

Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Undergraduate live chat

**An opportunity for you to speak to our tutors
and current students about studying
Undergraduate Global Sustainable Development
and life at Warwick.**



Hi everyone! Thank you so much for joining this event. I am a final year student at the University of Warwick studying Global Sustainable Development BSc Hons. I look forward to answering any of your questions :)



Hello and welcome to our Global Sustainable Development (GSD) live chat! Thank you for joining us today. This live chat is a Q&A session, so when you're ready please introduce yourself and ask us any of your questions. I'm Jess and I'm a Recruitment and Communications Officer in the GSD Department. Today you'll mainly be speaking to our Director of Student Experience, Romain Chenet; our Employability and Placement Manager, Bodrun Nahar; and one of our final-year single honours GSD students, Naomi. We hope you find this chat useful today! 😊



Hiya! I look forward to chatting with you soon :) Romain



Hi, I am Ali - nice to meet you.



Hi Ali! Nice to meet you too.



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Welcome Ali!



Hi!



Hi Maya :D



While we wait for any questions, we'll play a short video introducing you to some of our team

GSD: Meet our team



Meet Our Team Video

<https://youtu.be/Q1eYn1dKDe0>



I wanted to ask about about the GSD course and how it links to Sociology - would you say that the courses when studied go hand in hand? Or is there a separate academic area for GSD entirely? Hope this is clear.



Hi Ali, indeed these courses do have a clear connection - all the joint honours do and the modules that you would study in it are selected for how they relate and enable transferrable learning. My own background is in Sociology, as with several of our colleagues.



I was wondering what the size of an average year of GSD students would be



Hi George, our annual intake is about 120-150 students across all degrees



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I would also add that GSD is a separate department, I am a single honours GSD student so take modules mostly in the GSD department. I've also had the flexibility to take modules in Sociology too. Sociology modules in my experience have linked really well and have a similar-ish style :)



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It is indeed, and competitive too. Good luck with the application!! Usually it's about 20 students a year in that joint honours.



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Congratulations George!

Work placements

1. Certificate of Professional Communication *with work placement*
2. Year-long work placement

Both recorded on your Higher Education Achievement Report



"Placements are a great opportunity to gain experience in a professional environment and enable students to develop a range of skills and see how your degree could fit into the real world."

Alice,
GSD and Business
Studies alumna

Work placements



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Nice one :) one of the most popular ones we offer, and a clear scope for progression into development economics if that's your interest.



That makes sense - cheers. As GSD students, what would you guys like to do for careers, have you got any idea yet of a job path yourselves?



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Hi Beth, our Employability and Placement Manager should be able to help answer your question shortly - in the meantime we'll play a video that focuses on professional development support in the GSD Department

GSD: Undergraduate Work Placements



Work Placements Video

<https://youtu.be/LGYp2MIWGlC>



Hi! I was wondering about studying abroad during the second year. I know you can go either to Malaysia or Australia, and I wouldn't have to do 4th year if it's only for 2 terms but is this something that lots of people do and would you recommend applying for it?



Hi Kaho, study abroad is quite popular and if you are interested, I definitely think it would be an option to pursue. We'll play the related video in a moment too.



Thank you!



yeah, I have been heavily interested in development economics for a while so that's kind of the aim at the end of the day. While looking at the course i saw they there is an option for part of the second year to go to Monash University, what would that be like, in terms of learning etc.



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Personally, I have been applying to a range of roles, though as I am in my final year I have limited capacity to spend ages on applications. I've been going for research roles, also there's some sustainability internships with businesses I've pursued. Businesses are becoming more and more keen to get sustainability people. I also recently applied to a sustainability apprenticeship with the BBC that ends with a job as sustainability advisor.



If anyone would like to go back to the videos we are playing in your own time, you can do so here:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/prospectivestudents/undergraduate/usefulresources/>

Useful Resources

Our undergraduate brochure provides information about our Department, our single honours course and joint honours courses, modules, studying abroad, and professional development opportunities.



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For sure, the Monash video is coming up in a moment and that offers a useful overview of this option.



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Oh also I've been keen on policy roles. Just recommend you try and take some research modules at the beginning of the degree.



That sounds cool, Naomi. I have a vision something working in areas along those lines too, but I have everything to learn so that might change - thanks :pray: will check out the research modules should I decide to go.



Hi, had a few questions on Study Abroad - the video will play in a moment!

GSD: Unique Study Abroad Programme



Monash Study Abroad Video

<https://youtu.be/IWOa6EvzmKo>

An infographic titled 'Professional development certificates' featuring a photograph of a young woman with glasses looking at a laptop. To the right, a cluster of four purple hexagons lists certificate options: 'Digital Literacy (Year One)', 'Sustainability Consultancy (Year One)', 'Professional Communication (Years One and Two)', and 'Coaching Practice (Year Two)'. On the left, a list of three bullet points describes the certificates.

