SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO

Our location in Colorado provides students with access to many companies focused in developing sustainable, socially responsible practices. While companies do not typically recruit for “sustainability” positions, they do recruit for positions in marketing, finance, operations, and so forth. Students who aspire to have careers in a sustainable field should plan to research companies whose corporate values seem to be a good fit with those ideals and then seek employment opportunities with those companies.

At Leeds, we offer several courses focused in socially responsible, sustainable business practices. Balance these with courses that develop a functional expertise in finance, marketing or management disciplines to enhance your career opportunities in this broad field.

*Please note that courses may not be offered every year, depending on faculty availability*

**MBAC 6000 Socially Responsible Enterprise (required core course)**
Socially Responsible Enterprise prepares future managers for confronting the truly difficult situations that arise when deploying economic resources, altering the physical environment, and making decisions that affect the lives of investors, employees, community members and other stakeholders. Case-based challenges will be examined in a broad range of contexts, and essential ethical concepts will be explored by drawing on theories from ethics, sociology, economics, political science and philosophy.

**MBAX 6570 Topics in Sustainable Business**
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the core concepts, strategies and practices of sustainable business, emphasizing innovative business practices and entrepreneurial opportunities created by the sustainability “movement.” The topic of sustainability will be approached from the unique perspectives of seven core disciplines of business administration: economics, strategy, ethics, organizational behavior, operations, finance and accounting, and marketing.

**MBAX 6130 Sustainable Venturing**
Focuses on environmentally sustainable business ventures as well as issues associated with starting and operating a business that solves natural environmental challenges while achieving profitability. It includes a number of case studies, topical discussions, talks by environmental entrepreneurs, and an applied or library research project.

**MBAX 6815 Sustainable Real Estate**
Explores the techniques, processes, tools and capabilities required to effectively and creatively manage growth and land use change in the light of the dramatic shifts beginning to transform the way we approach and even conceive land use and development.
MBAX 6140 Social Entrepreneurship for Emerging Markets
This course is designed for graduate students interested in innovative business approaches to solving global social and environmental problems that have not been effectively addressed by government, business or traditional NGOs and non-profit organizations.... problems such as poverty, disease, environmental degradation, and lack of access to credit. Students will develop knowledge and skills that entrepreneurs and consultants need to address these problems by working in teams that provide business advice to social entrepreneurs in developing countries. Through their consulting projects, case studies, student-led discussion and the insights of guest speakers, students will learn the challenges and opportunities of doing business in emerging markets and how to assess the financial viability and social impact of various business models that are tailored to this environment.

MBA students may take up to four courses in other graduate programs on campus with pre-approval from the MBA & MS Programs Office. Students interested in social responsibility or environmental policies can find courses in these subjects offered in the Civil Engineering, Environmental Studies, Geology and Sociology departments, and in the Law School. Some courses that might be approved for MBA credit include:

Please note that non-MBA courses must be pre-approved for MBA credit prior to registration

BADM 6930 Commercializing Sustainable Energy Technologies
CVEN 5838 Sustainability & the Built Environment
CVEN 5830 Sustainable Building Design
CVEN 5393 Water Resource Development & Management
ENVS 5000 Policy, Science and the Environment
ENVS 5001 Environmental Philosophy
ENVS 5002 Environmental Science
ENVS 5100 Energy Science and Technology
ENVS 5720 Problem Orientation (environmental policy)
ENVS 5730 Decision Process (environmental policy)
ENVS 5710 Introduction to the Policy Sciences
ENVS 5820 Renewable Energy Policy
ENVS 5810 Climate, Water Resources, & Sustainability
LAWS 6112 Foundations of Natural Resource Law
LAWS 6302 Water Resources
LAWS 6318 Law and Economics
LAWS 6712 Law, Science, & Policy in Changing Climate
LAWS 7132 Energy, Insecurity, Sustainable Law
LAWS 7202 Environmental Law
LAWS 7122 Mining and Energy Law
LAWS 7132 Energy insecurity
GEOG 5292 Migration, Urbanization and Development
GEOG 5762 Sustainable Development: Theory and Classic Issues
GEOG 5772 Sustainable Development: Institutions and Policy
GEOG 6402 Seminar: Comparative Environmental Studies
SOCY 6007 Foundations of Environmental Sociology
SOCY 7017 Population and Environment