Are you an experienced, working professional who wants to drive high-impact, transformative sustainability results for your company, organization, community and your own career? Learn from sustainability experts about strategy, communication, leadership and global context. This program teaches organizational leadership through the lens of sustainability.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: EMSL Sustainability Leadership

The EMSL program prepares professionals to advance social and environmental responsibility. The Executive Master of Sustainability Leadership program teaches organizational leadership skills through the lens of sustainability and equips graduates to drive high-impact global sustainability results for their companies, organizations and communities.

The curriculum includes coursework in the following synergistic thematic areas:

- communications and change management
- global context of sustainability
- leadership for sustainability
- sustainability and strategy

The program also includes opportunities for students to include elective coursework that is related to their specific area of interest.

A sustainable future requires leaders who are able to integrate sustainability into existing institutions and new enterprises. A particular knowledge base and skill set is required to drive this kind of transformational change. Professionals with tools and skills learned in sustainability leadership, as opposed to other degree programs, are in a prime position to establish sustainability practices in any type of organization. Because sustainability is a relatively new field of study, professionals who are interested in this emerging field have often migrated into sustainability roles without formal training and education in sustainability practice.
This program is designed and delivered by people who have worked in and with companies making sustainability transitions and continue to be on the cutting edge of global sustainability leadership.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** School of Sustainability
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online

Degree Requirements

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

**Required Core (18 credit hours)**
EMS 522 Mastering the Global Sustainability Context (3)
EMS 523 Strategic Sustainability and Leadership (3)
EMS 524 Sustainability Storytelling and Communications (3)
EMS 525 Essentials for Transformative Leadership in Sustainability (3)
SOS 508 Pathways to Sustainability (3)
SOS 509 Leading Sustainability Transitions (3)

**Electives (6 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)**
EMS 508 Immersive Experience in Sustainability Leadership (3)
EMS 516 Capstone Course for EMSL Students (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students are encouraged to attend one in-person session in Washington DC (EMS 508). Students who cannot attend should contact the School of Sustainability for an alternative option.

Elective courses must be at the 500-level or above.

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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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. two letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

Applicants to the program should be interested in and passionate about advancing sustainability in their organizations, either directly or indirectly. Successful candidates are expected to draw from and apply solutions to actual professional challenges and opportunities.

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 lower than 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") may be admitted on a provisional status. Applicants should contact the program for more details if their GPA falls below the 3.00 requirement.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Contact Information**
Admission Deadlines