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Our faculty guide you through a curriculum that combines interdisciplinary classroom learning with real-world experiences, like internships, mentoring peers, capstone projects, and professional development.

The BS in Environment & Sustainability, jointly offered by the College of Arts & Sciences and the Earth Commons Institute, equips students for a lifetime of environmental changemaking through hands-on learning, interdisciplinary perspectives, immersive experiences, personal development, and a diverse and hopeful community invested in wider transformation.

With their first two years spent on the Hilltop and latter two at the Capitol Campus, students pursuing the BS in Environment & Sustainability (BS-ES) will have unparalleled access to the many layers of Washington, DC, where local and global environmental change is made.

Students who intend to enroll in this degree will be advised to complete their University and College Core requirements in their first two years. First year students should begin the foundational coursework in the Fall.

The BS-ES degree features a series of required first-year courses that introduce students to a range of contemporary environment and sustainability issues and the analytical frameworks and methodological tools used to design and evaluate strategies to tackle these challenges. BS-ES majors are required to complete 28 credits on the Hilltop campus in their first two years, including:

In addition to the BS degree, we also offer a minor that is available to students across the University. The minor in Environment & Sustainability (ENSU) is an 18-credit suite of courses, with 13 credits comprising the core and the balance as electives, with a range of options for fulfillment:

Led by the Earth Commons Institute in partnership with Georgetown"s Office of Sustainability, the university is preparing young leaders across all fields to be stewards of a healthier planet. We are developing scalable strategies to green the university and communities worldwide--and to drive the rapid change our planet needs.

Georgetown"s commitment to caring for our planet is deeply rooted at the intersection of responsibility, opportunity, and urgency. We are called, in the words of Pope Francis, to "guarantee the protection of the home which we share." We have a unique combination of resources. And we know the actions of the next decade will dictate our future.

Pete Marra, Dean of the Earth Commons, shares how the Earth Commons, Georgetown University's Institute for Environment & Sustainability, will bring together faculty, students, and external partners for maximum impact.



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By launching new courses and degree programs, we will educate students to understand the environmental impact of their work and advocate for sustainable practices, regardless of their future vocation.

The Earth Commons will emphasize cross-disciplinary and experiential learning, building on models such as Core Pathways and The CALL, and leveraging partnerships with organizations across D.C. to enhance the student learning experience.

Seeking to reach 500 students by 2025, we will launch a full suite of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Beginning in fall 2022, Georgetown will offer a Master"s of Science-Environment and Sustainability Management (MS-ESM), jointly delivered with the Georgetown McDonough School of Business. Students will rotate through the thematic Commons (see below) during their studies at Georgetown to build a broad foundation in all aspects of caring for our common home.

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