COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

MAJOR MAP 2024

GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE • Talk to an adviser or faculty member about the major

- · Take SUST 100: Sustainability as a Profession
- Establish a 4-vear plan
- Take intro GEOG, GEOL, ECON 111. and natural science courses
- Take relevant General Education Program (GEP) courses

MAKING PROGRESS

- Take 200 and 300-level foundational courses
- Take SUST 299: Sustainability and Community Engagement
- · Think about major options: Resilient Urban Systems and Policy or **Environmental Justice and** Community Engagement
- · Consider adding a certificate and/or minor

MAKING PROGRESS

- · Decide on major option
- Take upper-level courses in your major option
- Complete outstanding GEP courses
- Think about potential capstone activity

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Review your 4-year plan and complete all the necessary courses for graduation
- Complete capstone experience or course
- Complete other upper-level courses for the major
- Take SUST 499
- Apply for graduation

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

JOURNEY

- Tutoring-Learning Center (TLC)
- · Introduce yourself to the Sustainability Affiliated Faculty
- Ask about faculty research consider undergraduate research experiences
- · Read broadly about environmental issues at Yale Environment 360

- Seek out help with study skills at the
 Examine various trade and academic iournals
 - · Talk to faculty about sustainability competencies and careers
 - Explore learning opportunities through Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS) and/or the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
- · Meet with Sustainability Affiliated Faculty about participating in undergraduate research
- · Attend a professional conference in Sustainability
- Apply for scholarships and awards.
- Present at a professional conference
- Present a poster or paper at the COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium

Pursue a sustainability certification

Volunteer with a local environmental.

political, or social organization

(e.g., LEED, ISSP, GRI)

Participate in local politics

CAREERS

- Environmental Analyst
- Sustainability Specialist
- Climate Justice Director
- **Urban Planner**
- Chief Sustainability and Resiliency Officer
- **Proiect** Manager
- Renewable
- Energy Analyst
- **Urban Policy** Analyst
- Community Development Director
- Director -Communities

Project

Resilient

and many more!

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- · Join one or more of UWSP's sustainability-related clubs
- · Seek out Central Wisconsin environmental, political, and social activities
- Follow the Office of Sustainability's social media
- · Be an active member of a UWSP sustainability-related club
- Engage in fundraising and community engagement activities
- Attend on-campus sustainability events
- Consider studying abroad or National Student Exchange
- Student Governance Association (SGA) or other university <u>organizations</u>

Consider leadership positions in

- · Volunteer for Earth Week or other campus sustainability events
- · Study abroad
- · Meet with a Career Coach to polish your resume and cover letter
- Attend the <u>All-Major Career and</u> Internship Fair
- Explore graduate school, if interested - talk to faculty
- Attend an Interviewing Workshop
- · Gain internship or similar work experience in your field

- · Define your career goals and start job searching
- Apply for sustainability jobs 3-4 months before graduation
- Practice your interview skills
- Take the appropriate exams if considering grad school
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey when you receive it via email; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

READINESS

CAREER

· Complete your Handshake profile

Visit professional organizations

online (AASHE, UMACS)

 Learn about and practice networking by attending a Networking Workshop or the All-Major Career and Internship **Fair**

Explore relevant Sustainability career

sites (GreenBiz)

- · Apply for internships with the Center for the Small City, local government, not-for-profits, or businesses
- · Begin preparing a professional resume, cover letter, more curated Handshake profile, and/or creating a LinkedIn profile
- Conduct an <u>informational interview</u> or iob shadow with someone who works in a field of interest