Professional development certificates

- » Designed for GSD students
- » Recorded on Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)
- » Enhanced employability

Digital Literacy
(Year One)

Sustainability Consultancy
(Year One)

Professional Communication
(Years One and Two)

Coaching Practice
(Year Two)

Certificates



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Hi Beth, thank you for your question. There are a number of different careers that our students go into after graduation, but I would say the common ones are in research, governance, policy shaping and environmental consultancy. As the Employability and Placements Manager for the GSD degree programme, I am here to support you throughout studies in relation to your career. :)



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Apologies all we just had a technical glitch - you should be able to access the study abroad video here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/prospectivestudents/undergraduate/studyabroad>

Study Abroad

GSD offers you the chance for a truly global experience, with either our intercalated year-long study abroad programme, or integrated programme at Monash University in either Melbourne or Malaysia



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International opportunities

Study abroad

1. Integrated

- » Unique to GSD
- » Terms 2 and 3 of second year
- » Monash University in Australia or Malaysia
- » Counts towards overall degree
- » GSD focused modules

2. Intercalated

- » Four year course, study abroad in third year
- » Remain a Warwick student
- » Doesn't count towards overall degree
- » Recorded on your Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)



Monash University, Clayton campus

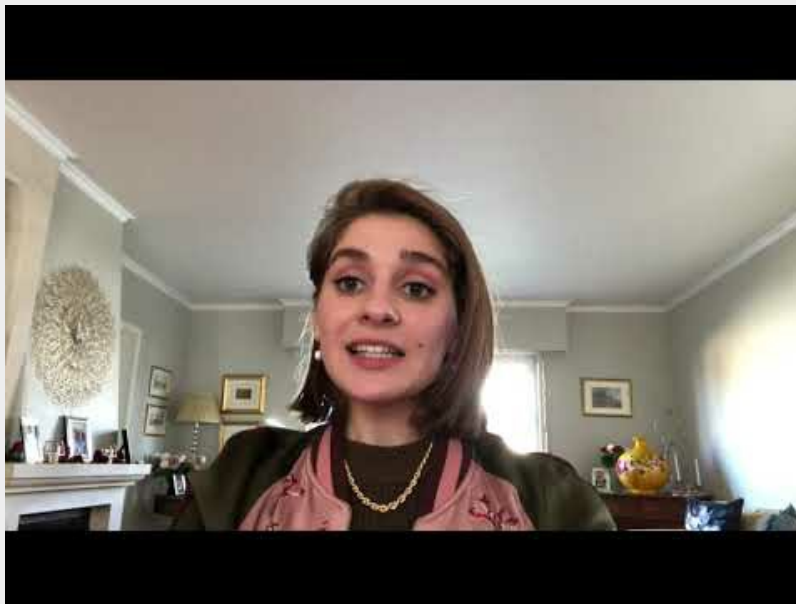
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Hi Zoe, I'll play a video overview of our first year core environmental module. Beyond this, there are several topical modules across our years, I urge you to have a look at the full modules list where an overview of each is provided.

GSD Core Module: Environmental Principles of Global Sustainable Development



Env. Principles Video

<https://youtu.be/MnU1eywHTNE>



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Hi Zoe! Just following on from what Romain has said, here's the link to the current list of modules on offer in the GSD Department: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/currentstudents/undergraduates/modules/>

Modules - GSD - University of Warwick

Undergraduate core and optional modules available in the Global Sustainable Development Department at the University of Warwick.



what careers could this program lead to?

Hi Maya, thank you for your question! GSD students can go into very different careers as the degree is designed to develop not only knowledge but skills that are sought by employers. GSD students have gone into careers in investment banking, recruitment consultancy, research, policy, conservation, intelligence and many others.

Year Two

Single honours

Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All	Health and Sustainable Development	Security, Sovereignty and Sustainability in the Global Food System
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Approved optional modules with a GSD focus, from within the GSD Department or across the University
Examples: Challenges of Climate Change, Surviving the Apocalypse

Please visit warwick.ac.uk/gsd for the most up-to-date list of our modules

Year 2 (Single Honours)

Final Year

Dissertation/ Long Project	Single honours Optional modules from within the GSD Department <i>and</i> optional modules with a GSD focus from across the University Examples: The Energy Trilemma; Debt, Money and Sustainable Development; Human Rights and Social Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean	Joint honours Approved module(s) with a GSD focus, including from within the GSD Department and other departments across the University <i>and</i> core <i>and/or</i> optional partner department modules
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Final Year (Single and Joint)

