

Societal Perspectives on Sustainability (CKSS 100)

New!

The world is facing unprecedented sustainability challenges. At the global level, half the world is living on less than \$2 a day, and 20% of the global population is consuming 86% of the world's goods. In Canada, food banks are struggling to meet the needs of urban poor; climate change and our energy needs are front page news; and clashes over resource use are not uncommon. At Ryerson University, sustainability is defined as the way individuals, organizations, and societies integrate social, environmental, and economic concerns into their values, culture, decision-making, strategy, and operations, thereby establishing better practices and products, creating wealth, and improving well-being for current and future generations.

Ryerson University's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education is developing a post-baccalaureate course of study (certificate) in the field of sustainability. The fundamentals course, 'Societal Perspectives on Sustainability' (CKSS 100) provides conceptual and theoretical frameworks for understanding how society and its constituent parts address sustainability issues.

Who should enroll in CKSS 100?

- Individuals with a degree (in economics, ecology, geography, engineering, architecture, sociology, or similar) who would like to acquire knowledge in sustainability for a career in the field
- Individuals with careers in government, private, or non-profit sectors who wish to better understand how to apply sustainability concepts to their organizations, and those wishing to introduce sustainability features into their community

Course Design

This course provides conceptual and theoretical frameworks for understanding how society addresses sustainability issues. It facilitates the development of critical thinking skills, based on an integrated, multi-faceted, and interdisciplinary approach to historical, philosophical/ethical, economic, political, social, and legal aspects of societal decision-

making concerning sustainability issues. Its purpose is to provide an integrated and holistic understanding of the socio-economic context underlying local and global sustainability decision-making in the public, private, and voluntary (third) sectors.

Emerging Opportunities in Sustainability

Organizations in all sectors (private, public and voluntary) are realizing the importance of sustainable practice and development. Consequently, the demand for employees familiar with the sustainability concept in Canada is forecasted to grow over the next few years. Familiarity with the sustainability concept is likely to be relevant to employment in the following sectors/areas:

- Land Development and Design
- Consulting
- Non-Profits and Research Organizations
- Government
- Energy
- Corporate and Social Responsibility
- Conservation and Environmental Protection

Course Details

Tuesday Sep 9-Dec 9 18:00-21:00

Ready to enroll in CKSS 100?

Visit www.ryerson.ca/ce and see *Enrollment* for details.

For More Information

Visit www.ryerson.ca/ce/sustain or contact a Chang School Information and Program Support Representative.

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