Sustainable Development Program Goals & Student Learning Outcomes

Undergraduate students in the ASU Sustainable Development Program will:

**GOAL I. Identify and critically analyze the social, environmental, and economic dimensions of sustainability.**

- a. Define and discuss the idea and practice of sustainability.
- b. Explain and evaluate current challenges to sustainability, including modern world social, environmental, and economic structures and crises.
- c. Evaluate individual, local, and global dimensions of social, environmental, and economic responsibility.
- d. Apply skills of inquiry, including college-level research, in the analysis of sustainability issues.
- e. Communicate standpoints effectively through writing, speaking, and other forms of public discourse.

**GOAL II. Develop a capacity for integrative thinking and practice.**

- a. Evaluate sustainability issues and solutions using a holistic approach that focuses on connections between complex human and natural systems.
- b. Integrate knowledge from multiple sources and perspectives to understand environmental limits governing human societies and economies and social justice dimensions of sustainability.
- c. Cultivate awareness of and the capacity to critique contemporary globalization in terms of sustainability.
- d. Practice integrative scholarship in written, oral, and other forms of public communication.
- e. Collaborate with other students, faculty, professionals, or others with varied experience and perspectives through group projects, collaborative research, and internships.

**GOAL III. Integrate theory, practice, and reflection in the pursuit of a more sustainable world.**

- a. Apply theoretical frameworks to real world sustainability issues.
- b. Develop an informed ethical perspective on issues of sustainability.
- c. Cultivate a sense of civic responsibility, including reflection on the student's own role in developing and nurturing sustainable communities.
- d. Practice community engagement through writing, speaking, and other forms of public discourse.
- e. Exemplify effective agents of change in individual, local, and global contexts.