sessions	Autumn and Spring



Climate change protestors at Helensburgh Climate Camp



Public infrastructure: key to sustaining diverse communities



Students researching sustainable food production

What You Will Study

This is a multidisciplinary degree that provides the breadth of understanding necessary to appreciate these challenges and a range of skills needed to provide solutions for sustainable communities. You will study subjects from disciplines including Human Geography, Social Policy, Health and Society, Cultural Studies, Economics and Commerce, Science and Technology Studies, International Studies and Politics.

You will learn skills in logical and critical thinking, creative problem-solving, practical research, project management, information technology (including Geographical Information Systems), digital literacy, sustainability management and communication. Detail-orientated skilled graduates equipped to conceive of and activate solutions are much sought after across the public, private and community sectors.

The Bachelor of Sustainable Communities is taught by outstanding teachers and researchers. They feed their leading-edge research into their teaching and are passionate about the degree and the issues it addresses. The UOW's Illawarra context provides an outstanding urban and regional living laboratory in which to explore the challenges of and solutions to sustainable communities.

Career Opportunities

The era of a 'job for life' is over. Today and in the future most people move between roles throughout their careers. Rather than making study decisions based on a narrow concept of a lifelong occupation, this degree is designed to provide you with a portfolio of skills that gives you a wide range of future options. The expertise a Sustainable Communities social scientist has is transferable into multiple jobs. Such graduates are categorised by The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) as the 'The Informers' (those that teach and provide information) because of the overlap of their skills. 'The Informers' are eligible for a cluster of careers within the education, business and service sectors. Roles include sustainability officers, policy analysts and community development officers.



University of Wollongong graduate Callum Champagne is a farm manager at Green Connect, a social enterprise that works to place former refugees in jobs in sustainable industries.

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