SUSTAINABILITY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Ensuring a sustainable future is one of the key policy challenges of our time. Our approach to these challenges at the School of Public Policy integrates evidence, policy and practice to drive innovative solutions—linking sustainability, economic opportunity, and human well-being at all levels of governance. We emphasize the linkages between well-informed policy analysis, leadership, and effective deployment of policy ideas, leveraging the extensive practical experience of our faculty gained through working in diverse government contexts, from international to national to state, local and regional.

Opportunities to engage in Sustainability at the School are broad, diverse and growing.

- Undergraduate Sustainability Minor
- B.A. in Public Policy
- Master in Public Policy Specialization in Energy Policy and Specialization in Environmental Policy
- Large and active Sustainability Research Group
- Ph.D. program in Policy Studies
- Research opportunities at the Center for Global Sustainability
- Study abroad in Indonesia & Peru
- Student-led Environmental Policy Council

Center for Global Sustainability (CGS) integrates our intellectual and educational community, and has quickly established itself as a globally recognized leader in understanding how to organize and support global climate ambition. CGS roots itself in analysis and collaborative action across a diverse set of stakeholders, to address sustainability challenges of energy, climate, resilience and sustainable finance.

Our community comprises a number of scholar-practitioners as faculty and researchers. Our senior scholar-practitioners make an impact in thought leadership and have significant real-world policy experiences at the highest levels of government and intergovernmental organizations.
Where are our alumni?
- The Brookings Institution
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- The World Bank
- The World Resources Institute
- Center for American Progress
- Conservation International
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- City of Alexandria, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Baltimore Tree Trust

Student opportunities and employment
We employ a number of graduate assistants, research assistants, interns, and more to advance our projects, research, and impact. These positions are essential to our mission and the work that we do. We believe in the knowledge and spirit of our students. The passion and commitment from previous students has made a significant impact—from co-authoring major reports to planning and executing multi-day global summits. You too can make your mark, get more information at go.umd.edu/joinCGS. We are actively recruiting both Masters and Ph.D. students and encourage interested students to contact the admissions office at go.umd.edu/adm.

Courses
Our faculty teach a wide variety of courses from the undergraduate, masters’ and PhD levels.
- Sustainability
- Intersections of Technology & Policy: Modernizing the Energy System
- Sustainable Development, Environmental Policy and Human Rights (in Peru)
- Energy Economics
- Disease, Disasters, and Development
- Environment and Development
- Environmental Ethics
- Global Environmental Problems
- Public Policy and the Environment
- Energy Policy
- Influence of Science on Policy, and of Policy on Science
- Social-Ecological Systems, Environmental Policy, & Sustainable Development (in Indonesia)
- Human Health & Environmental Policy

Interested in climate, energy, resilience, environmental policy and more? Join us!
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