



Career Resources:

MA SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

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Why pursue a graduate degree Sustainability Studies?

Sustainability is central to nearly every professional field, from developing clean energy to protecting our natural resources to meeting the many challenges of urbanization and population density.

Whether your interests tend toward technology and engineering, the humanities and leadership, or the natural sciences, our interdisciplinary Sustainability Studies master's degree program opens a host of career paths designed to meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world. You can be a part of finding solutions today for the future's biggest challenges.

A Sustainability Studies Master of Science or Master of Arts degree provides access to careers that cultivate a lasting environment for life on Earth. The need for environmental protection services is creating excellent job opportunities for those with advanced degrees. The conservation industry is constantly evolving and, therefore, requires an evolving workforce. There are many green vocations that are in higher demand and occupations are changing to include environmentally conscious knowledge. This graduate degree prepares committed leaders to address emerging sustainability issues.

The graduates of the Sustainability Studies program will graduate with methodological, statistical, and critical thinking skills that will make them competitive in the emerging sustainability market.

Graduates will be prepared for admission into doctoral programs in addition to important positions in the growing field of sustainability-related careers in local, state or federal government, regulatory agencies, nongovernmental organizations, consulting firms and other relevant industries.

Program Overview:

The graduate program in Sustainability Studies is 36-39 hours, M.S. or M.A., with options for thesis or non-thesis tracks.

The graduate degrees in sustainability studies prepare committed leaders to address emerging sustainability issues. When you complete this program, you will have the technical skills to formulate and solve problems, as well as the breadth of vision to recognize the interconnectedness and complexity of human-environment systems.

Job Boards:

- **Texas State University Career Services-Handshake:**
<http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/>
- **Jobs at STAR- State of TX Alliance for Recycling:** <https://www.recyclingstar.org/news-and-events/job-postings/>
- **Bureau of Labor Statistics- Green Jobs:** <https://www.bls.gov/green/greencareers.htm>
- **Idealist:** www.idealists.org
- **Texas Department of Transportation:** <https://careers.txdot.gov>
- **Green Jobs Network:** www.greenjobs.net
- **Great Green Careers:** www.greatgreencareers.com
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/adminservices/employ/jobs.html>
- **Environment Jobs:**
<https://jobs.theguardian.com/jobs/environment/?Keywords=environment>
- **American Water Works Association job board:** <http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/career-center.aspx>
- **The Green Job Bank:** www.thegreenjobbank.com
- **International Labour Organization- GreenJobs:**
<http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/green-jobs/lang--en/index.htm>
- **Eco Jobs:** www.ecojobs.com
- **Tree Hugger-green Jobs:** <https://www.treehugger.com/green-jobs/>
- **Sustainable Business:** <http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/greendreamjobs/jobs/>
- **Environment Texas:** <https://environmenttexas.org/page/txe/jobs>
- **GreenBiz: Green Jobs and Sustainable Careers Center:** <http://jobs.greenbiz.com/>
- **AASHE: Higher education jobs, fellowships & internships:**
<http://bulletin.aashe.org/posts/job/>
- **Environmental Careers:** <https://environmentalcareer.com/jobs>
- **Careers at The Nature Conservancy:** <https://www.nature.org/en-us/connect/careers/>
- **Sustainability Leads Job Board:** <http://sustainabilityleads.com/jobs>

Career Development Resources:

