

Full Course Description

This course is not your traditional academic semester abroad—far from it. While humanity has allowed the world to unfold in unsustainable ways for decades, this course empowers a new generation capable of action for sustainable change. Welcome to Europa: a magnificent learning ground for your personal and academic development.

By studying future-defining themes such as **Food, Water, Energy, Engineering, and Health**, you will gain strategic and in-depth understanding of what sustainable development truly means. Rooted in real-world experiences, your academic studies will become meaningful and applicable through continuous exchange with experts and organizations shaping our societal and economic future.

Your learning will go far beyond lecture halls—engaging in **problem-based learning, teamwork, site visits, and interviews** with policymakers, entrepreneurs, and scientists across cities, regions, and beyond. You will explore the practical implications of contemporary challenges such as climate change, inequality, and globalization, and learn how they can be addressed through informed action.

The course fosters your ability to understand the world as it was, is, and could become—drawing from philosophical thought and Europe's rich cultural heritage. With boots on the ground, you will develop your own critical, constructive societal views, establishing deep roots in **natural learning** and an appreciation of our complex relationship with Earth and all life.

Recognizing that young people **are** the future—not just **have** it—the course emphasizes turning thought into action. Understanding entrepreneurship within the global marketplace, production, and supply chains will be a recurring theme. You will also examine human behavior through the lens of **consumption, lifestyles, and positive psychology**, leading to a deeper understanding of yourself and your potential role in shaping a more sustainable world.

Course Objectives

- Understand the complex concepts and theories of **sustainable development** from academic and real-life perspectives.

- Develop a critical perspective on **human thinking, development, and capacity for change** through the dimensions of **Earth, Wellbeing, and Welfare**.
 - Explore and analyze **drivers and mechanisms** of societal transition.
 - Build personal capacity to **translate thought into action**.
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Recommended Reading

- E-Readers of contemporary development
 - Multimedia journals
 - Books on classic philosophy
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Course Details

- **Course Code:** SUS2001
 - **Credits:** 6.0 ECTS
 - **Language:** English
 - **Coordinator:** M. Khalaf
 - **Teaching Methods:** PBL, Lectures, Presentations
 - **Assessment Methods:** Written Exam, Presentation
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Course Periods

- **Period 1:** 1 Sep 2025 – 24 Oct 2025
- **Period 4:** 2 Feb 2026 – 2 Apr 2026
- **Period 6:** 8 Jun 2026 – 3 Jul 2026