Don’t worry about the future. Fix it.
”The BASc in Global Sustainable Development here at Warwick allows you to study pressing global issues in depth, in combination with another subject you are passionate about.”

What is Global Sustainable Development?

Imagine being able to contribute meaningfully to debates about the world’s most pressing problems; being able to use your expertise, skills and knowledge to help governments and industry meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The United Nations predicts that the world population will grow from six to nine billion between the years 2000 to 2050, with the next few decades predicted to witness significant transformations.

Such transformations will occur across social equality, individual well-being, cultural cohesion, migration, governance, environmental change, and the production, distribution and use of food, material and resources.

These challenges are interconnected and can’t be solved in isolation. It has been identified by employers that there’s a need for graduates who can consider these global challenges from different perspectives, understanding their complexity and engaging competently with a variety of approaches and potential solutions.

How does our degree provide a solution?

Warwick’s BASc in Global Sustainable Development takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining global issues, looking at the different solutions offered, their implications, limitations and interconnectivity.

As part of this joint degree, you’ll be able to work with others studying different disciplines to explore the environmental, social and economic aspects of an issue, and develop your own independent research project focusing on the issues that interest you most.

The degree structure includes a comprehensive research methods training programme that is fully integrated into the course.

You can choose to spend part of your second year overseas at one of our partner institutions, including a leading university in Australia.

To find out more about our world-leading departments, visit our website: warwick.ac.uk/ug
How will I study?

The degree offers you an alternative approach to the usual single honours degree, as you will study a joint degree with a range of added features.

This degree applies itself to the real world and its content addresses and responds to the most pressing problems facing the world today. The content and modules are aligned with the United Nations’ Global Development Priorities. The degree and its structure therefore revolves around the three pillars of sustainability identified by the UN: Economic, Social and Environmental.

Your curriculum will be equally spread between the Global Sustainable Development modules that explore problems such as Food Security, Bodies, Ageing and Health, Energy and Work; and modules from your chosen discipline. This structure ensures that you are taught the principles and theories that underpin the discipline and that you’re able to apply them to problems of contemporary significance.

You will learn about the ways in which businesses are responding to the challenge of corporate accountability and about the complex scientific, social and humanitarian dimensions of preserving certain lifestyles and historic practices.

You will experience local challenges that affect the community and conduct research to understand the most pressing issues affecting these communities. As your understanding of sustainable development grows, you will explore problems at a national level and engage in practical activities that allow you to formulate your own solutions to the most urgent global problems facing the world today.

What subject combinations are available?

- Business Studies and Global Sustainable Development
- Economic Studies and Global Sustainable Development
- History and Global Sustainable Development
- Biology and Global Sustainable Development
- Philosophy and Global Sustainable Development
- Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development
- Psychology and Global Sustainable Development
- Sociology and Global Sustainable Development
- Theatre and Performance Studies and Global Sustainable Development
What will I study?

**Module information**

**YEAR 1**
- **50/50 split between Global Sustainable Development modules and your chosen discipline**
- **Core:** Economic Principles of Global Sustainable Development
- **Core:** Social Principles of Global Sustainable Development
- **Core:** Environmental Principles Global Sustainable Development
- **Core:** Global Sustainable Development mini-project
- **Core:** Your chosen discipline-based modules
- **Option:** Certificate of Digital Literacy

**YEAR 2**
- **50/50 split between Global Sustainable Development modules and your chosen discipline**
- **Core:** Bodies, Ageing and Health
- **Core:** Food Security
- **Core:** Your chosen discipline-based modules
- **Option:** Certificate of Coaching Practice
- **Option:** Certificate of Communication Across Cultures with Work Placement
- **Core:** Alternative for year 2 if you choose to spend part of this year abroad
- **Core:** Bodies in Term 1
- **Core:** Your chosen discipline-based modules Term 1
- **Terms 2 and 3 will be spent abroad**

**YEAR 3**
- **50/50 split between Global Sustainable Development modules and your chosen discipline**
- **Core:** Work
- **Core:** Energy
- **Core:** Dissertation / Long Project
- **Core:** Your chosen discipline-based modules

What are the entry requirements?