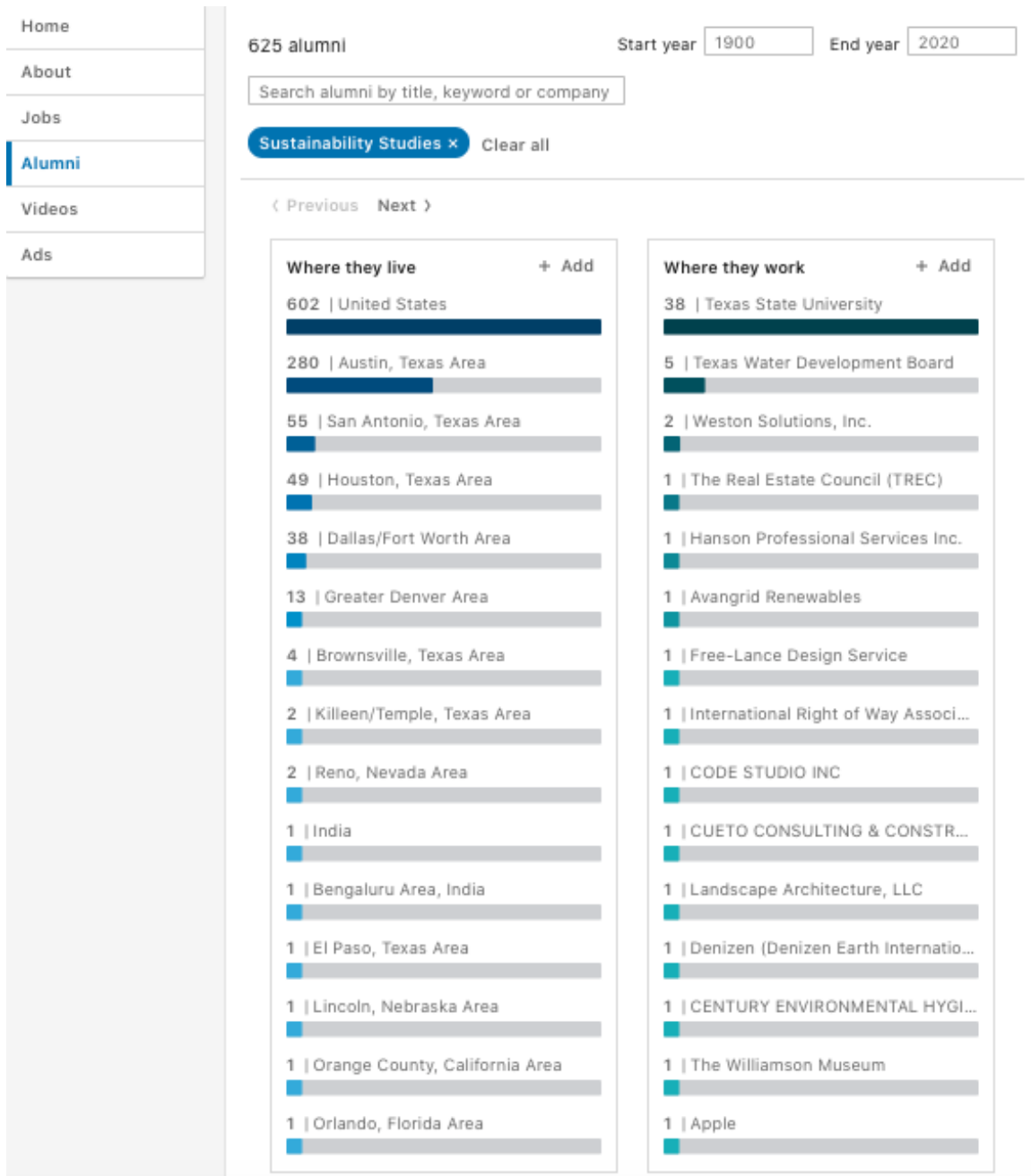
- [Sustainability Careers](#)
- [International Society of Sustainability Professionals](#)
- [The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#)
- [Bureau of Labor Statistics: Green Jobs](#)
- [The 8 Most In-Demand Sustainability Jobs](#)
- [The US Department of Labor: Green Jobs Guide](#)
- [Green Jobs & Careers List](#)
- [Green Job Economy](#)
- [The Green Economy Post](#)
- [Hot to Find a Nonprofit Job](#)
- [How Do We Define The Green-Job Economy?](#)

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Where our alumni are working:

Environmental Investigator II for TCEQ region 13

Keep San Marcos Beautiful Coordinator, City of San Marcos

Planning Administrator, City of Victoria

Environmental Permit Specialist for TCEQ headquarters

Pursuing PhD in Applied Demography at UTSA

Communications Specialist, City of San Marcos

State Programs Reporting Coordinator, Texas Water
Development Board

Geospatial Technician, City of Austin Watershed Protection
Department

Renewable Energy Consultant at Solar Power Integrators

Environmental Programs Coordinator, Town of Flower Mound

Sustainability Coordinator, University of Houston-Downtown

Natural Resources Specialist II- Water Section, Enforcement
Division, TCEQ, Austin

Owner and Operator at the Wily Baker

Pursuing a PhD at Texas State in Geographic Information
Systems

Alumni Testimonials

"As a student, you really get to tailor your graduate degree to your specific goals and interests. This was the main aspect that really brought me into this program. I knew that if I wanted to work in planning (specifically transportation planning) I needed more than just one "major" to become a well-rounded planner. All urban planners need to study first environmental problems associated with their environment before beginning to change or conform it. That's what made the Sustainable Studies degree a no-brainer for me." –**Maggie Bergeron, MS Sustainability Studies 2018, Transportation Planner and Coordinator with the City of Victoria**

"The interdisciplinary aspect of the Sustainability Studies program was perfect for me and my profession. I was able to tailor my courses with what I was doing at work to provide pertinent studies to advance our programs." -**Amy Kirwin, MS Sustainability Studies 2017, City of San Marcos Community Enhancement Initiatives Manager**

"In the Sustainability Studies program, I worked with colleagues and professors who challenged and ultimately strengthened my abilities. The skills I have developed will aid in my professional career goals, along with my personal growth. The program's structure reinforced interpersonal relationships between students and faculty, and turned colleagues into friends through our similar goals and passions." -**Ashley Pritchard, MS Sustainability Studies, 2017, Environmental Investigator II, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

The Sustainability Studies program provided me with essential skills such as networking, project development, communications, adaptability and more. The interdisciplinary nature of the Sustainability Studies program allowed me to gain insight into the functions and focuses of different departments when it comes to sustainability and how to be sustainable. Such skills and insight have allowed me to be successful in my current career as a Program Coordinator at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment. I could not have asked for a better program to be a part of! -**Aspen Navarro, MS Sustainability Studies 2020**