



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

MS DEGREE
Department of Social Sciences



Michigan Technological University
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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: WE PREPARE YOU FOR DIVERSE PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

With a master's in sustainable communities, you will be able to work in both the **private** and **public sectors** promoting environmental protection, social responsibility, and economic sustainability.

Get the Career You Want

Sustainability-related jobs are found in some of the fastest-growing fields in the 21st century economy.

Many jobs in sustainability, especially at the management and leadership level, require both applied tools for research, investigation, and inquiry and a holistic understanding of the root causes and potential pathways to address the most pressing sustainability problems.

There is a need for leaders who are skilled analysts, consultants, educators, planners, and policymakers. Many of these jobs did not exist several years ago, and this economic sector is expected to continue to grow, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.



The Degree

The master's in sustainable communities combines courses across multiple departments and programs on campus and culminates with a report, project, or internship.

Pursue transdisciplinary, innovative, and independent projects that address sustainability issues: social and economic development; built environments and infrastructures; food, energy, and water systems; and community-scale sustainability transitions.

Work to create a sustainable and just world.

The master's in sustainable communities **is customizable to your career and research interests.**

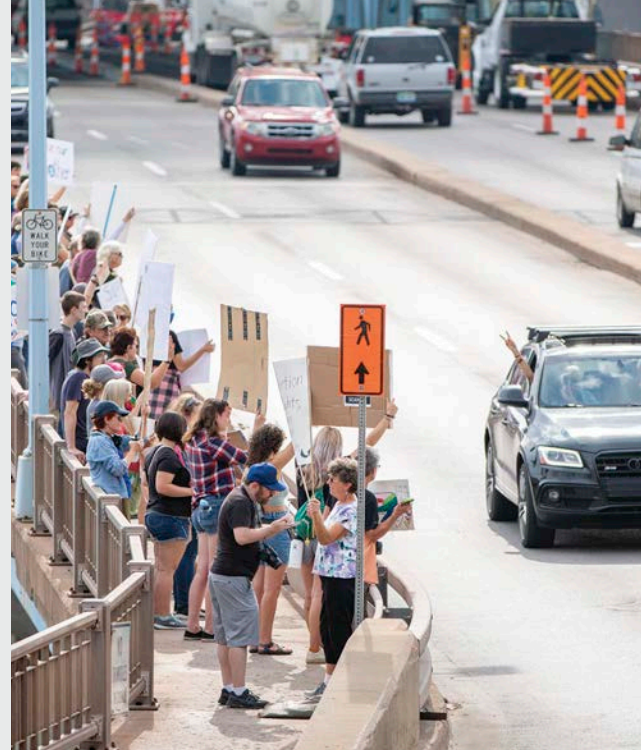
You have the option to complete **two graduate certificates** while fulfilling your degree.

This opportunity means you can specialize in areas such as water, policy, data sciences, GIS, life cycle assessment, natural resource economics, or natural hazards.

Diverse Teams Working Toward Sustainability Goals

Learn how to work with local stakeholders on the front lines of solving sustainability challenges. Join a community of sustainability leaders and researchers with expertise in:

- | Climate change policy and commitments
- | Community-based and participatory research methodologies
- | Energy conservation and renewable energy policy
- | Environmental change and life course epidemiology
- | International sustainable development practices
- | Human rights and public policy
- | Renewable energy policy and resource economics
- | Sense of place, social movements, and social change
- | Urban environments and population health
- | Watershed change and water quality
- | Food security and sovereignty



Study Sustainable Communities

JOIN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

You'll work side by side with professionals and scholars engaged in research around the world that drives solutions addressing pressing societal, environmental, and economic sustainability challenges.

DEVELOP HANDS-ON SKILLS

You will engage in community projects and gain knowledge and skills in policy analyses, law, GIS, community engagement, social data analysis, as well as training in cultural and industrial heritage, built environments, social justice, and comparative perspectives on sustainability.

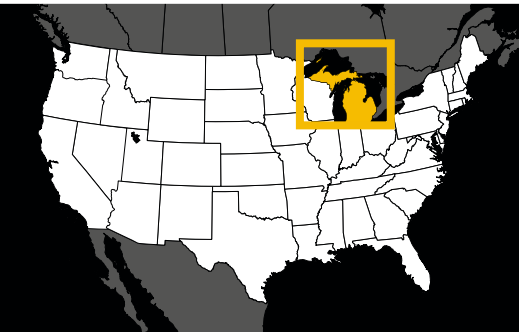
TRAIN FOR CAREERS IN THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NON-PROFIT SECTORS

Receive Funding and Work With Partners

Financing is critical, and support opportunities are a priority for sustainable communities master's students like you. Most master's students in our program fund their education with various sources, including work study, graduate research, student loans, fellowships, and grants. You can also work with faculty on funded research projects. In some cases, master's students can receive up to two years of tuition waivers.

Michigan Tech partners with government and industry sponsors like the National Park Service, US Forest Service, National Science Foundation, US Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and the European Union, offering real-world problems in need of solutions.





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QUESTIONS?

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