

Human Ecology

The degree for the future

Understanding the pressing environmental and social challenges of the 21st century and creating sustainable, resilient solutions to them requires an interdisciplinary, systems approach that considers the complex relationships between people and their social, technological and ecological environments.



THE PROGRAM

Through small classes and hands-on research, services and professional experience, Life U's B.A. in Human Ecology provides you with an understanding of the diverse ways people relate to their environments; the webs of politics, power and ecology that shape contemporary systems; and the latest sustainability, resilience and adaptation approaches for the age of climate change.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE

Life U's Human Ecology program equips you with the skills to be a leader in the 21st century. Graduates are agents of positive change who are able to communicate and analyze complex issues, such as global warming, across traditional disciplinary boundaries. They can find practical, transformative solutions to our pressing social and environmental challenges.

CAREERS

In today's turbulent world, demand for expertise in resilience, sustainability and social-ecological systems thinking is skyrocketing. Our program prepares you for a wide range of careers in the public and private sector, including media, education, logistics, research, nonprofit advocacy, urban and environmental planning and policy, as well as graduate studies.

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- Food Systems Sustainability
- Environmental Planning and Policy
- Climate Adaptation
- Ecology of Health and Wellness
- Urban Resilience
+ More!



Why Human Ecology?

Learn by doing.

Explore how people have related to their environments in different times and places around the world.

Understand the webs of politics and power, economics and nature that shape our lives today.

Investigate the uneven causes and effects of global warming and environmental risk, as well as political responses to those risks.

Learn to communicate major 21st century social and environmental issues to diverse audiences using an interdisciplinary lens.

Become proficient in creative, cutting-edge approaches to sustainability, resilience and adaptation.

Get hands-on experience designing equitable solutions to pressing, real world challenges like climate change, adaptation, wellness, inequality and environmental risk.



OUR CAMPUS

Life U's unique, nature-centric campus features outdoor classrooms, student gardens, LEED-certified architecture and more than three miles of forested trails along Rottenwood Creek. Explore Life U's campus as a living laboratory for analyzing human-ecological problems and testing sustainability solutions – from ecosystem stewardship and urban farming to resiliency design and low-carbon tech.



THE CURRICULUM

All Human Ecology students complete an internship and Human Ecology Design Studio capstone course, as well as course offerings that include:

- HME 101: Introduction to Human Ecology
- HME 201: Impactful Careers in Human Ecology
- HME 202: Building Urban Sustainability and Resilience
- HME 203: Population, Resources, and the Environment
- HME 302: Ecological Anthropology
- HME 303: Environmental Planning and Politics
- ENV 203: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- ENV 205: Practical Skills for Science Communication
- ENV 214: Environmental Literature
- ENV 300: Environmental Sciences & Sustainability
- ENV/PSY 302: Secular Ethics and the Environment
- BIO 315: Principles of Ecology
- BIO 350: Experimental Design and Analysis

**a living
laboratory**

Human Ecology's Core Tenets

**CRITICAL
SYSTEMS
THINKING**





**PRACTICAL
RESILIENCY
SOLUTIONS**

**APPRECIATION
OF DIVERSE
HUMAN-
ENVIRONMENT
RELATIONS**



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