

# DO YOU HAVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SUSTAINABILITY?



The University of Pittsburgh defines “sustainability” as balancing equity, environment, and economics so current and future generations can thrive.

There are many opportunities for your students to grow and apply their sustainability interests in academia, service, advocacy, and more!



## UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABILITY

Open to all undergraduate students, the certificate provides a formal opportunity to include sustainability in their academic studies. The 18-credit certificate is interdisciplinary, with each student completing two (2) core courses: Current Issues in Sustainability at the beginning and Sustainability Capstone at the end. Three electives can be chosen, though only one (1) elective may be in the student’s home department.

### Other Certificates, Minors, Majors, Etc.

Pitt offers many academic opportunities to engage with sustainability, including at the graduate student level. For more information, visit:

[sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students/academics](https://sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students/academics)

## SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED COURSES

Students who wish to simply incorporate sustainability into their course of study without pursuing a full certificate can refer to a list of Pitt courses with sustainability content at: [engineering.pitt.edu/MCSI/Sustainability-Courses](https://engineering.pitt.edu/MCSI/Sustainability-Courses)

## GREEN GUIDE

The Pitt Student Green Guide can help answer all of your remaining sustainability questions. Take a look at some of the ways you can do your part and get involved! Visit: [sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students/student-green-guide](https://sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students/student-green-guide)

## MCSI UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH

The Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation’s (MCSI) Undergraduate Research Program (URP) is a 12-week summer program aimed at providing talented undergraduate students with creative opportunities that go beyond the classroom curriculum by enabling them to develop their own ideas while working independently on hands-on research projects in sustainability with guidance from a faculty mentor. Visit: [engineering.pitt.edu/subsites/centers/mcsi/academics/summer-research-opportunities](https://engineering.pitt.edu/subsites/centers/mcsi/academics/summer-research-opportunities)

## PRESENTATIONS FOR FIRST-YEAR CLASSES

MCSI offers a 15-minute sustainability presentation for first-year seminar classes. Topics focus on defining sustainability, academics, campus operations, service, and student organizations. Instructors interested in having a sustainability student leader visit their class should contact Ellie Cadden. [e.cadden@pitt.edu](mailto:e.cadden@pitt.edu)

## SUSTAINABILITY TRANSCRIPT DISTINCTION

The primary goals of the Sustainability Distinction are to provide students with a mechanism to gain recognition and “credit” for their outside-the-classroom endeavors and broaden the number of undergraduate students participating in sustainability activities throughout campus. Visit: [engineering.pitt.edu/subsites/centers/mcsi/academics/sustainability-distinction](https://engineering.pitt.edu/subsites/centers/mcsi/academics/sustainability-distinction)  
Contact Ellie Cadden [e.cadden@pitt.edu](mailto:e.cadden@pitt.edu)



## STUDENT OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY (SOOS)

The Student Office of Sustainability (510 WPU) is a collaborative and programming space for students interested in sustainability and environmental issues. The SOOS offers physical space, funding, and support to over 20 affiliated student organizations working hard on sustainable initiatives! SOOS affiliated organizations: [pittsoos.com](http://pittsoos.com)

Getting involved in sustainability:  
[sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students](http://sustainable.pitt.edu/get-involved/students)



## OFFICE OF PITTSERVES

PittServes works to help students enhance their personal growth and development by providing meaningful opportunities for service and reflection. By engaging in service opportunities through PittServes, students cultivate relationships within the community, complement their classroom learning experience, and lay the foundation for a lifelong commitment to service.

Visit: [studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves](http://studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves)



## PITT PANTRY

The Pitt Pantry is dedicated to ensuring that everyone in the Pitt community has regular access to a balanced and nutritious diet. Located in the O'Hara Student Center (4024 O'Hara St), the Pantry has regular shopping hours to obtain food and services: [studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves/the-pitt-pantry](http://studentaffairs.pitt.edu/pittserves/the-pitt-pantry)



## BASIC NEEDS

The University of Pittsburgh is committed to supporting students through assessing and meeting their basic needs as they develop. Developing student-centered, evidence-based solutions which address basic needs and insecurities is critical to a student's holistic success. For information on immediate food, housing, employment, and health assistance, visit: [pitt.libguides.com/assistanceresources](http://pitt.libguides.com/assistanceresources)



## OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM CURRICULUM (OCC) SUSTAINABILITY BADGE

The OCC Sustainability Badge is an achievement for students who have completed a range of sustainability activities outside of class. Activities include attending Green Team service events, the Sustainability Symposium, and Student Office of Sustainability First Thursdays, participating in Clutter for a Cause, and completing the Green Resident Program.



## GREEN FUND

The Pitt Green Fund is a student-run advisory board that finances and supports student-initiated projects and programs that make Pitt operations more environmentally sustainable, socially equitable, and energy efficient. Students can apply for funding at: [pittgreenfund.com](http://pittgreenfund.com)



## LEARN MORE/STAY ENGAGED

[sustainable.pitt.edu](http://sustainable.pitt.edu)

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Twitter: [@SustainablePitt](https://twitter.com/SustainablePitt), [@PittMCSI](https://twitter.com/PittMCSI), [@Pitt\\_SOOS](https://twitter.com/Pitt_SOOS)

All Socials: [sustainable.pitt.edu/green-guides/social-media](http://sustainable.pitt.edu/green-guides/social-media)



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