why you belong here
Are you passionate about developing new methods that effectively and responsibly address climate change, the impacts of a growing global population, and diminishing vital resources? Do you have the creativity and drive to become a leader for the change our world increasingly needs? Are you eager to make a difference right away? If so, then you belong in this program.

Chatham University's Bachelor of Sustainability is an immersive undergraduate degree program that allows you to make an impact in the world even before graduation. Through a sustainability-focused, transdisciplinary education that extends beyond the classroom into hands-on experiences, you will practice what you learn, integrating lessons into your work and life, discovering new ways to tackle the challenges that are facing the world today.

Unique to our program, you will work closely with a cohort of fellow students and associated faculty to not just study sustainability, but to live it, practice it, and develop strategies you can share with others.

what you can expect
As a student in this program, you will live and learn at our Eden Hall Campus, which means your lesson in sustainability never truly ends. From the lecture spaces to the field labs, the dining halls to the residence halls, Eden Hall Campus will be an all-encompassing, hands-on experience that integrates sustainable development, methods, and principles into every facet of daily college life.

Your academics will take on equally fluid forms. One day you might be writing and producing multimedia presentations on a series of lectures, readings, or events. The
next day you might find yourself taking a trek with faculty members as you explore sustainability issues relevant to southwestern Pennsylvania. You’ll also work in groups to develop ongoing sustainability projects that involve establishing and running either a business or a not-for-profit organization. You won’t just learn but will do, graduating with accomplishments beyond what is normally expected of an undergraduate entering the job market.

what you will learn
Your curriculum will include a sequence of courses that provides you with a deep understanding of sustainability. Sustainability is integrated across the curriculum, from foundational courses to courses in environmental science, economics, social justice, sustainability assessment, and systems modeling.

Each term, you will be assigned to teams comprised of students from all years of the program to develop sustainability projects on campus and in the community. Modular courses that apply science, social sciences, arts, and humanities in context will work in parallel to help you develop the knowledge needed to inform these projects.

where it will take you
After having been immersed in sustainability, you will understand the issues and have experience effectively communicating that knowledge and applying it in a variety of contexts. You will also emerge with a portfolio that includes traditional academic achievements as well as actualized business or organizational plans, and multimedia presentations.

From here, you can continue your studies at Chatham in one of our related graduate programs – Master of Sustainability, Master of Arts in Food Studies, or the sustainable business track within our Master of Business Administration. Or you can design your own career working for a broad range of industries, sectors, organizations, or employers.

learn more
Browse course descriptions, read faculty bios, and learn more about Eden Hall Campus at chatham.edu/BSus.

"Sustainability is about more than just the outcomes. It’s about how we ensure we are simultaneously thinking about environmental, social, and economic well being."

Peter Walker, dean of the Falk School of Sustainability & Environment