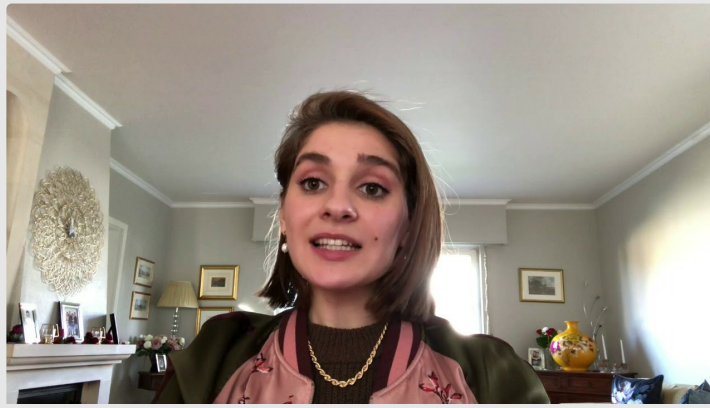


Apologies again for any technical issues with the video we were just playing - you can access it in full here:

<https://youtu.be/MnU1eywHTNE>

GSD Core Module: Environmental Principles of Global Sustainable Development

Final-year GSD and Business Studies student, Ismini, tells us about the first-year core GSD module, 'Environmental Principles of Global Sustainable Developme...



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Well essentially it means you have less optionality, but you also have more access to the partner department's modules. That's why it's useful to fully consider what your core interest is when applying.



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In basic terms, it can be as much as 50-50. We are however the most international department in the entire faculty! By which I mean we have lots of international students, and from all over the world!



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Hi George, thank you for your question. We definitely have had students from GSD go into working for IGOs. I cannot specifically say if it is students who studied GSD and Economics, but working for IGOs is an option for ALL students who study GSD. It really depends on your career interests. :)



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Hi Beth, not sure if this is what you meant but to clarify just in case. We all take the same amount of modules, so you'd just take half of your modules with GSD and the other half with the other department. It should work out to be the same amount of work as a single honours :)



Please keep your questions coming, no question is too small! In the meantime we'll play a short video focusing on student enterprise and the GSD community

GSD students: Be the change you want to be



Food Interecept Video

<https://youtu.be/ulrYdqSLbnU>

Student community

- » SSLC
- » GSD Society
- » GLOBUS
- » Warwick Climate Negotiating Forum
- » Warwick SEED
- » Warwick Cup

"The GSD Department is such a welcoming, forward-thinking and supportive community."

Akshaya,
Single honours GSD graduate



Community

Our graduates

Employment

- » Consultant | Recruitment
- » Social Value Advisor | Public Policy
- » Risk Analyst | Financial Services
- » Junior Risk Consultant | Accounting
- » Space Analyst | Space Economics Consultancy
- » eCommerce Trading and Marketing Executive | Retail
- » Communications Intern | Non-profit Organisation
- » Research Assistant | Environmental Services
- » Analyst | IndependentThink Tank
- » HR Business Specialist for Strategy, R&D and Assurance | Telecommunications
- » Energy Procurement Coordinator | Utilities
- » Analyst | International Affairs



Further studies

- » Media and Communications
- » International Management and Sustainability
- » Development Studies
- » International Business and Management
- » Spatial Data Science and Visualisation
- » Humanitarian Engineering
- » Philosophy

Our graduates



We had a few questions earlier about GSD careers. On this slide you should be able to see some recent roles and graduate programmes that our students have gone into



This is based on our own departmental research - as our programmes are still fairly new in the grand scheme of things, we're waiting on more data from our graduated cohorts



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I can say it really varies though, based on the joint honours of the student. I have a few final year students going into investment banking, and others going into ecological science, and everything in between. What seems to be valued most about our graduates is the cross-cutting focus on sustainability and global citizenship.



We have around 10 minutes left of this live chat - with the questions about joint honours in mind, we'll play some videos from our joint honours students. Please feel free to ask us any more of your questions until 2 pm

GSD and Business Studies: Šimon



GSD and Business Studies Video

<https://youtu.be/hmfVBMGP4r0>



To add to Romain's comment, employers are very interested in our student because of these reasons. Sustainability is on the agenda for a lot of organisations not only for legislative reasons but because everyone is more conscious about creating a sustainable world and so there is a requirement for professionals with this knowledge and vision to steer it forward!

Faculty of Arts - Angelo



Theatre and GSD Video

https://youtu.be/wSkz_dvTf_o

Politics, International Studies and GSD - Hollie



PAIS and GSD Video

<https://youtu.be/c5RspG-Rk3Y>



It has been a pleasure chatting to you and I wish you all the best!



Thank you everyone. Good luck in your applications!





Thank you for joining us today! Please keep in touch with us if you have any more questions:
GlobalSustainableDev@warwick.ac.uk. Also keep an eye on your emails for further GSD-related events such as Open Days. If you've received an offer from us, we'll soon be getting in touch with you about on campus and virtual Offer Holder Open Days



Thank you everyone. Good luck in your applications!
Hope you have a great start to 2022 everyone :)