why you belong here
Does your management position require an understanding of the underlying principles of sustainability and practical experience applying this knowledge? Do you have at least a bachelor’s degree and want to advance your existing career or transition to a career in sustainability? If so, then you belong in this program.

The Executive Master in Sustainability Leadership (EMSL) program gives business professionals like yourself the foundation to drive sustainable practices within your organization. You’ll learn more than just the fundamentals of sustainability; you’ll also learn to apply those principles in order to lead change while effectively communicating those efforts in the boardroom, to employees, and to your consumers.

At Chatham University, we do not view sustainability as merely a goodwill gesture or a tool for brand building but as an operational and strategic opportunity, both for your organization and for your career.

what you can expect
The EMSL is a 30-credit, 16-month program designed specifically to accommodate the working professional’s busy schedule. All of your coursework is delivered online with the addition of a week long summer session at Eden Hall Campus.

This program’s online format and interdisciplinary curriculum is based on a review of a limited number of similar programs, conversations with and articles by people who hire sustainability professionals, and reports from national and international sustainability organizations. This assures that your education will be current, relevant, and of immediate value to your career.
what you will learn

By taking courses designed specifically for sustainability professionals, along with courses within our Master of Sustainability, Master of Business Administration, communications, and other programs, you will receive a broad sustainability education that focuses directly on real-world use and business application. Your curriculum will include foundational courses in sustainability, courses that apply sustainability to business, leadership, communication, and other contexts, and intensive teamwork and case study analysis with fellow professionals.

where it will take you

As economic and social landscapes change, businesses increasingly seek to fit sustainable practices into their models. Graduates of our EMSL program will be prepared to develop and implement sustainable initiatives in a variety of settings. Whether you aspire to become a sustainability-oriented CEO, advance sustainability from within an organization, or provide sustainability advice as a consultant, this degree will help you gain greater influence throughout any organization.

learn more

View admission requirements, apply online, and take a virtual tour of Eden Hall Campus at chatham.edu/EMSL.

“Pursuing more sustainable practices is an increasingly important aspect of doing business in the U.S. and around the world. Clients, shareholders, suppliers, and governments are demanding that companies become accountable for their impacts on socio-ecological systems, such as air, water, waste, community health, and employee welfare.”

David Hassenzahl, dean of the Falk School of Sustainability