

California State University, Chico  
Associated Students Sustainability Internship Program  
Syllabus – Spring 2022  
Department of Undergraduate Education  
1 unit (UNIV 389-04), 2 unit (UNIV 389-05), and 3 unit (UNIV 389-06)

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**Course Description:**

The AS Sustainability Center exists to ignite a passion in the campus community to be active in protecting and restoring the earth. We do this by researching, imagining, and creating solutions that address environmental and cultural problems. The overall goal of the internship program is to offer students the opportunity to engage in student driven and action-oriented projects and activities. Throughout the semester, students will work directly with a program staff member to implement the goals of a specific initiative, participate in the broader activities of the Sustainability Center, and see a project through from start to finish. Students will choose one of six focus options for their internship.

This syllabus is based on a one-unit internship (45hours/semester). Two-unit (90hours/semester) and three-unit (135hours/semester) internships require additional participation, written outreach materials, and program leadership.

**Focus Option Descriptions:**

- 1) **Sustainable Events:** Collaborates with event planners across campus to create sustainable events, manages the Function Junction and the hydration stations, and leads monthly creek clean-ups
- 2) **Education and Outreach:** Connects the student body with opportunities to directly engage and learn about sustainability via event series, workshops, and a monthly zine. Organizes Earth Month activities.
- 3) **Art and Graphics:** Promotes ideas of sustainability through a diverse range of artistic expressions, notably graphics, videos, and hands-on projects.
- 4) **Compost and Garden:** Manages the AS Compost Garden, hosts workshops, field trips, and volunteer days.
- 5) **Sustainability Fund:** Promotes the Sustainability Fund, hosts grant workshops, manages finances, and performs administrative duties in support of the Sustainability program.
- 6) **Living Roof Research:** Conducts research, creates educational material and gives presentations with the goal of installing a living roof on the BMU.

**Course Location:**

Meeting locations include the BMU Rm 220G and the Compost Garden located between the tennis courts and the train tracks.

## Student Learning Objectives

- Become familiarized with sustainability efforts on campus, within the AS, and in Chico
- Become engaged in the solutions to environmental problems
- Use and think about current research when implementing environmental solutions and creating outreach materials
- Develop an understanding of how to turn intention into action
- Practice the steps and processes of organizing a project, activity or campaign start to finish
- Develop productive relationships with peers and staff
- Think critically and be creative
- And to provide students with leadership and public speaking opportunities

## Required Readings

Copies of all required readings will be provided. \*More assigned throughout the semester

- 1) Sustainable Events:
  - a. Green Events Blog  
<https://greeneventninjas.com/the-doj/>
- 2) Education and Outreach:
  - a. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2021 Report  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>
- 3) Art and Graphics:
  - a. Sustainability within the Graphic Design profession  
<http://www.ethicsingraphicdesign.org/morality/sustainability/>
- 4) Compost and Garden:
  - a. The Berkeley Method of Composting  
<https://deepgreenpermaculture.com/diy-instructions/hot-compost-composting-in-18-days/>
- 5) Living Roof Research
  - a. Green Roofs for Healthy Cities Manuals in Bo
- 6) Sustainability Fund:
  - a. Policy and Codes related to SFAC  
<https://as.csuchico.edu/index.php/duties-codes-and-policies/>

## Course Requirements

The following outlines the requirements to complete the one- unit course:

- Attendance at all intern meetings and weekly program meetings
- Specific requirements based on focus option
  - **Sustainable Events:** Promoting and managing sustainable event certification program, managing the Function Junction, assisting in hosting monthly creek clean-ups.
  - **Education and Outreach:** Assist in the planning, outreach and facilitating of large-scale event series. Contribute to the planning of Earth Day including planning a workshop or event for Earth Month. Create written content for monthly zine.
  - **Art and Graphics:** Assist with in-house designs, create digital content for monthly zine and collaborate on large scale art projects. (Design/Art experience preferred).
  - **Compost Garden:** Help manage Compost Demonstration Area, manage hot compost pile, assist in hosting volunteer work parties, build worm bin, and grow veggies.
  - **Sustainability Fund:** Assist with Sustainability Fund workshops, create project highlight brochures, and learn and practice the fiscal management of individual project funding.
  - **Living Roof Research:** Learn about living roofs through the BMU project, create an educational display for Earth Day, and attend committee meeting.

- Participation in AS Sustainability's broader efforts  
Earth Day Festival, Compost Garden, Tabling, Class talks, Diversion Excursion, This Way to Sustainability Conference, Attend 2 AS Sustainability Events, Research paper (2-5 pages) and the Reflection Survey.
- Participation in the Sustainability Center's broader efforts:
  - Earth Day Festival (2 hours)
  - Compost gardening (2 hours)
  - Tabling outreach (4 hours)
  - Class talks (4)
  - Diversion Excursion (2 hours)
  - Attend AS Sustainability events (2)
  - This Way to Sustainability Conference (2 hours)
- Research paper (2-5 pages)
- Reflection survey

### **Grading Policy**

Three All Intern Meetings	6 points
Weekly program meetings	6 points
Specific focus option requirements (see above for breakdown)	50 points
Earth Day	6points
Compost gardening	5 points
Tabling outreach	5 points
Class talks	4 points
Research paper	5 points
Reflection survey	4 points
TWTS Conference	2 points
Diversion Excursion	2 points
Attend 2 AS events	5 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>
Hour requirements must be met to receive credit	
For credit/no credit 70% or greater is a passing grade	

### **University Policies and Campus Resources**

#### **Dropping and Adding:**

You are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc., found in the [CSU Chico University Catalog](#). You should be aware of the new deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes.

#### **Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to be familiar with the University's Academic Integrity Policy. Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at California State University, Chico, and the University's Academic Integrity Policy requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. The policy on academic integrity and other resources related to student conduct can be found on the Student Judicial Affairs web site.

**IT Support Services**

Computer labs for student use are located on the first and fourth floor of the Meriam Library, Room 116 and 450, and Tehama Hall Room 131. You can get help using your computer from IT Support Services; contact them through the [ITSS web site](#). Additional labs may be available to students in your department or college.

**Americans with Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Please also contact Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) as they are the designated department responsible for approving and coordinating reasonable accommodations and services for students with disabilities. ARC will help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide you further assistance with requesting and arranging accommodations.

**Accessibility Resource Center**

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