Help create a more sustainable, just world

The University of Michigan’s School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) provides the training and networking opportunities you need to become a leader in the field of environmental sustainability. Join our community, where research and action come together to protect the Earth’s inhabitants and resources—now and for generations to come.

Academic programs at SEAS

SEAS offers a master of science (MS) degree, a master of landscape architecture (MLA) degree, a doctoral (PhD) degree, and a wide range of dual degrees in partnership with U-M’s 18 other schools and colleges.

The customizable experience at SEAS will prepare you for a rewarding career in any aspect of environmental sustainability that you wish to pursue.

Within the MS program, students may choose from six fields of study: Behavior, Education, and Communication; Conservation Ecology; Environmental Informatics/Geospatial Data Science; Environmental Justice; Environmental Policy and Planning; and Sustainable Systems.

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Across campus, SEAS has formal dual degree programs with the Ross School of Business (ranked #7 by U.S. News and World Report), the College of Engineering (ranked #4 by U.S. News and World Report), the Law School (ranked #8 by U.S. News and World Report), and the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. You can also combine your SEAS course of study with a program in any other U-M school or college for a self-initiated dual degree.

What makes SEAS unique?

Our interdisciplinary approach joins natural and social scientists, designers, policy-makers, engineers, and other disciplines. We bring together diverse backgrounds, programs, majors, and student activities to inspire critical thinking and creative problem-solving.

You’ll get hands-on experience to transform knowledge into impact. Classroom learning is coupled with innovative teaching at our impressive network of natural areas, and around the world through individually tailored research, master’s projects, and internships.

You’ll enjoy all the benefits of a tightly knit community within a world-class research university. You’ll be guided by faculty who are renowned scholars in their fields, and join a worldwide community of students, alumni, researchers, and partners.

Our students, faculty, staff, and alumni champion bold ideas for a better future—from establishing environmental justice in the 1960s and hosting the Teach-In on the Environment in the 1970s, to tackling today’s grand challenges of food and water security, climate change, species loss, and more.

Who we ARE

Public Research University in the United States (National Science Foundation)

Largest alumni network of any environment/sustainability program

Leading scholars and faculty who are committed to your success
ORGANIZATIONS we join

ACADEMIC:
- Montana State University
- Pomona College
- University of Michigan
- Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

GOVERNMENT:
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Park Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- World Bank

NGO/NON-PROFIT:
- Ecology Center
- Rocky Mountain Institute
- World Resource Institute
- World Wildlife Fund

PRIVATE:
- Amazon
- DTE Energy
- Ford Motor Company
- Environmental Consulting and Technology

DESIGN:
- Biohabitats
- Conservation Design Forum
- Sasaki Associates
- SmithGroupJJR

CLASSES we take
- Applied Ecosystem Modeling
- Behavior & Sustainability
- Conservation Biology
- Decision Making for Sustainability
- Energy Markets & Energy Politics
- Fluvial Ecosystems
- History of Thought & Environmental Activism
- Negotiations
- Place & Environment/Making Space
- Principles of GIS
- Site Planning & Design
- Soil Ecology
- Sustainable Energy Systems
- Sustainable Sites & Historical Precedent
- Urban Stormwater

What we THINK

Dr. Mona Hanna-Atisha ’98
BA Environmental Health

I came to Michigan SEAS because I wanted to continue my work as an environmental advocate, working under the leaders of the Environmental Justice movement. I was really so blessed to have these great mentors. We stand on the shoulders of giants, on those that came before.

Jim Gawron ’18
MS/MBA Erb Institute

I’m a rocket scientist turned environmentalist trying to create a more sustainable world through the power of business. I was helping build a NASA satellite for a mission focused on environmental science when my passion for sustainability developed. Instead of just designing technology to observe the changes happening to our world—like climate change—I wanted to do something about it.

How we CONNECT

Women-in-Environment Panel 2017 Career Week

Master’s Projects Field Research (India)

2017 Green Career Fair

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