SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

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Sustainability studies is about thinking green. Sustainability focuses on the relationship between humans and the natural world and how we can meet the needs of human society while also ensuring a viable natural world for future generations to enjoy. This transdisciplinary degree explores the three pillars of sustainability: environment, socio-cultural and economic perspectives.

UNIQUE COURSES

- **Environmental History**
- Sustainable Recreation and Eco-tourism
- Community Service
- **Statistics**
- **Environmental Studies**

EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENTS

- **Trout Unlimited**
- U.S. National Park Service
- J.F. Allen
- **AHF Products**
- West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

- Wheeling University
- Chatham University

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A key element of the sustainability program is our commitment to community service. Our sustainability students have logged over 2,000 community service hours working on projects in Elkins, around the state of West Virginia, and all over the world. Our students have volunteered to plant trees, clean up rivers, build irrigation canals, and recycle electronics.



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STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

I graduated from Davis & Elkins College in 2018 with a double major in Environmental Science and Sustainability and a minor in Geospatial Analysis (GIS). I was also a member and President of GreenWorks!

I now work for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona as an Inventory Control Specialist. Primarily, I work with food chain logistics and overseeing anything and everything coming in and out of our distribution centers and warehouses. I also work quite heavily with helpdesk management for our inventory management software and database management. My experience coupled with my passion for continual growth is pushing me into new areas of interest. I'm currently deepening my understanding of database management and data analytics with the hopes of combining that with my GIS background to eventually pursue roles that capitalize on these strengths to better serve the more vulnerable aspects of our communities.

-Ryan Mullenex Class of 2018

