

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (EEDS)

A new major in sustainability at The Ohio State University



EEDS Specialization: Community Development

Overview

The Community Development specialization provides an understanding of theories and processes of community planning, local economies, and social change. Students will develop a conceptual understanding of community, development and the environment and acquire the skills needed to implement positive social, economic and environmental change.

Topics covered in this specialization include theories of social change, theories of community, development and leadership, diffusion of innovation, social impact assessment, and planning for sustainable development. Through this specialization students will gain knowledge for executing community planning processes that balance social, environmental and economic goals as well as insights into how to facilitate successful social change and community development processes to achieve sustainability goals.

The Community Development specialization is led by faculty from the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Courses include traditional classroom learning as well as experiential learning opportunities that engage students in topical community challenges and development projects.

Courses

Required or highly recommended courses within the Community Development specialization include:

- Leadership in Teams and Community Organizations
- Planning for Sustainable Economic Development
- Leadership and Community Development
- Social Impact Assessment
- Planning Resilient Environments

Job/Internship Opportunities

Students with a background in Community Development will be prepared to work in various government and non-governmental positions related to planning, social change, and development. Students will have the appropriate skills to lead social change and development initiatives as well as conduct appropriate research and analysis to improve natural resource development and improve community resiliency.

Faculty

The lead faculty for the Community Development specialization is Dr. Jeff S. Sharp, Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Dr. Sharp may be contacted at sharp.123@osu.edu.

For more information about the EEDS major, visit us on the web at eeds.osu.edu or send an email to eeds@osu.edu.

EEDS is an interdisciplinary major that is a joint program of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.



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