Sustainable Tourism (Graduate Certificate)

As one of the largest industries in the world, tourism has a huge impact on not only the economy but also the environment. You can be part of transforming the business of tourism and help it meet the needs of the future.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Sustainable Tourism (certificate)
The graduate certificate in sustainable tourism is intended for professionals who work in or desire to work in the tourism industry.

Students in this program explore the practices of managing and developing sustainable tourism businesses and destinations. They learn numerous strategies and tools for identifying and building innovative tourism products and experiences, as well as minimizing adverse impacts, so that these attractions remain viable and sustainable for their host communities.

Students who complete the certificate have acquired knowledge in topics such as the integration of economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability as it relates to tourism; conducting sustainability audits for destinations and businesses; community impacts of tourism; and sustainable destination and business planning and management.

At a Glance

- College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solution
- Location: Online
Degree Requirements

18 credit hours

**Required Core (15 credit hours)**
- TDM 520 Sustainable Thinking in Tourism I (3)
- TDM 521 Sustainable Thinking in Tourism II (3)
- TDM 530 Sustainable Tourism Destination Planning and Management I (3)
- TDM 531 Sustainable Tourism Destination Planning and Management II (3)
- TDM 570 Sustainable Tourism (3)

**Electives (3 credit hours)**
- TDM 540 Sustainable Food Management in Tourism (3) or
- TDM 550 Managing the Sustainable Tourism Business (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree 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. two letters of recommendation
4. 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.

International applicants are also required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores and a financial guarantee statement.

Letters of recommendation must be from current or former employers, current or former faculty members, or others who are familiar with the applicant's scholarly and professional abilities and characteristics, and the letters are to be submitted through the online application.
Attend Online

ASU 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

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Career Opportunities

This certificate is beneficial to students or professionals who are interested in advancing their profiles in the tourism field and to those who are interested in a career change.

The certificate allows graduates enhanced recognition and credentials in an area experiencing a great deal of interest and growth. They can further their careers even more by obtaining an advanced degree specific to sustainability practices in tourism.

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