

COLLEGE OF SUSTAINABILITY

First-Year Environment, Sustainability and Society Course Planning Sheet

2023-2024 Academic Year

Why study ESS? Environment, Sustainability and Society (ESS) is a Major, Minor or Certificate for students in many undergraduate degree programs. The table below summarizes the course options and how to get started. For full degree options and requirements see the College of Sustainability website: <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/sustainability/programs/ess.html> Join other students with diverse interests from nine degree programs to discover your role in achieving a more sustainable future. Take risks, ask hard questions, and explore contributions from all cultural traditions.

Getting Started in ESS:

Degree Program - Any student admitted to these degree programs may pursue the ESS Major or Minor	First year requirements for ESS
BA Double Major or Combined Honours in ESS and any subject in the Faculty of Arts and Social Science or the Faculty of Science	SUST 1000.06 or SUST 1400.03 and SUST 1001.06
BSc Double Major or Combined Honours in ESS and any subject in the Faculty of Science	SUST 1000.06 or SUST 1400.03 and SUST 1001.06
BMgmt Major in ESS	SUST 1000.06 (or SUST 1001.06)
BCD Double Major or Honours-Double Major in Community Design and Sustainability	SUST 1000.06 or SUST 1400.03 and SUST 1001.06
BJH Combined Honours in Journalism and ESS	SUST 1400.03 in summer after first year
Minor (BA, BSc, BMgmt, BCS, BACS, BComm, BCD, BMUS, BJH) or Certificate (with any undergraduate degree) in ESS	SUST 1000.06 or SUST 1001.06 or SUST 1400.03
Any program above, with completion of Kings Foundation Year Program (FYP) or Dalhousie Integrated Science Program- DISP	SUST 1000.06 or SUST 1001.06 or SUST 1400.03

General Degree Requirements Satisfied by SUST courses:

- Writing Requirement: **SUST 1000.06** satisfies the University Writing Requirement for any degree program.
- Social Science Subject Grouping: SUST courses count as Social Science for BSc and BCD students
- Life & Physical Science Subject Grouping: SUST courses count as Life & Physical Science for BA and BCD students

What to Expect in First Year: Diverse perspectives on sustainability and fresh ways to find solutions.

SUST 1000.06 What is Sustainability? (Fall term) and **SUST 1001.06 A Sustainable Future** (Winter term)

- 2 daytime lectures each week: Team-taught by faculty from different disciplines
- 1 evening lecture each week: ESS Lecture Series by invited guest speakers; Thursday 7-9 pm
- 1 tutorial session each week (mandatory): Discussion of lectures and readings and development of writing, research and numeracy skills; many day/time options, select one from the timetable
- Each course is 6 credit hours, double the weight and workload of a standard 1-term (3 credit-hour) course
- SUST 1000.06 is not a pre-requisite of SUST 1001.06
- SUST 1000 satisfies the University Writing Requirement; SUST 1001 does not.

SUST 1400.03 Exploring Sustainability (Online course offered in Winter and Summer term, 3 credit hours)

- Online course that involves weekly lecture videos and interactive online discussions
- SUST 1400 and SUST 1000 are exclusions – only one can be taken for credit
- SUST 1400 does not satisfy the University Writing Requirement

Planning Your First Year: ESS is always combined with the study of another subject, so your other first year course choices will depend on your degree program and other subject of study. Refer to the relevant degree program [worksheet](#).

Questions? E-mail the ESS Academic Advisor with your questions or to schedule a conversation: ess.advising@dal.ca



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