Sustainability Leadership - Executive, EMSL

This is a master's program for working professionals who want to drive high-impact transformative sustainability results for their company, organization, community and their own career. The hybrid program teaches organizational leadership through the lens of sustainability. Students learn from sustainability experts about core areas of strategy, communication, leadership and global context.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: EMSL Sustainability Leadership

The Executive Master of Sustainability Leadership program prepares experienced professionals to significantly advance sustainability practices in the workplace. The EMSL program will equip graduates to lead institutional and cultural change for their companies, organizations, communities and their own careers.

The accelerated curriculum is designed specifically for the working professional and can be completed in one year through a combination of unique in-person experiences (including an international immersive), online course content and a capstone project. The degree program, which includes focus areas in leadership, strategy, communications and global context, is uniquely powerful because it is backed by the extensive knowledge base of the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability at ASU and the institute's more than 400 sustainability scientists and scholars and a host of world-class sustainability and leadership professionals.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** School of Sustainability
- **Location:** Tempe campus
Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone courses (EMS 515 and EMS 516)

Required Core (27 credit hours)
EMS 501 Sustainability Leadership Workshop I (1)
EMS 502 Global Context I (2)
EMS 503 Strategic Sustainability I (2)
EMS 504 Communications and Sustainability I (2)
EMS 505 Sustainability Leadership I (2)
EMS 506 Global Context II (2)
EMS 507 Strategic Sustainability II (2)
EMS 508 International Immersive (2)
EMS 509 Communications and Sustainability II (2)
EMS 510 Sustainability Leadership II (2)
EMS 511 Global Context III (2)
EMS 512 Strategic Sustainability III (2)
EMS 513 Communications and Sustainability III (2)
EMS 514 Sustainability Leadership III (2)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
EMS 515 Capstone I (2)
EMS 516 Capstone II - Sustainability Leadership Workshop II (1)

Additional Curriculum Information
The curriculum for this program is focused around four principal themes: global context, strategy, communications and leadership. Students attend three in-person sessions --- two sessions at the ASU campus and one abroad (EMS 508).

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements for both the Graduate College and the School of Sustainability.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.
All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants to the program should be interested in and passionate about advancing sustainability in their organizations, either directly or indirectly. Successful candidates will be expected to draw from and apply solutions to actual professional challenges and opportunities. Applicants should contact the program for more details if they are currently not employed.

Because this is an executive master's degree for experienced professionals, work and life experience may be taken into account in lieu of deficiencies from past bachelor's degree program experience. Applicants with GPAs less than 3.00 may be admitted on a provisional status. Applicants should contact the program for more details if their GPA falls below the 3.00 requirement.

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Admission Deadlines