why you belong here

Are you eager to solve the challenges posed by sustainability while simultaneously improving economic development, social justice, and the biophysical environment? Are you driven to find practical, sustainable solutions to end hunger and prevent the escalating global food crisis? If you seek the intellectual and experiential tools needed to address today’s most important issues, then you belong at Chatham University.

As a graduate of EARTH University, you already have a strong commitment to sustainable development and natural resources management. Now, you can take your education to the next level with a one-year master’s program offered in partnership through the Falk School of Sustainability at Chatham University.

The principles that form the foundation of your EARTH University education – ethical values, entrepreneurialism, and a commitment to addressing environmental, social, and economic issues – are the same ones that Chatham University imparts to its students. Our Master of Sustainability (SUS) and Master of Food Studies (MAFS) programs are a natural extension of what you started at EARTH University.

what you can expect

Chatham University emphasizes a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to learning in small class settings. While much of your prior coursework at EARTH University provides the fundamental knowledge and immersion experience in your degree area, your Chatham education will offer opportunities for specialization beyond what you gained in your undergraduate career as well as valuable networking potential.

Our one-year SUS program perfectly complements the core curriculum of your EARTH University education. This program focuses on identifying, creating, and implementing solutions to the world’s sustainability challenges and draws upon a range of courses...
offered by Chatham, including courses in sustainability, food studies, architecture, business, and communication, to provide you with specialized knowledge. Your coursework, and thus your expertise, will be tailored to your needs and interests.

As with our SUS program, our one-year MAFS program goes beyond the core coursework of your undergraduate education to provide you with a specialization in your choice of food politics, food marketing, sustainable agriculture, or food writing. You will extend your experience and knowledge of tropical agriculture environments through work in Pittsburgh’s more temperate climate. Hands-on training and internship opportunities abound and range from sustainable culinary practices, such as use of field grains, fermentation, and sustainable meat production, to food systems mapping to soil science and integrated pest management.

what you will learn

Students in the SUS program will learn to address the challenges of applying sustainability principles across all aspects of society, from the local level to emerging global initiatives. This program will help you gain the knowledge and practical skills necessary to manage the complex challenges posed by sustainability.

Students in the MAFS program will explore food systems, from agriculture and food production to cuisines and consumption, while gaining intellectual and practical experience from field to table. You will come away with a deeper understanding of how food is grown, treated, harvested, sold, purchased, consumed, shared, and disposed of and the impact of each stage on suppliers, consumers, and the environment.

Because these programs are writing intensive, Chatham offers an English training course during the summer for EARTH University graduates who require or desire stronger English language skills. Other language immersion courses are also available to students who wish to improve their spoken or written English language skills.

where it will take you

With a master’s degree from Chatham University, you will be ready and able to address the complex sustainability and food system challenges facing nations, populations, and corporations at home and across the globe. Your specialized advanced degree will give you an advantage when seeking job openings in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors because most people in these positions do not have formal training in the field. You may even have the opportunity to design your own career in the emerging, albeit rapidly growing, fields of sustainability and food systems management.

learn more

To learn more about these programs, read faculty bios, and take a virtual tour of Eden Hall Campus, visit chatham.edu/sse.

“Between our unique past and our modern approach to building greener campuses, we provide a spectacular opportunity to explore sustainability and environmental issues in an innovative academic setting.”

— Crystal Fortwangler, Ph.D., assistant professor

take note

• Eden Hall Campus is one of the first campuses that is built from the ground up to serve students in a carbon and water resources neutral, zero-net energy integrated facility that features high-performance green buildings and the latest in sustainable land, energy, and water management techniques. In this “living laboratory,” students learn to address real-world sustainability and environmental issues through immersion in food and sustainable agriculture, energy and climate, water, design and planning, and community and health practices.

• Chatham University stands as both a legacy and leader in the realm of sustainability. Alumna Rachel Carson helped spark the modern environmental movement with her 1962 New York Times bestseller Silent Spring. In 2013, the University was named to The Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll, earning a perfect score for our commitment to sustainability, which includes being a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment to achieving carbon neutrality by 2025.

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