Energy Security
Master of Sustainability (M.Ss.)
Two-year part-time option
The M.Ss. in Energy Security is designed to inspire the next generation of leaders to forge robust and collaborative solutions to sustainability challenges. The mission is to empower a network of northern, Indigenous, remote, and career professionals through distance education and purpose-driven practical experience to lead sustainable community energy development.

What will I learn?
1. Demonstrate knowledge of renewable energy technology for energy transitions
2. Employ skills and crucial tools for managing energy projects
3. Identify policy and regulatory opportunities and barriers for advancing community renewable energy
4. Undertake community economic analyses to determine the business case for renewable energy projects
5. Lead best practices for holistic community energy project development

Sample courses
- ENVS 834.2 The Art and Practice of Negotiations
- ENVS 840.3 Renewable Energy and Energy Transitions
- ENVS 842.3 Community Economic Analysis and Renewable Energy
- ENVS 844.3 Community Energy Planning
- ENVS 886.2 Building Understanding in the Age of Reconciliation

Graduate Certificates in Sustainability
Not ready for the full program? Why not try a graduate certificate? These certificates can be taken as standalone programs or used to ladder into the Master of Sustainability.
- Community Energy Planning and Finance
- Energy Transitions
- Governance
- Foundations for Sustainability

What can I do with a sustainability degree?
Community health
Urban and environmental planning
Bioenergy
Food systems and food security
Renewable Energy Consulting
Natural resources management
Community Energy Planning
Policy analysis
Sustainability education
Waste management

“As a busy working professional in the utility space, the Masters of Sustainability - Energy Security program helps me live my passion of working with communities to address energy challenges. Energy security is one of the key components to socio-economic well-being. This program provides the knowledge, tools and network I will need to influence change in Saskatchewan and beyond. With amazing flexibility and an inclusive culture, it is easy to maintain balance and focus in every facet of my life.”
Nadine, current energy security student

“This program has been a great step for my education. The course pace has been flexible and manageable and the faculty at the U of S are accommodating towards all their student’s needs, they really strive to create an enjoyable educational experience. The content of the Energy Security Program has been engaging and rewarding throughout the remote learning experience. I would highly recommend to anyone interested in energy security, policy, and management to look into this program.”
Rory, current energy security student
Explore your degree

**BEGINNING STAGE**
- MSs Core Courses
  - ENVS 818.1 | Introduction to Sustainability
  - ENVS 834.2 | The Art and Practice of Negotiations
  - ENVS 850.1 | Systems Thinking for Sustainability
  - ENVS 882.2 | Foundations of Governance for Sustainability
  - ENVS 885.1 | Practical Law for Project Development
  - ENVS 886.2 | Building Understanding in the Age of Reconciliation

- Explore information about your major in the Course and Program Catalogue
- Meet with Program Director to learn about and plan your program direction
- Plan to attend and participate in annual Orientation activities to learn more about SENS and your academic program
- Get to know university services and tools for online learning

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**
- Energy Security required courses
  - ENVS 840.3 | Renewable Energy and Energy Transitions
  - ENVS 841.3 | Renewable Energy Systems
  - ENVS 842.3 | Community Economic Analysis and Renewable Energy
  - ENVS 843.3 | Energy Project Finance
  - ENVS 844.3 | Community Energy Planning

- Check DegreeWorks to ensure your degree is on track
- Complete all core and required course work
- Prepare for project placement

**FINAL STAGE**
- Energy Security project
  - ENVS 992.6 | Project in Environment and Sustainability

  - **Project at a Glance:**
    - Real-world, hands-on, applications-based experience
    - Project placement with governments, NGOs or businesses
    - Professional and technical skills development

- Apply to graduate
- Complete project placement with community partner
- Present community project at annual symposium

Grow local and global connections

- Visit the USask Community Centre to make connections and build community
- Get involved in your campus community through student groups, campus rec, and USask events
- Get to know your learning cohort and SENS faculty
- Join the SENS Student Association (SENSSA) and the Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Advance your career

- Take a career assessment to learn more about your strengths, personality, interests, and values
- Develop your LinkedIn profile to begin building your professional brand
- Consider Professional Development opportunities offered through the Graduate Students Association
- Create an ePortfolio of your experiences and competencies

- Discover job opportunities, explore career options, and meet professionals at Career Services events and career fairs
- Expand your professional network on LinkedIn
- Get a better understanding of your career possibilities through career informational interviews
- Conduct occupational research through Job Bank and LinkedIn
- Attend all ENVS 992.6 career workshop activities

- Attend public job talks
- Familiarize yourself with different job boards and investigate avenues for career opportunities (LinkedIn, Eco Canada, Indeed, specific associations & government ministries/ agencies, etc.)
- Join the USask Alumni and Friends community
- Join professional and community associations related to your areas of interest
- Become a member of EcoCanada
- Look at opportunities with your project partner connections

Reflective Practitioner and Adaptive Manager

- Leader
  - Integrator for influencing organizational culture and change
  - Critical and change-oriented thinker

Collaborator, Communicator, and Bridge-Builders

- SENS Professional Attributes
  - LEADER
  - INTEGRATOR FOR INFLUENCING ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE AND CHANGE
  - CRITICAL AND CHANGE-ORIENTED THINKER
  - COLLABORATOR, COMMUNICATOR, AND BRIDGE-BUILDER
  - REFLECTIVE PRACTITIONER AND ADAPTIVE MANAGER
Possible destinations...

People with a sustainability degree take their knowledge and skills into many different industries and occupations. Some of the career paths listed here require further education and training.

Why study sustainability?

Over 60 global community and industry leaders have contributed to the design of this unique educational and experiential program, focused on helping you develop marketable skills and empower you to launch a career in the field of renewable energy.

Employment demands are growing for community energy planners in First Nations, Métis, and Northern communities; project leaders and community coordinators in energy utilities and consulting firms; and policy and program officers in Indigenous, provincial, and federal governments.

Opportunities are growing for renewable energy project developers. This program is taught by industry professionals, so you can be confident that the delivered knowledge and skillset will set you up for success in leading a sustainable energy transition in Canada or around the world.

What are common career paths in sustainability?

- Clean Energy Coordinator
- Community Energy Planner
- Community Energy Champion
- Emerging Energy Researcher
- Energy Land Use Planner
- Indigenous Engagement Manager
- Sustainability Consultant
- Sustainability Educator
- Sustainability Officer
- Sustainability Researcher
- Sustainability Specialist
- Renewable Energy Consultant
- Renewable Energy Developer

Source: LinkedIn

How much do professionals in sustainability careers earn across Canada?

Earning range

$54,329 to $90,238

Source: Census 2016 Job Bank, based on recent Master’s graduates

“This program is timely and essential. PBCN is excited to share in the training of future leaders who will develop new capacity for energy autonomy in northern communities and enhance the quality of life for Canada’s northern and Indigenous communities.”

Chief Peter A. Beatty, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation

“Students trained in energy security through this program will lead the energy transition in Indigenous communities across Canada.”

Jordan Peterson,
Deputy Grand Chief and Vice President Gwich’in Tribal Council

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BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

One of SENS’s priorities is to advance the United Nations Sustainability Goals, which is reflected in our interdisciplinary courses and curriculum.