



Interdisciplinary Studies  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES  
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# SUSTAINABILITY: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

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3 credit hours  
MW 5:00-6:15  
Location: Zoom

All students welcome!  
\*\*Upper-class preferred

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Learn to identify & work with systems (environmental [extractive vs. generative models], economic, or social) to create positive change from past mechanistic understandings to the burgeoning transformative understandings

Investigate the contrast between the ideas of growth & thriving

Discuss the significance of the Anthropocene and planetary boundaries as they relate to economic models

Think critically about poverty, intersectionality, & equity, how social constructionism shapes these, and the importance of assumptions about scarcity or abundance.

Consider why authoritarianism & democracy matter to social sustainability