CHOOSE YOUR SUSTAINABLE STUDIES AT UCPH

The SSC addresses the increasing interest in sustainability among students through different interdisciplinary activities and an online database available at [www.sustainability.ku.dk/studies](http://www.sustainability.ku.dk/studies). Here, you can see, for example, which UCPH courses relate to the SDGs.

On the site, you can also find information about two master-level courses developed in collaboration between the SSC, Copenhagen Business School and the Technical University of Denmark. These courses focus on sustainable development challenges and the intention is that students develop a systemic understanding of sustainability challenges. Both courses are open to students from all three universities.

All actors within society have a role to play in the development of governance mechanisms that will lead to sustainable development. One of the most important – and rewarding – functions of the SSC is bringing people from all parts of Danish society together to learn about and discuss sustainability issues.

JOIN OUR NETWORK

Add your name to our mailing list or follow us on social media to receive news and events related to sustainability at the University of Copenhagen.

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More information [sustainability.ku.dk](http://sustainability.ku.dk)
COMBINING RESEARCH FROM DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES

A novel feature of the SDGs, in comparison to earlier UN agreements, is that they take a “systems approach.” In other words, they do not simply address one challenge such as climate or biodiversity. Instead, the SDGs provide a global, transdisciplinary vision for how we would like the world - as a whole - to look in the future. The SDGs can be seen as a vision for how we want the Earth’s resources to be shared among all of its inhabitants in 2030. This changes the framework for development research. It is no longer sufficient, for example, to do research aimed at increasing food production. Such research needs to focus on maximising food production while minimising resource use and the impact on climate and biodiversity.

Thus, research supporting sustainable development necessitates collaboration that transgresses traditional academic borders. Universities must therefore develop new approaches to teaching, research and communication in order to encourage collaborations both within and outside of the academic sphere. The purpose of the SSC is to facilitate the development of these types of collaboration.

ACTIVITIES

The SSC provides physical as well as virtual platforms where researchers and students from different disciplines, as well as members of the general public and decision-makers from both private and public sectors, can meet to address issues relating to sustainable development.

Activities include:

- Sustainability Lecture Series – join in person or virtually via #SustainTalk. Recordings of the lectures can be found online
- Summer course on the implementation of the SDGs via Copenhagen Summer University
- MOOC on the SDGs
- Student activities
- Activities at the UCPH Spring Festival
- Debate evenings (in Danish) entitled “Jorden kaler” (“The Earth is calling”) in collaboration with the Natural History Museum of Denmark.

Find out more at sustainability.ku.dk

NETWORKS FOR KNOWLEDGE

The UN Sustainable Development Goals provide a global and transdisciplinary vision for a sustainable global society. At UCPH, research and education are new expectations both with regard to the types of knowledge being generated at universities and the competences of university graduates. To address some of these challenges, the University of Copenhagen (UCPH) established the Sustainability Science Centre (SSC) in 2012. The SSC is led by Professor Katherine Richardson and its steering committee is made up of representatives appointed by the deans of all faculties.

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The SSC is the UCPH point of contact for the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). Via the SSC, the University of Copenhagen has taken a leading role in coordinating Danish participation in the SDSN and in forming part of the Nordic node (SDSN-NE), thereby strengthening the international research network in sustainability research. Through quarterly newsletters, the SSC keeps other universities and interested parties in Denmark aware of developments in the SDSN.

The Centre offers access to the many competences found at the University of Copenhagen and invites you to contact us for research purposes or to seek strategic partnerships.

SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE CENTRE

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