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- **Business Studies and Global Sustainable Development**
- **History and Global Sustainable Development**
- **Philosophy and Global Sustainable Development**
- **Politics and International Studies and Global Sustainable Development**

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- **History choice requires an A Level in History**
- **History choice requires History at HL6**

- **Biology and Global Sustainable Development**
- **Psychology and Global Sustainable Development**
- **Sociology and Global Sustainable Development**
- **Theatre and Performance Studies and Global Sustainable Development**

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- **Biology choice requires an A Level in Biology**
- **Psychology choice requires a GCSE grade B in Maths**
- **Biology choice requires Biology at HL6. Psychology choice requires Maths at SL5 or HL6**

- **Economic Studies and Global Sustainable Development**

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- **A Level in Maths**
- **Maths at HL6**
What expertise will I gain?

The BASc in Global Sustainable Development allows you to study pressing global issues in depth, in combination with another subject you are passionate about. You will graduate with a prestigious qualification that positions you favorably to compete for a broad range of professions.

Professional skills
In addition to gaining a world-class degree you’ll acquire certificates that will distinguish you from every other graduate. Each certificate involves attendance at workshops over a five or ten week period. You’ll produce either an individual written assignment, journal or e-portfolio which will be assessed.

- **Certificate in Coaching Practice** – This aims to develop your coaching and leadership skills through practical exercises and reflection.
- **Certificate of Communication Across Cultures** – You will use the experience of your work placement to reflect upon the different styles of communication adopted for different professional contexts (or cultures) and will gain an understanding of the reasons for these different styles and their appropriateness. You will reflect on the relationship between professional culture and communication and the implications for your ongoing study and future career.

Real-life skills for your future career
This degree programme has been developed to provide you with a set of skills that will enable you to compete for existing and emerging roles across a variety of professions. These skills include:

- **Analytical and problem solving** – You’ll learn how to analyse complex data sets and evaluate different forms of evidence, focusing on how to organise and present data. Through your study of economic principles and models, you’ll learn how to extract the essential features of complex systems, providing useable frameworks for evaluation, as well as how to identify and define parameters to frame problems; enhancing problem solving skills.
- **Critical thinking** – You’ll be encouraged to assess arguments, make judgments, formulate reasoned debates and generate feasible solutions. You’ll also develop the ability to think systematically about problems and issues, appreciating the multi-faceted nature of debates.
- **Communication** – This degree allows you to develop advanced communication skills that enable you to interact with a variety of audiences and in different settings.
- **Research** – During your studies you’ll benefit from an integrated programme of research skills training, teaching you how to source, evaluate and use different forms of information and data.
- **Organisational** – Through a rigorous assessment schedule and a compulsory dissertation module in your final year, you’ll learn the essentials of time management, prioritisation and how to be well organised.
- **Team work** – The interdisciplinary nature of the course means you’ll have plenty of opportunities to work with others and nurture your emotional intelligence; developing a professional attitude.
Why choose Warwick?

If you’re aiming for the top, you can make it easier by giving yourself the best start. An institution that’s a leading research university, that is ranked in the top 1% in the world and holds a top 15 ranking for employer reputation.

Inspiring teaching

You want your thinking to be transformed. You want to see the world from new perspectives. Our committed teaching staff will help you to make this happen.

At Warwick, you’ll join a community where your perspectives, knowledge, values and aspirations are built into our teaching and learning approach. We’ll work as partners and co-creators to ensure your education is relevant and meaningful. We have tutors who enjoy developing new ways to teach. This enables us to introduce you to fresh insights and take you to uncharted territories.

We have over 230 student-run societies that you can become involved with, including our campaigning society, world@warwick and welfare, charity and action societies to name a few.

We’re a university with a world-class reputation for research, so we attract teachers who are among the very best in their respective fields. This means you’ll be taught by those at the forefront of research. They’re the teachers who are innovating. They’re the teachers who are setting the agenda for others to follow.

International connections

Our global connections mean that you can collaborate with students and academics from top overseas universities to explore new areas of research and learning. We have connections with institutions in over 40 different countries. Our link with a leading university in Australia enables you to benefit from our partnership through an optional period of study abroad in year two of your degree.

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Find out more

This brochure has given you a flavour of what to expect at Warwick, but you probably have lots of questions. Why not get to know us a little better?

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Our University

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